

MBA Pioneer 2024

Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

DPP: 3

Mixed Bag- Critical Reasoning Questions

- Q1** There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: "The more time spent on these platforms, the greater the risk of being exposed to harmful content," she warned.

Paragraph: Social media has undoubtedly transformed the way we communicate and share information, but it has also given rise to several modern sociological problems. One such problem is the prevalence of misinformation and fake news, which can have serious consequences on public opinion and decision-making. ___(1)__. Additionally, social media can exacerbate feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and depression, particularly among vulnerable populations such as teenagers.

____(2)____. Another alarming trend is the growth of online echo chambers, where users are exposed only to content that reinforces their existing beliefs, leading to increased polarization and division. ____(3)____. To address these problems, experts recommend that individuals exercise critical thinking, establish healthy boundaries around social media use, and engage in face-to-face interactions to foster meaningful connections. _____. (4)

- Q2** There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and

decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: The change has been years in the making, but accelerated in recent times due to the growing awareness of social and environmental issues, she noted.

Paragraph: The role of corporate social responsibility (CSR) in modern businesses has evolved considerably over the years. ___(1)___ Previously, many organizations viewed CSR as a peripheral activity or a public relations tool, often limited to philanthropy and occasional community engagement. ___(2)___ However, today's businesses are increasingly integrating CSR into their core strategies and operations, recognizing its potential to drive long-term value creation and risk mitigation. ___(3)___ Jane Thompson, a prominent expert in the field of CSR, has been closely monitoring this shift and advocating for more responsible business practices. ___(4)___ As a result, companies are now more focused on developing and implementing sustainable and ethical practices that benefit not only their stakeholders but also society at large.

- Q3** There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.



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Sentence: This transformation has been gradual, but the recent economic turmoil has accelerated the process, as businesses have been forced to adapt quickly, he observed.

Paragraph: Over the past few decades, there has been a significant shift in the business world's approach to financial management. ___(1)__. Traditional methods focused primarily on short-term profit maximization, often neglecting long-term sustainability and stakeholder interests. ___(2)__. However, modern businesses are now emphasizing the importance of responsible financial management that takes into account the long-term impact on stakeholders, the environment, and society at large. ___(3)__. Renowned financial expert, Michael Johnson, has been analyzing this change and advocating for more sustainable financial management practices. ___(4)__. As a result, companies are increasingly adopting innovative strategies that balance profitability with long-term value creation and risk reduction.

Q4 There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: This shift in perspective has been accelerated by the increased global exposure of emerging economies, particularly during the digital revolution.

Paragraph: Over the past several years, there has been a growing interest in the economies of developing nations. ___(1)__. These economies, once seen as high-risk and low-potential, are now attracting global investors and businesses

seeking new opportunities for growth. ___(2)_____. This change in attitude is not only about the financial prospects but also a recognition of the importance of local knowledge, culture, and management practices. ___(3)_____. As a result, more companies are adapting their strategies and approaches to better align with the needs and values of these emerging markets. ___(4)_____. In doing so, they are reaping the benefits of an increasingly interconnected and diverse global economy.

Q5 There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: This trend gained momentum in recent years due to the widespread realization that stock market success is not the sole indicator of a nation's economic health, she pointed out.

Paragraph: In the past, governments and analysts often focused primarily on stock market performance as a measure of a country's economic progress. ___(1)__. However, this approach has gradually evolved to encompass a broader range of indicators that provide a more comprehensive view of an economy's overall health. ___(2)__. For instance, factors such as GDP growth, employment rates, and income inequality are now considered critical components of an economy's well-being. ___(3)__. Economist Dr. Laura Stevens has been observing and analyzing this shift for years, highlighting the importance of a multifaceted approach to



assessing economic health. ___(4)__. As a result, policymakers are increasingly designing policies that address not only the financial sector but also social and environmental concerns.

Q6 There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: This digital shift was not an overnight process, but the pandemic accelerated its adoption, as companies had to adapt to remote work and online shopping.

Paragraph: In recent years, modern businesses have undergone significant transformations, primarily driven by the advancements in technology and the widespread use of the internet. ___(1)__. Social media platforms have become essential marketing tools, enabling companies to reach larger audiences and engage with their customers more effectively. ___(2)__. Furthermore, the emergence of data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionized the way businesses make decisions and target their marketing campaigns. ___(3)__. These innovations have made it possible for companies to better understand their customers and deliver more personalized experiences. ___(4)__. As a result, businesses that are able to adapt and leverage these new technologies are more likely to succeed in today's competitive market.

Q7 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Nanotechnology, the manipulation of matter at the atomic and molecular scale, has the potential to revolutionize various industries, such as healthcare, electronics, and energy production. By working at the nanoscale, scientists and engineers can create new materials and devices with enhanced properties and performance. The development of nanotechnology is leading to ground-breaking advancements in medicine, including targeted drug delivery systems, improved imaging techniques, and tissue engineering. However, there are also concerns surrounding the environmental and health risks associated with nanomaterials, which are not yet fully understood.

Which of the following statements would most appropriately complete the paragraph above?

- (A) The field of nanotechnology is expected to have minimal impact on modern society.
 - (B) Ongoing research and safety assessments are crucial to address potential risks and maximize the benefits of nanotechnology.
 - (C) Nanotechnology will soon be able to make humans invisible by manipulating light.
 - (D) The applications of nanotechnology are limited to healthcare and environmental protection.

Q8 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Architectural properties for controlling air play a crucial role in maintaining hygienic conditions in various environments, such as hospitals, laboratories, and industrial facilities. Proper ventilation systems, air filtration, and pressure control help minimize the spread of airborne contaminants and pathogens, ensuring a healthier and safer space for occupants.



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Innovative design strategies, such as the implementation of air curtains and the use of specialized materials with antimicrobial properties, can further contribute to improved air quality. However, the selection and integration of these architectural features must take into account the specific requirements of each environment. _____.

Which of the following statements would most appropriately complete the paragraph above?

- (A) As a result, any investment in advanced architectural features for air control is considered unnecessary by most building owners.
- (B) In the end, the primary goal of architectural properties for controlling air is to reduce the need for regular cleaning and maintenance.
- (C) Ultimately, the role of architecture in controlling air for hygiene will be rendered obsolete by the development of advanced air purification technologies.
- (D) Consequently, a multidisciplinary approach that combines architectural design, engineering, and scientific expertise is needed to optimize air control for hygiene purposes.

Q9 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

The display of online privacy information plays a vital role in shaping consumers' purchasing behavior. Studies have shown that consumers are more likely to trust and engage in transactions with websites that provide transparent and easily accessible privacy policies. By clearly outlining how personal data is collected, used, and protected, online businesses can alleviate privacy concerns and foster a sense of trust among potential

customers. However, the extent to which privacy information influences purchasing decisions varies among individuals, with some consumers remaining indifferent to privacy policies.

Which of the following statements would most appropriately complete the paragraph above?

- (A) Providing privacy information has no real impact on consumers' purchasing behavior.
- (B) Tailoring privacy information displays to individual preferences could further enhance the positive impact on purchasing behavior.
- (C) Online businesses should avoid displaying privacy information to prevent scaring away potential customers.
- (D) Displaying privacy information only matters for online businesses in the healthcare industry.

Q10 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

The ocean conveyor belt is a complex system of ocean currents that circulates warm and cold water around the globe. This system has a significant impact on Earth's climate, as it helps regulate temperatures and precipitation patterns. The movement of warm water to colder regions enables the release of heat into the atmosphere, whereas the sinking of cold water in the polar regions aids in the storage of carbon dioxide. This intricate balance is critical for maintaining Earth's overall climate, as disruptions to the ocean conveyor belt could lead to drastic changes in global temperature and weather patterns.

Which of the following best completes the passage?

