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Section-1

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### Q.1 [11831809]

"Positive and social freedoms invite us to dare a prison break from an overly narrow concept of freedom as the absence of coercion." Which of the following best summarises the author's argument in this sentence?

1 O Positive and social freedoms allow us to abandon the reductionist idea of negative freedom.	
2 The idea of an absence of coercion is antithetical to the idea of positive and social freedoms.	

4	away from any narrow idea of freedom.
Solution: Correct Answer : 1 Correct Answer – (1)	م Answer key/Solution

To answer this question, we should know the meaning of negative freedom which is given in the first two sentences of the passage. The absence of coercion is there in negative freedom. Therefore, option (1) is the most appropriate answer.

### **Incorrect answers**

Options (2), (3) and (4) do not represent the argument that the quoted sentence contains.

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#### Q.2 [11831809]

The author suggests that the application of negative freedom has which one of the following effects on the digital world?

aigital World.
1 O It enhances plenty of intellectual insights into the liberal idea of autonomy, independence, and free choice.
2 OIt reinforces the political participation and personal choice that many pursue in a digitally transformed world.

$3\bigcirc$ We disregard the ability of the digital world to disrupt our ideas of freedom, such as independence and choice.	
4 We may overlook other factors of the digital world that are as sign surveillance.	ificant as threats of increasing
Solution: Correct Answer : 4 Correct Answer - (4)	ه Answer key/Solution

Refer to the last sentence of the 1st paragraph where the author makes such an observation. There is a tendency of "neglecting other equally important considerations in the digital world." Thus, option (4) is true. Option (4) basically says the same thing as the last sentence of the first paragraph.

### **Incorrect answers**

Option (1) is incorrect because it is out of scope.

Option (2) is irrelevant because it does not talk about the application of negative freedom on the digital world. Option (3) is inappropriate in the light of the given question.

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# 4 O restrict the discourses among people

Solution:

**Correct Answer: 3** 

Correct Answer - (3)

The author laments the fact that the internet has caused to seal ourselves up.

Therefore, s/he would most likely want a more proactive participation of the civil society. Refer to the last paragraph of the passage for the answer.

♠ Answer key/Solution

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Q.4 [11831809] Through the second and the third paragraphs, the author establishes that:
1 O positive and social freedoms, though different in some ways, aim to achieve a similar outcome.
2 freedom is a diverse idea that entails positive and social freedoms, in addition to negative freedom
3 O positive and social freedoms augment the notion that freedom is achieved through participation.

4 O positive and social freedoms offer a broader understanding of freedom than negative freedom.

Solution:

**Correct Answer: 4** 

Correct Answer - (4)

♠ Answer key/Solution

Paragraphs 2 and 3 offer broader perspectives about freedom. The author

mentions, for example, how positive freedom stresses the importance of political participation. Furthermore, in the 3rd paragraph, the author provides an alternative understanding of freedom, that is, social freedom. Therefore, option (4) is the most appropriate answer.

#### **Incorrect answers**

Option (1) is incorrect because the author is basically trying to provide different perspectives of freedom.

Option (2) is untrue because that is not the objective of the author.

Option (3) is untrue because the author is more interested to provide a holistic notion of freedom. That is the intention of the author behind writing the second and third paragraphs.

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#### Direction (5-8): Study the following information and answer the questions that follow:

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"To play (literal) devil's advocate, perhaps in an increasingly virtual world, Slender Man will seem tame, even funny. . . Perhaps the current version of the Invisible Man will be viewed as a victim of capitalism, ambition culture, and toxic masculinity." Through these sentences, the author is likely aiming to bring out the point that:

1 O In the future, the current fictional evil characters may be misconstrued as being humorous or victims of social evils.	
2 O In the future, the current fictional evil characters may be viewed through the lens of their understanding o moral aberration.	f