- (A) The disruption could cause a domino effect on marine ecosystems, altering the feeding



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- habits of aquatic species.
- (B) If the ocean conveyor belt were to slow down or stop, the subsequent climate imbalance could lead to a rapid shift toward an ice age or an extreme warming event.
- (C) A reduction in the ocean conveyor belt's efficiency could result in localized temperature anomalies, leading to more frequent and severe weather events.
- (D) The weakening of the ocean conveyor belt could potentially lead to a decrease in the ocean's ability to absorb and store carbon dioxide, exacerbating global warming.

Q11 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Research has shown that people who exercise regularly exhibit greater lung capacity compared to those who are sedentary. The increase in lung capacity is attributed to the improved efficiency of the respiratory muscles and the enhanced ability to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide between the blood and the environment. Moreover, regular exercise has been found to stimulate the growth of new blood vessels in the lungs, providing a larger surface area for gas exchange. This increased lung capacity has numerous benefits, including better oxygen delivery to the muscles and more efficient removal of carbon dioxide.

Which of the following statements best completes the paragraph, elucidating the long-term implications of regular exercise on lung capacity and overall health?

- (A) Therefore, it is essential for individuals to prioritize regular exercise in order to avoid potential health risks associated with a sedentary lifestyle.

- (B) Consequently, the enhanced lung capacity allows athletes to reach their peak performance, giving them a competitive edge in high-intensity sports.
- (C) As a result, individuals who exercise regularly are likely to experience improved overall health, as the increased lung capacity supports various physiological processes.
- (D) Furthermore, the augmented lung capacity ensures that individuals who exercise regularly can withstand exposure to environmental pollutants more effectively.

Q12 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

In one of the oldest poems in English literature, there is a beautiful moment when a lone sailor, battling against stormy winter seas and his troubled soul, describes how birds have replaced human company for him on the 'ice-cold way' – an admission that carries both comfort and sardonic misery. His entertainment is the 'swan's song', men's laughter is now 'the gannet's sound and curlew's cry', and the warming tonic of mead is echoed in the 'gull's singing'. Where 'storms beat stone cliffs', a white-tailed sea eagle yells with the roar of crashing waves. The Seafarer not only provides us with one of our first ornithological references in the English language, but also, most powerfully, the earliest written description of birds evoking a place, being associated with a distinct landscape. This poem is not alone, however, in suggesting to us how birds could inspire a feeling for place more than 1,000 years ago. There are other glimpses, beyond the realms of poetry. We need only look around us, at real places. Hidden in the names of towns and villages are the ghostly traces of birds



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conjuring powerful identities for people in the landscapes and settlements of early medieval England.

Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- (A) The poem "The Seafarer" offers an isolated example of birds being used to describe the feelings of loneliness and isolation in early English literature.
- (B) Birds played a significant role in early English literature, primarily in ornithological references and poetic imagery.
- (C) Early medieval English town and village names often include bird references, highlighting their importance in the development of distinct local identities.
- (D) The depiction of birds in early English literature, such as in "The Seafarer," reflects their role in evoking a sense of place and shaping local identities in early medieval England.

Q13 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

A low-level hum of talking and typing punctuated by the occasional warble of a ringing phone: the ambient murmur of a large open-plan office is, to a surprising degree, an intentionally orchestrated one. Not only do office designers use carpeting and absorptive ceiling tiles to reduce reverberation; in some cases they even distribute loud employees and machines around the office deliberately to mask one another and create a blanket of low-level noise in which individual sounds don't stand out. The goal is to create an acoustic mise en scène that seems natural for office work. As the British architect Francis Duffy puts it, with too little background babble, 'the

environment as a whole seems "dead." Improving how things sound in buildings – making certain sounds audible and attenuating others – is the aim of a multibillion-dollar acoustics industry. Paradoxically, one of the guiding objectives of architectural acoustics over the past 250 years has been to make built spaces and the acts of communication that take place in them seem as natural and unmediated as possible. Hence, the Dutch engineer Roelof Vermeulen once remarked wistfully that 'the better [an acoustician] does his work, the more natural the result will appear and the less thanks he can expect.'

Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- (A) The acoustics industry focuses on eliminating all noise in open-plan offices.
- (B) Office designers use a variety of methods to create a natural-sounding environment, which is a key objective in architectural acoustics.
- (C) The primary goal of architectural acoustics is to evenly distribute loud employees and machines around the office.
- (D) The acoustics industry has a single guiding objective: to ensure that all built spaces have completely unmediated communication.

Q14 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

The voices told him that he was God, and Oliver believed them. Only 17 years old, he was special, chosen, a higher being whose wisdom and intelligence were beyond compare. Psychiatrists, however, labelled these voices as auditory hallucinations, his first psychotic episode. A diagnosis of schizophrenia soon



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followed. For the next five years, Oliver would spend weeks in mental institutions and hospitals in northern England where he lived. When he was deemed too aggressive for one facility, he was injected with sedatives, bundled into the back of a van and driven to a higher-security institution. The drugs made the voices distant. Oliver felt subdued and heavy as he fell back to Earth. Five years have passed. Although he is unemployed, Oliver is now able to live at home with his wife and young daughter. He takes clozapine, an antipsychotic that's prescribed to patients who don't respond to two first-line drugs such as olanzapine and quetiapine. It's a last resort for a reason: clozapine is a toxic medicine that reduces the number of white blood cells in his body, so Oliver has regular blood tests to make sure he isn't immune-compromised, a concern that has grown during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- (A) Schizophrenia is a mental disorder characterized by hallucinations and delusions, and is typically treated with first-line antipsychotic drugs.
- (B) Oliver's journey with schizophrenia showcases the challenges and limitations of antipsychotic medications, with clozapine being a last-resort treatment due to its potential side effects.
- (C) The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a significant increase in the number of schizophrenia patients requiring clozapine treatment.
- (D) The voices in Oliver's head were his sole symptom of schizophrenia, and his treatment primarily focused on suppressing these auditory hallucinations.

Q15 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

When people outside of Asia think of Buddhism, they tend to think about just philosophy and meditation. Buddhists are often said not to have gods, wars or empires. Their religion isn't about ritual or belief, but a dedicated exploration into what causes suffering and how to end it through meditation and compassion. Although there's some basis for this image, Buddhists and scholars of Buddhism have been at pains for decades to show that it's largely untrue, or at least very partial. The Buddhism that non-Buddhists know today is less an accurate vision of its history than a creation of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In that time period, Buddhists and their sympathisers created this modernised Buddhism. They discarded from it the elements of Buddhist history that didn't fit the rational, scientific worldview that accompanied colonisation and modernisation. In a remarkable feat of historical reinvention, Buddhism went from degraded other to uplifted saviour in a matter of decades.

Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- (A) Buddhism is a religion primarily focused on philosophy, meditation, and the pursuit of ending suffering through compassion.
- (B) Buddhism has always been a rational, scientific religion, which has led to its widespread popularity and appeal in the modern era.
- (C) The modern image of Buddhism as a philosophy and meditation-centered religion emerged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries due to a process of historical reinvention.
- (D)



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In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Buddhism was stripped of its historical elements to fit a rational, scientific worldview, resulting in a partial understanding of the religion.

Q16 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

The concept of god falsified; the concept of morality falsified;—but even here Jewish priest-craft did not stop. The whole history of Israel ceased to be of any value: out with it!—These priests accomplished that miracle of falsification of which a great part of the Bible is the documentary evidence; with a degree of contempt unparalleled, and in the face of all tradition and all historical reality, they translated the past of their people into religious terms, which is to say, they converted it into an idiotic mechanism of salvation, whereby all offences against Jahveh were punished and all devotion to him was rewarded. We would regard this act of historical falsification as something far more shameful if familiarity with the ecclesiastical interpretation of history for thousands of years had not blunted our inclinations for uprightness in historicis. And the philosophers support the church: the lie about a "moral order of the world" runs through the whole of philosophy, even the newest. What is the meaning of a "moral order of the world"? That there is a thing called the will of God which, once and for all time, determines what man ought to do and what he ought not to do; that the worth of a people, or of an individual thereof, is to be measured by the extent to which they or he obey this will of God; that the destinies of a people or of an individual are controlled by this will of God, which rewards or

punishes according to the degree of obedience manifested.

Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

- (A) Jewish priest-craft falsified the concept of God and morality, creating a "moral order of the world" that philosophers have supported throughout history.
- (B) The Bible is documentary evidence of Jewish priest-craft's falsification of history and creation of an idiotic mechanism of salvation.
- (C) The concept of a "moral order of the world" has shaped the philosophical understanding of history and the role of religious interpretation in it.
- (D) Jewish priests distorted their people's past by converting it into religious terms and creating a "moral order of the world" that has persisted in philosophy.

Q17 The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, 4) below, when properly sequenced, would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and key in the sequence of the four numbers as your answer:

1. While some commentators draw parallels with the rise of fascism in the 1930s, others believe that the threats to democracy are new and distinct.
2. In today's world, strongmen leaders claim to deliver the will of the people, often undermining institutions and vulnerable groups in the process.
3. The challenge lies in addressing new threats to democracy while remaining vigilant against the resurgence of old ones.



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4. As we witness the erosion of democratic values, it's crucial to consider what can be done to halt or reverse this process and the consequences of inaction.

- Q18** The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, 4) below, when properly sequenced, would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and key in the sequence of the four numbers as your answer:
1. This phenomenon can be observed in analytic philosophy, where the subject of education is often neglected or overlooked.
 2. The author's experiences at institutions like Keele University and Oxford further illustrate the widespread lack of interest in educational philosophy.
 3. Despite the important role education plays in human life, it is not uncommon for philosophers to show little interest in it.
 4. Throughout history, many philosophers, such as Plato, Aristotle, and Rousseau, have emphasized the significance of education in their philosophical works.

Q19 Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a meaningful and coherent short paragraph. Identify the odd one out.

1. Postmodern authors express their personal experiences through their works.
2. Postmodern authors discuss previously taboo topics in their works.
3. Creativity helps postmodern authors cope with mental health issues.
4. Amy Tan, in her work The Joy Luck Club, not only works with a bizarre and complex form

of writing but also tells a large-scale story of an entire nation.

5. Postmodern authors use traditional linear narratives in their works.

Q20 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

The conflict between Chechnya and Russia has deep roots and goes back to the Middle Ages. Thus, the last twenty years have been marked by cruelty and violence in relations between two countries and two nations. In general, governments have frequently acquiesced in violent activities that have targeted certain groups in their societies because of their unpopularity with the general population. The record of governments attempting to deal with domestic violence has been highly mixed, and in some countries, such violence is virtually ignored. The fact that men often use violence as a means of control as part of an effort to terrorize their partners emphasizes government complicity when such activities are not punished. Unpopular minorities cultural, religious, racial or ethnic, or groups identified by sexual preference may be targeted for such domestic violence.

What assumption can be made from the passage?

- (A) Chechnya and Russia have a long history of conflict that goes back to the Middle Ages.
- (B) Governments often ignore domestic violence and do not punish the perpetrators.
- (C) Domestic violence is primarily committed by men to control their partners.
- (D) Unpopular groups may be targeted for domestic violence.

Q21 Given below is a paragraph from which the last sentence that completes the paragraph



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has been deleted. From the given options, choose the sentence that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way.

Data visualization is a useful tool to facilitate the perception and analysis of information. You can present important information using different charts, different types of which are better for various functions. The choice of a chart should be made based on what data is used and what analysis goals are a priority. In particular, it is necessary to consider which question is answered by a particular visualization. There are four functions that charts perform, including comparison, distribution, composition, and correlation. The selection of the appropriate type of visualization is based on the definition of the required function, as well as clarification of the type and amount of data. Each of the functions contains a number of types of graphs that best visualize the data included in it.

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- (A) It is important to take into consideration the audience and their level of technical understanding when choosing the appropriate chart.
 - (B) Data visualization is not just about making data look pretty, but it's also about making data understandable.
 - (C) The choice of chart should be guided by the needs of the business and the audience.
 - (D) All data visualization types are equally effective; the choice of chart should be based on personal preference.

Q22 Given below is a paragraph from which the last sentence that completes the paragraph has been deleted. From the given options,

choose the sentence that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way.

Modern technology has invented measures that can be used by project managers to evaluate the progress of work assigned. It has made it possible for managers to electronically determine the rate at which the project is being done and amount of resources that may be required. The need came due to the rising number of customers in the IT industry each with varying needs. The work load is distributed among the team members who will be responsible to report various developments of their project. This has enhanced quality production and customer satisfaction.

- (A) The use of modern technology in project management has made it easier for managers to ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget.
- (B) The use of modern technology in project management has greatly improved the overall efficiency and productivity of the project.
- (C) However, the use of modern technology in project management has its own set of challenges such as the need for constant updates and maintenance.
- (D) As a result, the use of modern technology in project management has led to significant improvements in the IT industry.

Q23 There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: The Roman Empire's vast territory allowed for the spread of Latin and the development of the Romance languages.



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Paragraph: Ancient Rome was a vast empire that spanned over three continents, with a rich history that has shaped Western culture. The Roman Republic was founded in 509 BCE, and in 27 BCE, it became the Roman Empire, which lasted until 476 CE. The empire was known for its advancements in engineering, architecture, law, and military tactics, among other things.

__1__. The empire's social structure was divided into distinct classes, with the emperor at the top and slaves at the bottom. The Roman army was a vital component of the empire's success and expansion, with soldiers receiving land grants and citizenship upon completion of their service. The empire's decline is attributed to a combination of factors, including political instability, economic crises, and invasions by barbarian tribes. Despite the empire's fall, its legacy can be seen in the modern world through its influence on language, art, and architecture. __2__. This allowed for the spread of Latin and the development of the Romance languages, which include French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian. __3__. The Roman Empire's impact on Western culture can also be seen in the influence it had on the Catholic Church, which played a significant role in medieval Europe. Today, Rome remains a popular tourist destination, with visitors flocking to see its ancient ruins, such as the Colosseum and the Pantheon. __4__ .

Q24 There is a sentence that is missing in the paragraph below. Look at the paragraph and decide in which blank (option 1, 2, 3, or 4) the following sentence would best fit.

Sentence: "This renaissance of interest in ancient literature was largely driven by the rediscovery of long-lost texts and the development of new critical approaches to them," she asserted.

Paragraph: Ancient literature, encompassing works written in Greek, Latin, and other early languages, has captivated scholars and readers for centuries. ___(1)_____. These texts not only provide insight into the lives, beliefs, and cultural practices of the people who created them but also serve as the foundation for much of Western literature. ___(2)_____. In recent years, however, there has been a resurgence of interest in ancient literature. ___(3)_____. As a result, contemporary authors and scholars are finding fresh inspiration and understanding in these timeless works. ___(4)_____. By exploring the richness of ancient literature, we can continue to learn from the wisdom of the past and apply it to our modern lives.

- (A) Option 1 (B) Option 2
(C) Option 3 (D) Option 4

Q25 Rearrange the following sentences and enter the correct sequence in the box provided.

1. Big dams received a big push from politicians and bureaucracy pouring enormous amounts of borrowed money in the early years of independence.
 2. The diversion of rivers and construction of a long system of canals in a densely populated country like India will involve the displacement of people on a colossal scale and the people affected are never likely to agree with such measures.
 3. There has however been hardly any attempt at questioning the extent of damage caused or in evaluating whether the promises of



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food, water and prosperity for all have actually been realized.

4. All over the world, community reaction is to prevent the construction of large dams.
5. Preserving rivers in the free-flow condition is considered ecologically necessary and the construction of large dams is now legally prohibited in Sweden and also in parts of the USA.