3 O In the future, the current fictional evil characters may be understood in a similar way in which evil was depicted in classics.	
4 O In the future, the current fictional evil characters may be shaped by the virtual understanding of evil.	world that obscures the
Solution: Correct Answer : 2	م Answer key/Solution

The entire passage deals with the issue how the portrayal of evil has changed over time. From Tolkien to a recent remake of the Invisible Man. From straight forward biblical black and white villainy to moral aberration in case of the Slender man. So the line of evil and goodness is thin according to the author. The more it deviates from morality more evil it becomes. Refer, "Post-Enlightenment, literary monsters began largely to reflect social deviance. Intrinsic evil as a driving idea began to fall away. . . Today's most ubiquitous monsters match contemporary moral panics."

### **Incorrect options**

Correct Answer - (2)

- 1 is incorrect because of the word 'misconstrued'. It adds an extra layer of judgement not made by the author. 3 is incorrect because it is factually incorrect.
- 4 is vague and cannot be verified from the passage.

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Q.6 [11831809] The author discusses the character of Grendel in order to point out that:
1 O monsters have been depicted in the past based on Biblical stories.
2 O there are commonalities between a hero and an antihero in classics.
3 O not every classical monster of fiction embodies the idea of pure evil.
4 O there exists an idea of evil based on a simplistic interpretation of evil.

**Correct Answer: 3** 

Answer key/Solution

Correct Answer – (3) Refer to, "Though God and Tolkien may have had certain ideas about evil... well, #NotAllMonsters. To look at even the most classic of fictional monsters is to see complications to this reductive version of evil. Grendel, for instance, the villain of the Old English epic poem Beowulf, might seem a clear-cut brute." This clearly makes 3 the correct answer. Beowulf has been shown as an exception or a foil to the biblical portrayal of evil.

### **Incorrect options**

1 is incorrect because it is inconclusive and doesn't reflect on the matter at hand.

2 is incorrect factually based on the author's reception of hero and antihero. Beowulf is an exception where biblical characters are present yet it is different.

4 is incorrect as it goes against the authorial motif.

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Q.7 [11831809] Each of the following is true based on the information set out in the passage EXCEPT that:
1 O the literary monsters of the pre-Enlightenment age did not often mirror societal deviance.
2 many fictional evil creatures may not have been as complex as some consider them to be.
3 O some action that makes a fictional monster seem real can make it even more terrifying.
4 it is a fallacy to generalise that mythical monsters did not have a nuance of good and evil.

Correct Answer : 2

Correct Answer - (2)

Answer key/Solution

All the options can be inferred from the passage except option 2. The entire passage deals with the opposite to this statement. Many fictional villains are more complex than we actually aware of. There is a notion of pure good and pure evil that exists but to generalise is wrong. There are characters that deviate from this one sided portrayals and in the present time. The idea of evil has become more complex.

### **Incorrect options**

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Q.8 [11831809] The author would agree with each of the following regarding modern monsters EXCEPT that:
1 O they may reflect the exaggerated perceptions of threat to society.
2 they may seem more real through their interpretations on social media.
3 O they may be depicted in such a way as to reflect contemporary cultural fears.
4 O they may be considered to promote the act of violence in the real world.

Correct Answer : 4

Correct Answer - (4)

Answer key/Solution

Option 4 cannot be inferred. There is no such indication given in the passage where it talks about modern depiction of monsters promotes violence in the real world. The passage is strictly literary and academic in its approach. There is an example of SlenderMan but that is also fictional and we must understand how evil changes over time owing to the society. The author never throws a judgement on how evil should be showcased through films or books.

### **Incorrect options**

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Q.9 [11831809]  Each of the following can be inferred regarding comics EXCEPT that they:
1 O have images deployed in a specific order for the purpose of storytelling
2 have sequences, in some cases, that are difficult to comprehend
3 O have less in common with picture books than technical drawings
4 have utility beyond their ability to convey an idea through pictures

Correct Answer : 2 Correct Answer - (2) Answer key/Solution

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Q.10 [11831809] A non-linear sequence in the layout of science comics is useful primarily because:
1 O it helps in the better conceptualisation of multiple theories.
2 O it aids in conveying concepts that are difficult to visualise.
3 O it allows moving away from a linear description of ideas.
4 O it can convey multiple pieces of information in a small space.

Correct Answer : 3 Correct Answer - (3) Answer key/Solution

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Option 1: The author has not talked about conceptualization of scientific theories.

Option 2: The author has merely stated that comics help in conveying the scientific that are difficult to explain through words. 'Difficult to visualise' is not stated anywhere in the passage.

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Q.11 [11831809] Which one of the following best describes what the passage is trying to do?
1 O examining graphic science as a crucial tool for science communication.
2 cxploring the advantages of science comics in establishing multiple concepts.
3 O identifying the linkages between cognition and synthesis of science comics.
4 highlighting the ability of science comics in the visualisation of scientific ideas.

Correct Answer : 4 Correct Answer - (4) Answer key/Solution

The primary purpose of the author can be indentified through the first paragraph

itself: 'Today there are ... Instead of attempting a comprehensive review or classification of "graphic science" (see an updated list on cartoonscience.org), it may be more useful to explore why comics are becoming such a popular medium for science communication.'

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1 O Comics impr	ove learning an	engagement with science.
2 O Scientific illus	strations are ba	ed on the visualisations in comics.
3 O All of the opti	ions listed here.	
4 $\bigcirc$ A smartly co	nstructed comic	may mix diagrams and strong writing.
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### Q.13 [11831809]

The author identifies each of the following as a misunderstanding that some have about Montesquieu's account of despotism EXCEPT that:

1 $\bigcirc$ None of the options listed her
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Solution: Correct Answer : 3 Correct Answer = (3)	م Answer key/Solution
4  he extolled the virtues of the West providing arguments that legitimise	d colonialism
3  he argues that the history of Asia and the Middle East have signs of de	espotism.
2 O his arguments invalidate the claim that despotism existed in Europe.	

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The author identifies that the misreading of Montesquieu as an Orientalist occurred because some overlooked:

1	how the despotic societies of Europe were described.

Solution: Correct Answer = (4)	م Answer key/Solution	
4 O the use of foreign settings to criticise his own society.		
3 O the use of embellishments in his description of despotism.		
2 O how despotism is repressive to those who challenge it.		

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All the other options, though factually true, don't help explain the incorrect categorization of Montesquieu as an Orientalist.

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Which one of the following, if true, would most weaken the arguments presented in the passage?

1  $\bigcirc$  Montesquieu's writings about non-Western despotism had nopurpose other than aiming to expose it.

Solution: Correct Answer : 1 Correct Answer - (1)	م Answer key/Solution
4 O Despotism is far more prevalent and intransigent than people in an	educated, and free society think.
3 O A vast majority of modern scholars consider Montesquieu's accoun	t as a criticism of Western despotism.
2 An overwhelming account of despotism described by Montesquieu	showcases non-Western despotism.

The passage argues that even though he drew from the history of Asia and the Middle East to depict despots of large empires, categorizing Montesquieu as an orientalist would be wrong because much of his critique of despotism, in fact, amounts to a critique of Europe. It was common defensive practice for intellectuals of his time to use exotic locations as a stalking horse to criticise their own societies. Thus, option (1), by arguing that his writing about non-Western despotism had no such agenda, weakens the

author's argument the most.

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- 2 this supports the information provided by the author.
- 3 this is again in line with the passage.
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### Q.16 [11831809]

The account of Montesquieu reveals each of the following EXCEPT that:

1	$\bigcirc$	the despotic ideas of Europe derived from exalted religious sources.
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Correct Answer – (1)	
Correct Answer : 1	Answer key/Solution
Solution:	
4 O liberty is incompatible with the threat of subjugation to cruel punis	shment.
3 O some respected institutions in Europe used an extreme form of po	ower.
2 in Europe, there was the suppression of heresy through despotic a	cts.