Q26 The following statements when arranged in the correct order form a coherent paragraph. Find the correct ordering. [TITA]

1. Although continuously restored, these monuments are today under threat from desertification.
2. Timbuktu is a city in Tombouctou Region, in the West African nation of Mali.
3. Its three great mosques, Djingareyber, Sankore and Sidi Yahya, recall Timbuktu's golden age.
4. Timbuktu is populated by Songhay, Tuareg, Fulani, and Mand people, and is about 15 km north of the Niger River.
5. It is home to the prestigious Sankore University and other madrasas, and was an intellectual and spiritual capital and centre for the propagation of Islam throughout Africa in the 15th and 16th centuries.

Q27 The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, 4) below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and key in the sequence of the four numbers as your answer:

1. On May 14, 1796, he infected 8-year-old James Phipps with cowpox, then in July infected Phipps with a full dose of smallpox,

consequently, the boy developed no serious disease. He repeated the experiment with a handful of other people and published his results.

2. Some decades later, Edward Jenner, a country surgeon, observed that milkmaids who got a rare and fairly harmless disease called cowpox seemed to be immune to smallpox.
3. Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, the wife of the British ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, witnessed variolation and in 1721 brought word of the procedure home where it gained some acceptance.
4. Though the concept met some initial resistance, vaccination gained widespread acceptance in the early 19th century.

Q28 The following statements when arranged in the correct order form a coherent paragraph. Find the correct ordering.

1. Early on in the movie, it is shown that his mother tried to encourage him to go outside by placing gifts in the form of comic books on a park bench opposite their house.
2. He lives his life searching for a reason for his own existence.
3. Elijah Price is born with Type I osteogenesis imperfecta, a rare disease in which the bones lack collagen of sufficient quality and/or quantity, and break very easily.
4. Drawing on what he reads in those comic books, Price theorizes that if he is at one extreme end of the spectrum, then perhaps there is somebody at the other end, someone with greater than usual strengths.
5. He is even born with broken bones, as shown in the first scene of the movie, and later receives the nickname "Mr. Glass" due to his fragility.



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Q29 Choose the correct order out of the following to properly arrange the below sentences:

1. The Socratic method is a method of hypothesis elimination, in that better hypotheses are found by steadily identifying and eliminating those that lead to contradictions.
2. Through this questioning, the group discover their beliefs about some topic, exploring definitions or logoi (singular logos) and seeking to characterise general characteristics shared by various particular instances.
3. The basic form is a series of questions formulated as tests of logic and fact intended to help a person or group.
4. The Socratic method searches for general, commonly held truths that shape beliefs and scrutinises them to determine their consistency with other beliefs.

Q30 Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

The Mongol invasions of Japan had a vast and profound historical impact. First, the failure to conquer Japan marked an end to the

expansion of the Mongol empire. Second, the Mongols' military attempts to subdue the Japanese required additional resources, which is why the Mongol leader, the Great Khan, who had assumed the position of the Chinese emperor, extensively used this position while also demanding assistance from Korea, his tributary. The Mongol invasions of Japan demonstrated how tightly interconnected the three countries—China, Korea, and Japan—had become during the early period of the Yuan rule.

What is the basic assumption in the passage about the Mongol invasions of Japan?

- (A) The failure to conquer Japan marked an end to the expansion of the Mongol empire.
- (B) The Mongol invasions of Japan had a profound historical impact on China, Korea, and Japan
- (C) The Mongol leader extensively used his position as the Chinese emperor during the invasions
- (D) The Mongol invasions of Japan required additional resources and assistance from Korea.



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Answer Key

Q1 (B)
Q2 (D)
Q3 (C)
Q4 (B)
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Hints & Solutions

Q1 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

The given sentence is missing in the paragraph, we need to check in which blank the given sentence is the best fit and complete the paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The best option for placing the sentence "The more time spent on these platforms, the greater the risk of being exposed to harmful content," she warned, is Option b. Placing the sentence at the second blank space fits well with the overall structure of the paragraph. The paragraph first discusses the problem of misinformation and fake news, and then introduces the issue of social media's impact on mental health, particularly among vulnerable populations. Adding the sentence in the second blank space provides a smooth transition between these two issues, emphasizing the connection between increased social media use and the risk of exposure to harmful content. The best option for placing the sentence "The more time spent on these platforms, the greater the risk of being exposed to harmful content," she warned, is Option B (the second blank space), as it fits the overall structure of the paragraph and highlights the connection between social media use and the risk of exposure to harmful content.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Placing the sentence at the first blank would disrupt the flow of the paragraph. The paragraph first introduces the problem of misinformation and fake news, and then moves

on to discuss the impact of social media on mental health. Inserting the sentence at this point would break the continuity of the paragraph's structure, as it would introduce the concept of time spent on platforms before discussing the specific issue.

Option c: Adding the sentence at the third blank space would disrupt the logical flow of the paragraph. This position begins discussing the issue of online echo chambers, and inserting a quote about the risk of exposure to harmful content here would feel out of place and not contribute to the paragraph's coherence. The sentence is better suited for a position that connects the various problems caused by social media.

Option d: Placing the sentence in the fourth blank space would not be ideal, as it interrupts the paragraph's concluding thoughts about addressing the problems associated with social media. It would feel out of place to insert a quote about the risks of social media usage at this point in the paragraph, as the focus shifts towards solutions rather than outlining the problems.

Trap of the question:

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Q2 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

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sentence is the best fit and complete the paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: It is the correct placement for the given sentence. In the sentence before position 4, the paragraph introduces Jane Thompson, a prominent expert in the field of CSR, who has been monitoring the shift and advocating for responsible business practices. The pronoun 'she' in the phrase 'she noted' refers to Jane Thompson. Placing the sentence at position 4 allows the paragraph to flow naturally, as it explains the cause of the shift that Jane Thompson has been monitoring and advocating for. The given sentence connects well with the changes in CSR mentioned earlier in the paragraph, providing a rationale for the evolving role of CSR in modern businesses. Thus, option 4 is the best position in which to fit the sentence.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Placing the sentence at position 1 would not be ideal, as the paragraph is just beginning to introduce the topic of CSR and its evolution. The given sentence discusses a change that has taken place, but at this point in the paragraph, the change has not yet been established. Therefore, inserting the sentence here would disrupt the logical flow of the paragraph.

Option b: It is also not a suitable location for the given sentence. The paragraph is currently discussing the historical perspective on CSR, specifically how organizations viewed it as a peripheral activity. The sentence about the change accelerating due to growing awareness of social and environmental issues would not fit

naturally after discussing CSR's past perception and would break the paragraph's coherence.

Option c: Inserting the sentence at position 3 would not be appropriate either. The paragraph is discussing how businesses are increasingly integrating CSR into their core strategies and operations. The given sentence about the change accelerating due to growing awareness of social and environmental issues would disrupt the flow of the paragraph, as it does not connect well with the discussion of CSR integration.

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Q3 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

The given sentence is missing in the paragraph, we need to check in which blank the given sentence is the best fit and complete the paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: Position 3 is the ideal place for the sentence. The paragraph has already explained the shift in financial management approaches and the focus on responsible financial management. The pronoun 'he' in the phrase 'he observed' refers to Michael Johnson, who has been introduced as a financial expert analyzing the change. The missing sentence connects well with Johnson's analysis and emphasizes the recent economic turmoil's impact on accelerating the transformation.



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Placing the sentence here enhances the flow and coherence of the paragraph.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Placing the sentence in this position would be premature, as it would disrupt the logical flow of the paragraph. The paragraph starts by mentioning the shift in the business world's approach to financial management, and the next sentence discusses the focus of traditional methods. Introducing the missing sentence here would not yet be supported by the context.

Option b: This position is not the best fit for the missing sentence, as it would interrupt the explanation of the transition from traditional methods to modern businesses' focus on responsible financial management. The missing sentence should come after this transition has been discussed.

Option d: This position is not appropriate for the missing sentence, as it would disrupt the conclusion of the paragraph, which highlights the result of the shift in financial management practices. Inserting the sentence here would create a disconnect between the analysis and the adoption of innovative strategies by companies.

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Q4 Text Solution:

The given paragraph talks about the growing interest in the economies of developing nations and how the attitude towards them is

changing. We need to find the best position to fit the given sentence – "This shift in perspective has been accelerated by the increased global exposure of emerging economies, particularly during the digital revolution."