The passage simply states that ".... he also manages to underscore the despotic practices of venerated European institutions: the Catholic Church and the French monarchy." This does not indicate that religious sources acted as the basis for the despotic ideas of Europe.

#### **Incorrect Answers:**

- 2 –Refer "He unmasks the despotism of the Portuguese Inquisitors, who burn alive an adolescent girl for practising the Judaism of her parents and even of his own homeland, which executes for treason those who merely reproach the monarch's minister."
- 3 Refer "Despite his apparent focus on Eastern despotism, he also manages to underscore the despotic practices of venerated European institutions: the Catholic Church and the French monarchy."
- 4 Refer "Liberty, he maintains, is a feeling of security that the threat of arbitrary punishment necessarily contravenes."

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# Q.17 [11831809]

**Directions for question (17):** The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given in this question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper order for the sentences and key in this sequence of four numbers as your answer.

- 1. Rawls extended his discussion of civil disobedience in a series of presentations, culminating in 'The justification of civil disobedience'.
- 2. On this account, the 'sense of justice' that individuals possess is what predisposes them to accept the principles of justice.
- 3. The last was crucial to Rawls, given his focus in the late 1950s and early 1960s on providing a moral, psychological account of why individuals would accept his principles of justice.
- 4. The additions reflected the debates of the intervening years: the importance of punishing protestors, the publicity of protest, and the appeal made by protestors to the democratic majority.

Correct Answer : 1432 Correct Answer - 1432 Answer key/Solution

Of all the four statements, only statement 1 seems to be a general statement. It merely introduces the subject of the paragraph, i.e. the last concern of Rawl's discussion of civil disobedience. Thus, statement 1 will be the opening statement. Statement 3 has the phrase 'the last' that indicates at the last element of the list presented in statement 4, i.e. the importance of punishing protestors, the publicity of protest, and the appeal made by protestors to the democratic majority. Therefore, statement 3 will follow statement 4. 'This account' in statement 2 indicates at the 'psychological account' mentioned in statement 3. Therefore, the correct sequence will be 1432.

### Original Paragraph:

Rawls extended his discussion of civil disobedience in a series of presentations, culminating in 'The justification of civil disobedience' (1967). The additions reflected the debates of the intervening years: the importance of punishing protestors, the publicity of protest, and the appeal made by protestors to the democratic majority. The last was crucial to Rawls, given his focus in the late 1950s and early 1960s on providing a moral psychological account of why individuals would accept his principles of justice, which drew on the moral philosophy of G. E. M. Anscombe and Philippa Foot. On this account, the 'sense of justice' that individuals possess is what predisposes them to accept the principles of justice. This was also central to his treatment of civil disobedience, which was a problem in 'non-ideal theory': it would not occur in a society where everyone followed the (just) laws, but only in a 'nearly just society' – one that, controversially, for Rawls, closely resembled the US. Assuming a nearly just society, Rawls defined civil disobedience as a mechanism for correcting diversions from the principles of justice (as set down in the constitution) that proceeded by an appeal to the 'sense of justice' of the majority.

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#### Q.18 [11831809]

**Directions for question (18):** The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given in this question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper order for the sentences and keyin this sequence of four numbers as your answer.

- 1. It is still unclear what adaptive value its black-and-white colouring seems to have.
- 2. Most mammals have drab colouration, generally showing brown tones, but a few exceptions require an evolutionary explanation.
- 3. Several possibilities for its unusual look include intraspecific messaging, heat management, aposematism, and background matching, the latter two to avoid predation by tigers, leopards, and dholes, who hunt on giant pandas, especially young ones.
- 4. The giant panda is a flagship species of conservation biology, whose black-and-white colouring is confusing.