Essence of the question:

The given sentence is missing in the paragraph, we need to check in which blank the given sentence is the best fit and complete the paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: It talks about how the attitudes towards developing economies have changed, and they are now attracting global investors and businesses seeking new opportunities for growth. We can fit the given sentence after option 2 because it explains why this shift in attitude is happening. Increased global exposure and the digital revolution have played a crucial role in changing the perspective towards emerging economies. Hence, Option B is a possible correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: We cannot place the given sentence at option 1 because the sentence that follows option 1 talks about how these economies are now attracting global investors and businesses, which is a continuation of the idea presented in option 1. The given sentence doesn't fit in this context and doesn't make sense in this position. Option c: It talks about how the change in attitude towards developing economies is not only about financial prospects but also a recognition of the importance of local knowledge, culture, and management practices. The given sentence does not fit in this context because it talks about the reasons behind the change in perspective rather than



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what the change in attitude means. Hence, Option C is not a correct answer.

Option d: It talks about how companies are adapting their strategies to better align with the needs and values of emerging markets. We cannot place the given sentence after option 4 because the sentence that follows option 4 talks about the benefits that companies are reaping as a result of this change. The given sentence doesn't add any new information in this context. Hence, Option D is not a correct answer.

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Q5 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

The given sentence is missing in the paragraph, we need to check in which blank the given sentence is the best fit and complete the paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: This position is the best fit for the missing sentence. The pronoun 'she' refers to Dr. Laura Stevens, who has already been introduced as an economist observing and analyzing the shift in focus from stock market performance to a more multifaceted approach. The sentence connects well with Dr. Stevens' observation and highlights the reason for the growing trend. Placing the sentence here enhances the flow and coherence of the paragraph. Thus, the correct answer is option d.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Placing the sentence in this position wouldn't fit well, as it would disrupt the flow of the paragraph. The paragraph starts by mentioning the past focus on stock market performance, and the next sentence in the original paragraph explains how this approach has evolved. Introducing the missing sentence here would be premature and not yet supported by the context.

Option b: This position isn't the best fit for the missing sentence either, as it would interrupt the explanation of the broader range of indicators that now provide a more comprehensive view of an economy's overall health. The transition between the evolving approach and the specific examples of new critical components would be disrupted.

Option c: Position 3 isn't the ideal place for the sentence, as it comes right after the examples of the critical components of an economy's well-being. Inserting the sentence here would interrupt the introduction of Dr. Laura Stevens and create a disconnect between the shift being observed and the person observing it.

Trap of the question:

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Q6 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

The given sentence is missing in the paragraph, we need to check in which blank the given sentence is the best fit and complete the



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paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: This is the best fit for the sentence, as it logically follows the introduction of the paragraph, which talks about significant transformations in modern businesses. The sentence further explains the context behind the transformations, making it a smooth transition into the discussion of social media platforms and other technological advancements. It also sets the stage for the rest of the paragraph, which elaborates on specific technological innovations and their impacts on businesses. The best fit for the given sentence is Option a, as it logically follows the introduction and sets the stage for the discussion of specific technological innovations and their impacts on modern businesses.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: This is not an ideal fit, as the sentence would interrupt the flow of the paragraph. After introducing social media platforms as essential marketing tools, placing the sentence here would divert the focus from marketing strategies to the broader topic of digital shifts, disrupting the coherence of the paragraph.

Option c: Placing the sentence here is not suitable, as it would disrupt the paragraph's coherence. The paragraph has already moved on to discuss data analytics and AI, and inserting the sentence here would result in an abrupt shift back to the broader topic of digital shifts and the pandemic's impact on businesses.

Option d: This option is not ideal either, as the paragraph has already delved into the benefits of innovations such as data analytics and AI. The sentence, discussing the digital shift and its

acceleration due to the pandemic, does not fit well in this part of the paragraph and would disrupt its flow.

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Q7 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks to select an option which will complete the given paragraph. The given paragraph is incomplete, here four options are given and we need to select an option that will add a complete meaning to the paragraph.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: 'Ongoing research and safety assessments are crucial to address potential risks and maximize the benefits of nanotechnology'. This statement is the best fit as it addresses the concerns mentioned in the passage and emphasizes the importance of research to address those risks. This option is the most appropriate choice.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This statement is too extreme. The passage discusses the potential for revolutionary advancements in various industries, which contradicts the idea of minimal impact. Eliminate this option.

Option c: This statement is alien. The passage focuses on the potential applications and risks of nanotechnology in general, but making humans invisible is not mentioned and seems unrelated to the main points. Eliminate this option.



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Option d: This statement is too narrow. The passage discusses the potential impact of nanotechnology on a range of industries, not just healthcare and environmental protection. Eliminate this option.

Trap of the question:

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Q8 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks to select an option which will complete the given paragraph. The given paragraph is incomplete, here four options are given and we need to select an option that will add a complete meaning to the paragraph.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: This statement is neither too broad, alien, narrow, nor extreme. It acknowledges the complexity of selecting and integrating architectural features for air control in different environments and suggests a comprehensive approach to address this challenge. A multidisciplinary approach can ensure that various factors, such as building design, airflow dynamics, and the specific requirements of the environment, are taken into consideration to create an effective and hygienic air control system. This option is the most appropriate choice.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This statement is too extreme. The passage emphasizes the importance of controlling air for hygiene and innovative design strategies. Suggesting that such investments

are considered unnecessary contradicts the main points of the passage. Eliminate this option.

Option b: This statement is too narrow. While reducing cleaning and maintenance might be a secondary benefit of effective air control, the passage emphasizes the importance of maintaining hygienic conditions and minimizing the spread of airborne contaminants as the primary goal. Eliminate this option.

Option c: This statement is alien. The passage focuses on the importance of architectural properties for controlling air and does not mention the potential obsolescence of such strategies due to technological advancements. Eliminate this option.

Trap of the question:

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Q9 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks to select an option which will complete the given paragraph. The given paragraph is incomplete, here four options are given and we need to select an option that will add a complete meaning to the paragraph.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: This statement is neither too broad, alien, narrow, nor extreme. It acknowledges the varying influence of privacy information on purchasing decisions among individuals, and it suggests a potential solution to address those differences. This option is the most appropriate choice.



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Explanation for incorrect answers:

Using the BANE Theory, let's analyze each option:

Option a: This statement is too extreme. The passage clearly states that studies have shown a connection between displaying privacy information and increased trust, which can influence purchasing behavior. Eliminate this option.

Option c: This statement is alien. The passage emphasizes the importance of displaying privacy information to foster trust and encourage transactions. Suggesting that businesses should avoid providing such information contradicts the main points of the passage. Eliminate this option.

Option d: This statement is too narrow. The passage discusses the impact of privacy information displays on purchasing behavior in general, not limited to a specific industry. Eliminate this option.

Trap of the question:

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Q10 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks to select an option which will complete the given paragraph. The given paragraph is incomplete, here four options are given and we need to select an option that will add a complete meaning to the paragraph.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The weakening of the ocean conveyor belt could potentially lead to a

decrease in the ocean's ability to absorb and store carbon dioxide, exacerbating global warming. This option is the most appropriate continuation of the passage because it directly addresses the consequences of disrupting the ocean conveyor belt on global climate, specifically focusing on the critical balance mentioned in the passage. The ocean's ability to absorb and store carbon dioxide is highlighted as an essential function of the conveyor belt system, and the potential exacerbation of global warming due to a weakened conveyor belt aligns with the passage's emphasis on the importance of maintaining Earth's climate balance.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

BANE Theory Analysis:

Option a: Broad - This option is eliminated because it is too broad. Although marine ecosystems and aquatic species are related to the ocean conveyor belt, the passage focuses on the impact of the ocean conveyor belt on global climate, not on marine life.