Correct Answer : 2431 Correct Answer - 2431 Answer key/Solution

Statement 2 will be the opening statement as it makes a general statement regarding the colors borne by mammals. This argument serves as premise for statement 4. Statement 4 narrows down the argument to the giant panda. Statement 3 presents a supporting argument for statement 4. Thus statement 3 will follow statement 4. Statement 1 uses the phrase 'still' that indicates that the argument preceding statement 1 shall be falsified by statement 3. Therefore, the correct sequence will be 2431.

#### **Original Source:**

Most mammals have drab coloration, generally showing brown tones, but there are a small number of well-known exceptions that demand evolutionary explanation. One is the giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*), an iconic flagship species of conservation biology which is familiar to a great many people, but the function of its black-and-white coloration has proven puzzling. Several hypotheses for its strange appearance have been suggested. These include intraspecific signalling, heat management, aposematism, and background matching, the latter two to avoid predation by tigers (*Panthera tigris*), leopards (*Panthera pardus*) and dholes (*Cuon alpinus*), all of which are suggested to prey on giant pandas, especially young ones. To date however, the adaptive significance of its seemingly conspicuous black-and-white coloration remains unresolved.

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# Q.19 [11831809]

**Directions for question (19):** The passage given below is followed by four summaries. Choose the option that best captures the author's position.

If science is algorithmic, then it must have the potential for automation. This futuristic dream has eluded information and computer scientists for decades, in large part because the three main steps of scientific discovery occupy different planes. Observation is sensual; hypothesis-generation is mental; experimentation is mechanical. Automating the scientific process will require the effective incorporation of machines in each step and in all three, feeding into each other without friction. Nobody has yet figured out how to do that.

4 Observation is a sensuous activity, the formulation of hypotheses is a cerebral activity, experimentation is a mechanical activity, and science cannot integrate them effectively.
3 ONo one has yet worked out how to successfully automate scientific processes, which requires incorporating machines in each of the phases of scientific discovery without causing any friction.
2 Decause science is algorithmic, it is possible to automate the scientific process; however, the three diverse phases of scientific discovery in different places are difficult to manage.
1 Computer scientists have struggled for decades to realise their utopian ambition of fully automating the scientific process since there are three phases involved in scientific discovery.
and in all three, recalling into each other without metion. Nobody has yet figured out how to do that.

**Correct Answer: 3** 

Correct Answer - (3)

Answer key/Solution

The core arguments of the paragraph are:

- Automating the scientific process will require the effective incorporation of machines in each step and in all three, feeding into each other without friction.
- · Nobody has yet figured out how to do that.

Option (3) encapsulates these two elements and is the correct answer.

#### **Incorrect Answers:**

- 1 'Utopian' is nowhere suggested.
- 2 No one has figured out how to automate the scientific process.
- 4 Whether science can do this or not has not been conclusively answered.

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### Q.20 [11831809]

**Directions for question (20):** 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. Today we recognize Batesian mimics as species with no special protection that bear a striking resemblance to a model which has some natural protection due to taste, stinging capability, or some other means of deterring predators.
- 2. Mimicry, then, is one of the earliest documented examples of evolution in response to the biotic environment attributed to natural selection after the appearance of Darwin's "Origin of Species".
- 3. Bates, when reviewing mimics of the Heliconidae butterflies, concluded that the reason there are so many mimics of the Heliconidae is to benefit from the protection afforded the Heliconidae due to their bad taste.
- 4. Bates clearly postulated that these mimics have evolved these traits due to natural selection, "This principle can be no other than natural selection, the selecting agents being insectivorous animals".
- 5. Mimicry is the appearance of two different species that bear a striking similarity in appearance, and this similarity can be striking.

Correct Answer : 1
Correct Answer - 1

Order - 5342

5 is the opening sentence as it describes and introduces a new theme. 3 and 4 are mandatory pairs; 3 introduces an expert on mimicry and 4 carries forward his theory. 2 is the concluding sentence since it connects the previous three points and gives them a closure.