Option b: Alien - This option is eliminated because it is alien or strange. The passage does not discuss ice ages or extreme warming events directly, and these ideas seem out of place. Moreover, the passage emphasizes the balance maintained by the ocean conveyor belt, so the idea of a rapid shift toward an ice age or an extreme warming event seems contradictory.

Option c: Narrow - This option is eliminated because it is too narrow. While localized temperature anomalies and severe weather events may be consequences of disruption to the ocean conveyor belt, the passage focuses on the overall impact on Earth's climate. This option does not adequately address the



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broader implications of disrupting the ocean conveyor belt.

Trap of the question:

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Q11 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks to select an option which will complete the given paragraph. The given paragraph is incomplete, here four options are given and we need to select an option that will add a complete meaning to the paragraph.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: As a result, individuals who exercise regularly are likely to experience improved overall health, as the increased lung capacity supports various physiological processes. This option is the most appropriate continuation of the paragraph because it ties together the discussion of increased lung capacity and its impact on overall health. The paragraph provides evidence that regular exercise has a positive effect on lung capacity, and this option explains how that increased lung capacity supports multiple physiological processes, leading to better health outcomes for those who exercise regularly.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

BANE Theory Analysis:

Option a: Broad - This option is eliminated because it is too broad. Although the paragraph discusses the benefits of regular exercise on lung capacity, it does not directly address the potential health risks associated

with a sedentary lifestyle. Thus, this option does not effectively complete the paragraph.

Option b: This option is eliminated because it is too narrow. The paragraph focuses on the general benefits of regular exercise on lung capacity, not specifically on athletes or high-intensity sports. This option does not encompass the broader implications of increased lung capacity for the overall population.

Option d: This option is eliminated because it is alien or strange. The paragraph does not mention environmental pollutants, and the idea seems out of place. Introducing this concept does not effectively complete the paragraph, as it diverges from the focus on the relationship between regular exercise, lung capacity, and overall health.

Trap of the question:

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Q12 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to select an option which summarises the passages in the best possible way or an option which contains main ideas and points discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: This statement is the correct answer, as it encompasses the main ideas of the passage. It mentions the depiction of birds in early English literature (including the poem "The Seafarer") and their role in evoking a sense of place. Additionally, it highlights how birds



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shaped local identities in early medieval England, as evidenced by their presence in town and village names.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This statement is too narrow, as it only focuses on the poem "The Seafarer" and the feelings of loneliness and isolation the protagonist experiences. The passage, however, also discusses other aspects of birds' presence in early English literature, including how they evoke a sense of place and their presence in the names of towns and villages.

Option b: This statement is too broad, as it only focuses on the role of birds in early English literature. The passage goes beyond literature and discusses how birds shaped local identities in early medieval England through the names of towns and villages.

Option c: This statement is too narrow, as it only discusses the presence of bird references in the names of early medieval English towns and villages. The passage also addresses the broader role of birds in early English literature, including ornithological references and evoking a sense of place.

Trap of the question:

In such questions, the trap lies in choosing the option that not only holistically captures all the points made in the passage, but also does not include anything that is outside the scope or distorts the facts of the passage. The BANE framework helps in effectively choosing the right option.

Q13 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to select an option which summarizes the passages in the best possible

way or an option which contains main ideas and points discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: This statement is the correct answer. It captures the main ideas of the passage, explaining that office designers use different methods (e.g., carpeting, absorptive ceiling tiles, and distribution of loud employees and machines) to create a natural-sounding environment. This approach is consistent with one of the key objectives of architectural acoustics: to make built spaces and communication within them seem natural and unmediated. Option b is the most comprehensive and accurate summary of the passage, which requires high-order thinking to discern. It considers multiple aspects of office design and connects them to the broader goal of architectural acoustics.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This statement is too extreme. The passage does not state that the acoustics industry aims to eliminate all noise in open-plan offices. Instead, it explains that the industry works to create a natural-sounding environment by managing and balancing various sounds.

Option c: This statement is too narrow. While the passage does mention that office designers sometimes distribute loud employees and machines around the office, this is just one aspect of creating a natural-sounding environment. The passage also discusses the use of carpeting and absorptive ceiling tiles and the broader goal of architectural acoustics.

Option d: This statement is too extreme. Although the passage does highlight the objective of making built spaces and



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communication seem natural and unmediated, it does not claim this as the sole guiding objective of the acoustics industry.

Trap of the question:

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Q14 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to select an option which summarizes the passages in the best possible way or an option which contains main ideas and points discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: This statement is the correct answer. It accurately summarizes the passage by focusing on Oliver's journey with schizophrenia, the challenges he faced with treatment, and the use of clozapine as a last-resort medication due to its potential side effects, including a reduction in white blood cell count. Option b is the most comprehensive and accurate summary of the passage, which requires high-order thinking to discern. It highlights Oliver's experience with schizophrenia and the limitations of antipsychotic medications, particularly clozapine, which is a last-resort treatment due to its potential side effects.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This statement is too broad. While the passage does discuss schizophrenia and antipsychotic drugs, it is primarily focused on Oliver's specific experience and the challenges

of his treatment. The passage is not a general overview of schizophrenia or its treatments.

Option c: This statement is alien or strange. The passage does not claim that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a significant increase in the number of schizophrenia patients requiring clozapine treatment. It only mentions the pandemic as a concern for Oliver's immune-compromised state due to the use of clozapine.

Option d: This statement is too narrow. The passage discusses more than just the voices in Oliver's head; it also covers his treatment journey, the challenges he faced, and the use of clozapine as a last-resort medication. Focusing solely on the auditory hallucinations omits critical aspects of the passage.

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Q15 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to select an option which summarizes the passages in the best possible way or an option which contains main ideas and points discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: This statement is the correct answer. It accurately summarizes the main idea of the passage, which is that the modern image of Buddhism as a philosophy and meditation-centered religion emerged during the late 19th and early 20th centuries due to a process of historical reinvention. This process involved



discarding elements of Buddhist history that did not fit the rational, scientific worldview that accompanied colonization and modernization. Option c is the most comprehensive and accurate summary of the passage, requiring high-order thinking to discern. It emphasizes the historical reinvention of Buddhism during the late 19th and early 20th centuries and explains the emergence of the modern image of Buddhism, which is a partial understanding of the religion's history.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This statement is too narrow. While the passage does mention that the popular image of Buddhism includes a focus on philosophy, meditation, and ending suffering, it also emphasizes that this image is a partial and modern creation resulting from historical reinvention.

Option b: This statement is extreme. The passage does not claim that Buddhism has always been a rational, scientific religion. Instead, it states that the modern image of Buddhism was created in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and is a partial understanding of the religion's history.

Option d: This statement is partially correct but too narrow. While it does mention that Buddhism was stripped of its historical elements to fit a rational, scientific worldview, it does not explain the context of this reinvention during the late 19th and early 20th centuries or the fact that this process led to the modern image of Buddhism being a partial understanding of the religion.

Trap of the question:

In such questions, the trap lies in choosing the option that not only holistically captures all the points made in the passage, but also does not

include anything that is outside the scope or distorts the facts of the passage. The BANE framework helps in effectively choosing the right option.

Q16 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to select an option which summarizes the passages in the best possible way or an option which contains main ideas and points discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option D: This statement is the correct answer. It accurately summarizes the passage by emphasizing the role of Jewish priests in distorting their people's past by converting it into religious terms and creating a "moral order of the world" concept. Furthermore, it highlights how this concept has persisted in philosophy throughout history. Option d is the most comprehensive and accurate summary of the passage, requiring high-order thinking to discern. It captures the role of Jewish priests in distorting their people's past, the creation of the "moral order of the world" concept, and its persistence in philosophy over time.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option A: This statement is partially correct but too narrow. While the passage does discuss Jewish priest-craft falsifying the concept of God and morality, it also emphasizes the transformation of the history of Israel and the philosophers' role in supporting the idea of a "moral order of the world."

Option B: This statement is too narrow. Although the passage mentions that the Bible is documentary evidence of falsification, it focuses more on the historical falsification by Jewish priests and the creation of the "moral



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order of the world" concept, which has persisted in philosophy.