Answer key/Solution

1 is the odd one out here since it speaks of a different evolutionary model of mimicry altogether.

Original Source: (The underlined parts are the sentences that are used to create this question. The boldface is the part that is odd)

Mimicry is the appearance of two different species that bear a striking similarity in appearance. This similarity can be striking. Bates (1862), when reviewing mimics of the *Heliconidae* butterflies remarks that "The resemblance is so close, that it is only after long practice that the true can be distinguished from the counterfeit, ...". Bates concluded that the reason there are so many mimics of the *Heliconidae* is to benefit from the protection afforded the *Heliconidae* due to their bad taste. Mimics that lack such protection are now referred to as Batesian mimics; the species they resemble are referred as the model. Bates (1862) clearly postulated that these mimics have evolved these traits due to natural selection, "This principle can be no other than natural selection, the selecting agents being insectivorous animals ...". Mimicry then is one of the earliest documented examples of evolution in response to the biotic environment attributed to natural selection after the appearance of Darwin's "Origin of Species"...

Müller (1879) on the other hand suggests that species that are both distasteful may also evolve to resemble each other since "... if two distasteful species are sufficiently alike to be mistaken for one another, the experience acquired at the expense of one of them will likewise benefit the other...". Today we recognize Batesian mimics as species with no special protection that bear a striking resemblance to a model which has some natural protection due to taste, stinging capability, or some other means of deterring predators.

Müllerian mimics are species which resemble each other even though both possess a means of deterring predators.

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### Q.21 [11831809]

**Directions for question (21):**The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given in this question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper order for the sentences and key in this sequence of four numbers as your answer.

- 1. Chinese sources claim that China can exercise soft power due to its tradition of thinking about harmony.
- 2. In all three cases, such harmony discourses set a rhetorical trap, forcing audiences to empathise and identify with the "harmonious" self or risk being violently "harmonised."
- 3. Similar dichotomising harmony discourses have been employed precisely in the West and Japan.
- 4. The concept of harmony looms large in Chinese soft power campaigns, which differentiate China's own harmonious soft power from the allegedly disharmonious hard power of other great powers—in particular Western powers and Japan.

Solution:

Correct Answer : 1432 Correct Answer -1432 Answer key/Solution

Sentence 1 opens the paragraph. Sentence 4 logically follows 1 because sentence 4 provides a detailed explanation of the concept of harmony. Sentences 3 and 2 form a mandatory pair because sentence 3 describes how harmony discourses have been used in the West and Japan. Sentence 2 concludes the paragraph by mentioning that in all the 3 cases, a rhetorical trap has been set up by harmony discourses. Sentences 3 and 2 are thematically connected.

### **Original Source:**

This article engages with China's "politics of harmony" to investigate the dangers and possibilities of soft power as a concept and practice. Chinese sources claim that China will be able to exercise soft power due to its tradition of thinking about harmony. Indeed, the concept of harmony looms large in Chinese soft power campaigns, which differentiate China's own harmonious soft power from the allegedly disharmonious hard power of other great powers—in particular Western powers and Japan. Yet, similarly dichotomizing harmony discourses have been employed precisely in the West and Japan. In all three cases, such harmony discourses set a rhetorical trap, forcing audiences to empathize and identify with the "harmonious" self or risk being violently "harmonized." There is no doubt that the soft power of harmony is coercive. More importantly, the present article argues that it has legitimized and enabled oppressive, homogenizing and bellicose expansionism and rule in the West and Japan. A similarly structured exercise of soft power may enable violence in and beyond China, too. Ultimately, however, we argue that China's own tradition of thinking about harmony may help us to theorize how soft power might be exercised be in less antagonistic and violent ways.

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### Q.22 [11831809]

**Directions for question (22):** The passage given below is followed by four summaries. Choose the option that best captures the author's position.