Option C: This statement is too broad. While it is true that the concept of a "moral order of the world" has influenced the philosophical understanding of history, the passage mainly discusses Jewish priest-craft's role in creating this concept and distorting their people's past.

Trap of the question:

In such questions, the trap lies in choosing the option that not only holistically captures all the points made in the passage, but also does not include anything that is outside the scope or distorts the facts of the passage. The BANE framework helps in effectively choosing the right option.

Q17 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here four sentences are given. We need to arrange them in a proper order so that a meaningful paragraph can be formed and write the correct order as an answer. We shall focus on the keywords in order to form connectivity between sentences.

Explanation for the answer:

Statement (2) sets the stage by describing the rise of strongmen leaders and their impact on institutions and vulnerable groups. Statement (4) follows up by raising the question of how to address the erosion of democratic values and the potential consequences of not acting. Statement (1) introduces the differing perspectives on the threats to democracy, comparing them to the rise of fascism in the 1930s or considering them as new threats. Finally, statement (3) emphasizes the importance of addressing both new and old

threats to democracy in order to protect it. The coherent arrangement is (2)-(4)-(1)-(3).

Trap of the question:

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Q18 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here four sentences are given. We need to arrange them in a proper order so that a meaningful paragraph can be formed and write the correct order as an answer. We shall focus on the keywords in order to form connectivity between sentences.

Explanation for the answer:

Statement (4) introduces the idea that many philosophers throughout history have emphasized the importance of education in their works. Statement (3) contrasts this by stating that, despite its importance, many philosophers show little interest in education. Statement (1) then narrows the focus to analytic philosophy, where the neglect of education is particularly evident. Finally, statement (2) provides anecdotal evidence from the author's experiences at Keele University and Oxford to further support the main idea. The coherent arrangement is (4)-(3)-(1)-(2).

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evaluate each of the possible cases objectively to avoid the traps.

Q19 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here five sentences are given. Four sentences are linked with each other and they can form a meaningful paragraph. One sentence which does not have any connectivity with rest of the sentences of the paragraph or which does not contribute to form a meaningful paragraph will be the odd one out.

Explanation for the answer:

Sentence 5 is the odd one out and does not fit into the sequence of sentences correctly. This is because the other four sentences all relate to how postmodern authors use unconventional approaches and discuss personal experiences in their works, while Sentence 5 states that postmodern authors use traditional linear narratives in their works. This is contradictory to the other sentences, as postmodern authors are known for abandoning traditional linear narratives and preferring a cyclical or rhizomatic version, as stated in the passage. Therefore, Sentence 5 does not fit in with the other four sentences. Sentence 1 and 2 talk about postmodern authors and their work, shows that both are connected. Sentence 3 shows how creativity helped postmodern authors and 4th discusses Amy Tan's work 'The Joy Luck Club'. Thus, all four sentences 1,2,3,4 are connected with each other.

Trap of the question:

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evaluate each of the possible cases objectively to avoid the traps.

Q20 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to provide assumption of the author for the given passage. An assumption is an unstated idea or fact.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: It is the correct assumption because the passage mentions that governments have frequently acquiesced in violent activities that target certain groups in their societies due to their unpopularity with the general population. This implies that governments are often complacent when it comes to domestic violence and do not take effective action to prevent or punish it.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It assumes that the conflict between Chechnya and Russia is a recent development, is incorrect because the passage mentions that the conflict has deep roots and goes back to the Middle Ages.

Option c: It assumes that the conflict between Chechnya and Russia is the only conflict mentioned in the passage, is incorrect because the passage also mentions that in general, governments have frequently acquiesced in violent activities that target certain groups in their societies due to their unpopularity with the general population.

Option d: It assumes that domestic violence is limited to only one type of group, is incorrect because the passage mentions that unpopular minorities, including cultural, religious, racial or ethnic groups, or groups identified by sexual preference, may be targeted for such domestic violence.



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Trap of the question:

Some assumptions may appear to be ideologically coherent are not. It is necessary to evaluate each of the assumptions objectively on the basis of facts to avoid the traps.

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

This question asks to select an option which will complete the given paragraph. Here the given paragraph is incomplete, four options are given and we need to select an option that will add a complete meaning to the paragraph.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: It is important to take into consideration the audience and their level of technical understanding when choosing the appropriate chart. This sentence completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way because it provides an additional important consideration when choosing an appropriate chart, it goes beyond the technical aspect of the data and the analysis goals and also takes into account the audience and their level of technical understanding. This is important because data visualization is not just about making data look pretty, but it's also about making data understandable for the audience.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: Data visualization is not just about making data look pretty, but it's also about making data understandable. This option is not incorrect, but it is not the best answer because it only highlights one aspect of data visualization and it doesn't provide a clear and concise conclusion. The paragraph already mentioned that data visualization is a useful tool to facilitate the perception and analysis of information, but it doesn't provide any

information about the audience and their level of technical understanding.

Option c: The choice of chart should be guided by the needs of the business and the audience. This option is not incorrect, but it is not the best answer because it only highlights one aspect of the data visualization, it doesn't provide a clear and concise conclusion. The paragraph already mentioned that the choice of a chart should be made based on what data is used and what analysis goals are a priority, but it doesn't provide any information about the audience and their level of technical understanding.

Option d: All data visualization types are equally effective; the choice of chart should be based on personal preference. This option is not correct because it presents a false statement, it is not accurate to say that all data visualization types are equally effective. The choice of chart should be made based on what data is used and what analysis goals are a priority, as well as considering the audience and their level of technical understanding.

Trap of the question:

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

This question asks to select an option which will complete the given paragraph. The given paragraph is incomplete, here four options are given and we need to select an option that will add a complete meaning to the paragraph.



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Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The use of modern technology in project management has greatly improved the overall efficiency and productivity of the project. This sentence completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way because it provides a clear and concise conclusion that summarizes the main point of the paragraph which is the benefits of using modern technology in project management. It aligns with the idea that modern technology has invented measures that can be used by project managers to evaluate the progress of work assigned, that it has made it possible for managers to electronically determine rate at which the project is being done and amount of resources that may be required, that this has enhanced quality production and customer satisfaction and as a result of all these benefits project management has greatly improved the overall efficiency and productivity of the project.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The use of modern technology in project management has made it easier for managers to ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget. This option is not incorrect, but it is not the best answer because it only highlights one aspect of benefits of using modern technology in project management, it does not provide a clear and concise conclusion that summarizes the main point of the paragraph which is the benefits of using modern technology in project management and how it improves the overall efficiency and productivity of the project.

Option c: However, the use of modern technology in project management has its own set of challenges such as the need for constant

updates and maintenance. This option is not incorrect, but it is not the best answer because it brings a new idea into the conversation that challenges of using modern technology in project management and it does not provide a clear and concise conclusion that summarizes the main point of the paragraph which is the benefits of using modern technology in project management and how it improves the overall efficiency and productivity of the project.

Option d: As a result, the use of modern technology in project management has led to significant improvements in the IT industry. This option is not incorrect, but it is not the best answer because it only highlights one aspect of the benefits of using modern technology in project management, it does not provide a clear and concise conclusion that summarizes the main point of the paragraph which is the benefits of using modern technology in project management and how it improves the overall efficiency and productivity of the project.

Trap of the question:

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Q23 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

The given sentence is missing in the paragraph, we need to check in which blank the given sentence is the best fit and complete the paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence.

Explanation for the correct answer:



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Option b: It is a good fit because it is about the Roman Empire's vast territory, which allowed for the spread of Latin and the development of the Romance languages. The Roman Empire was one of the largest empires in history, and its vast territory allowed its language, Latin, to spread to many different parts of the world. Latin was the official language of the Roman Empire, and it was used for government, law, and education. As the Roman Empire expanded, Latin spread with it. Eventually, Latin evolved into the Romance languages, which include French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and Romanian. These languages are spoken by millions of people around the world, and they are all descended from Latin. The spread of Latin and the Romance languages is one of the many ways that the Roman Empire has influenced Western culture. The Roman Empire was a major center of learning and culture, and its influence can still be seen in many aspects of our lives today.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It is not a good fit because it is about the Roman army, not the Roman Empire's vast territory.

Option c: It is not a good fit because it is about the Roman Empire's impact on Western culture, not the spread of Latin and the development of the Romance languages.

Option d: It is not a good fit because it is about Rome as a tourist destination, not the spread of Latin and the development of the Romance languages.

Trap of the question:

Some options may appear to be ideologically coherent but do not adhere to either grammatical rules, linguistic nuances, or the chain of ideas holistically, which is an effective

trap in such cases. It is necessary to evaluate each option objectively to avoid the traps.

Q24 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

The given sentence is missing in the paragraph, we need to check in which blank the given sentence is the best fit and complete the paragraph. Select an option that contains the suitable blank for the sentence.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The missing sentence fits best at position 3. By this point in the paragraph, the context of ancient literature and its importance has been established, and the paragraph mentions the resurgence of interest in ancient literature. Placing the sentence here would provide a logical explanation for this resurgence, as it discusses the rediscovery of long-lost texts and new critical approaches. This placement helps the paragraph maintain a coherent and smooth flow of ideas.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Placing the sentence at position 1 disrupts the flow of the paragraph, as it would introduce the idea of a "renaissance of interest" before establishing the general context of ancient literature and its importance. The sentence would not fit well here, as it would be difficult for readers to understand the resurgence of interest without first having a grasp on the significance of ancient literature.

Option b: Inserting the sentence at position 2 is not the best fit either. Although the paragraph has introduced the context of ancient literature and its importance, it has not yet discussed the resurgence of interest in these texts. Position 2 still focuses on the foundational aspects of ancient literature, and placing the sentence



here would not follow a logical progression of ideas.

Option d: Position 4 is not a suitable placement for the missing sentence. By this point in the paragraph, the focus has shifted to the outcomes of the resurgence of interest in ancient literature, with contemporary authors and scholars finding inspiration in these works. Introducing the sentence here would disrupt the flow of the paragraph, as it would return to the topic of reasons for the resurgence, which was already addressed earlier in the paragraph.

Trap of the question:

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Q25 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here five sentences are given. We need to arrange them in a proper order so that a meaningful paragraph can be formed and write the correct order as an answer. We shall focus on the keywords in order to form connectivity between sentences.

Explanation for the answer:

Statement 1 is clearly the first sentence of the paragraph as it introduces the topic of big dams and discusses that enormous amounts of borrowed money is spent in early years of independence. Statement 3 is the continuation of statement 1 as it discusses damage caused to other prominent utilities due to expenditure on big dams, thus it follows statement 1. Statement 2 says that diversion of rivers or canals requires displacement of people, so they

are getting affected due to it. As it also discusses disadvantages of big dams, it should be the next one. Sentence 4 discusses community reaction on construction of dams that should be prevented and sentence 5 says that it has been prohibited in Sweden and also in parts of the USA. So, 5 follows 4. So, the correct sequence is 13245.

Trap of the question:

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Q26

Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here five sentences are given. We need to arrange them in a proper order so that a meaningful paragraph can be formed and write the correct order as an answer. We shall focus on the keywords in order to form connectivity between sentences.

Explanation for the answer:

Statement 2 mentions the geographical location of Timbuktu, as it introduces the topic, it is the first sentence. Statement 4 although gives an idea of where Timbuktu is located, also mentions the ethnicity of its residents. S, 4 follows 2. Therefore statement 2 is the opening sentence of the paragraph which is followed by statement 4. Statement 5 starts with "It is home to the prestigious Sankore University..." which introduces Sankore University and hence it should be before statement 3. Statement 3 talks about the three mosques which recall Timbuktu's golden age. Statement 1 speaks



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about the monuments being threatened from desertification. Therefore 3 logically precedes 1. Hence, the correct sequence is 24531.

Trap of the question:

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Q27 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here five sentences are given. We need to arrange them in a proper order so that a meaningful paragraph can be formed and write the correct order as an answer. We shall focus on the keywords in order to form connectivity between sentences. We can use chronology to solve the question.

Explanation for the answer:

Statement 3 marks the opening of the passage as it gives direction to the things that are about to follow. The term 'variolation' mentioned in statement 3 makes it important for the reader to understand that the following sentences will discuss the same topic. Statement 2 is followed next as the observation made by Edward Jenner, makes the foundation to introduce the topic of vaccination. Statement 1 comes next in line as chronology plays an important role. The year 1796 is mentioned in this sentence whereas, '1721' is mentioned in the 3rd statement. Statement 2 mentions 'some decades later', this makes statement 1 come after statement 2. Statement 4 is the closing statement of the passage because it states a generic statement for the entire topic and even

because it falls last in the line of chronology. The correct sequence is 3214.

Trap of the question:

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Q28 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here five sentences are given. We need to arrange them in a proper order so that a meaningful paragraph can be formed and write the correct order as an answer. We shall focus on the keywords in order to form connectivity between sentences.

Explanation for the answer:

Third sentence is the opening sentence of the paragraph since it introduces the main character of the passage. 3 describes the disease that Elijah Price is born with – a bone disorder. 5 continues talking about Elijah Price's disease as it starts with 'He (Elijah) was even born with broken bones' – the word 'even' over here establishes a logical connect between 3 and 5. Hence, a 3-5 link is established. Sentence 2 talks about Elijah Price, here 'he' represents prince, so it should be the next one. Elijah received comic books as gifts from his mom, as described in 1. Statement 4 mentions 'those' comic books and talks about Elijah's interpretation of them. Hence, there is an 1-4 link. Hence, the correct sequence is 35214.

Trap of the question:

Some arrangements of sentences may appear to be ideologically coherent but do not adhere



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to either grammatical rules, linguistic nuances, or the chain of ideas holistically, which is an effective trap in such cases. It is necessary to evaluate each of the possible cases objectively to avoid the traps.

Q29 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here five sentences are given. We need to arrange them in a proper order so that a meaningful paragraph can be formed and write the correct order as an answer. We shall focus on the keywords in order to form connectivity between sentences.

Explanation for the answer:

To arrive at the correct order of the sentences above, the reader should be acutely aware and clear of the running theme of the sentences. This awareness promotes an understanding to extract the meaning first, and to arrange the sentences in the accurate way. The opening statement of the paragraph is statement 1. The general and introductory nature of this statement makes it fit enough for the first line of the paragraph. Here the subject of the paragraph is established: The Socratic method. The second line is statement 4. The 'subject matter' derived from the introduction is then carried forward in this line and is explained with the help of an answer. Out of the remaining two statements, 3 is more suited to be the third line of the paragraph. Statement 2 is more inclined to be an ending or a conclusion. Statement 3 is more in line with statement 4, making it apt for the third line. The final line is statement 2. With the definition and concept made clear, the line acts as the fitting conclusion. Therefore, the correct order is 1432.

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Q30 Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the assumption of the author. An assumption is an unstated or hidden fact in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The passage states that the Mongol invasions of Japan had a vast and profound historical impact. It also states that the failure to conquer Japan marked an end to the expansion of the Mongol empire, and that the Mongol invasions of Japan demonstrated how tightly interconnected the three countries—China, Korea, and Japan—had become during the early period of the Yuan rule. This implies that the Mongol invasions of Japan had a significant impact on the history of these three countries. This shows that option b is the assumption of the author.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The failure to conquer Japan marked an end to the expansion of the Mongol empire is correct but not the main assumption, it is a fact mentioned in the passage.

Option c: The Mongol leader extensively used his position as the Chinese emperor during the invasions is correct but not the main assumption, it is a fact mentioned in the passage.

Option d: The Mongol invasions of Japan required additional resources and assistance



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from Korea is correct but not the main assumption, it is a fact mentioned in the passage.

Trap of the question:

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