Child soldiering imposes extreme stress. This, in turn, has three profound consequences. The first is that the desocialisation and dehumanisation of a young adolescent's mind become self-perpetuating. Secondly, the lost childhood of such victims means that schooling and rehabilitation are very difficult to institute. This has been evident in the African experience as the educational rehabilitation of former child soldiers has proven extremely difficult there once the normal childhood window has closed. Thirdly, many who work with children and adolescents who were child soldiers find high posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Though published work on the long-term mental health and developmental sequelae is lacking, many anticipate that rehabilitation of those once engaged as child soldiers will be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.

1 Child soldiers are subject to great stress with three significant ran socialisation, loss of childhood and education, and high rates of posttra	
2 O There is a paucity of published research on the long-term mental h soldiers, and many believe that rehabilitating former child soldiers will be	-
3 O Even though seemingly impossible, rehabilitation of those who we understanding the de-socialisation, loss of childhood and stress disorders.	-
4 The significant consequence of the extreme stress of child soldier posttraumatic stress disorder—makes it extremely difficult to rehabilitate	_
Solution: Correct Answer : 4 Correct Answer - (4)	م Answer key/Solution

As per the passage, the stress of child soldering results in three major consequences:

- · de-socialisation and dehumanisation of a young adolescent's mind
- · lost childhood of such victims
- posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

And many anticipate that rehabilitation of those once engaged as child soldiers will be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve. Thus, option (4) is the correct summarization.

#### **Incorrect Answers:**

- 1 There is a loss of childhood that makes schooling and rehabilitation are very difficult to institute.
- 2 The lack of research is a peripheral observation, not the main argument.
- 3 This changes the entire tone of the paragraph.

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### Q.23 [11831809]

**Directions for question (23):** Five jumbled up sentences related to a topic is given below. Four of them can be put together to form a coherent paragraph. Identify the odd one out and key in the number of the sentence as your answer.

- 1. Suffice it to recall at least how many biographies of Tsvetaeva were published in last years, not to mention volumes of correspondence, diaries, memoirs and tons of published and republished work.
- 2. But the glory of Tsvetaeva as a personality has outstripped, and is still ahead of, the glory of Tsvetaeva as a poet, since thick magazines and publishing houses have given and continue to give preference to something biographical, stubbornly avoiding talking about poetry itself.
- 3. But the prose, which she turned to in exile, is perhaps one of the most amazing both from an aesthetic, and from a linguistic, and from a historical point of view phenomena of the literature of the last century.
- 4. Despite the fact that since the 60s 70s, thanks to the collections published in the Large and Small series of the Poet's Library, Tsvetaeva the poet has become widely known in Russia, Tsvetaeva the playwright still remains behind the scenes, and originality and the scope of Tsvetaeva the prose writer, we are just beginning to realize.
- 5. The unknown, unnoticed, unexplored, in the form of which Marina Ivanovna was unusual for the reader, which genetically grew out of the unique author's poetry and stretched out its bare lyrical nerve.

Solution:

Correct Answer : 5 Correct Answer - 5 Order - 1243 Answer key/Solution

1 are 2 are mandatory pairs and 1 is the opening line since it introduces the subject and the theme of the paragraph, that of Marina Tsvetaeva and the prevalence of biographical details as opposed to her valuation as a poet. 4 comes next as it describes her body of work and the amount which remains obscured. 3 comes next and is the concluding line; 3 connects directly to the her prose work mentioned in 4.

5 is odd one out since it speaks of a different figure altogether.

Source: (The underlined parts are the sentences that are used to create this question. The boldface is the part that is odd)

Suffice it to recall at least how many biographies of Tsvetaeva were published in last years, not to mention volumes of correspondence, diaries, memoirs and tons of published and republished work. Including the unknown, unnoticed, unexplored, in the form of which Marina Ivanovna was unusual for the reader. But the glory of Tsvetaeva as a personality has outstripped, and is still ahead of, the glory of Tsvetaeva as a poet, since thick magazines and publishing houses have given and continue to give preference to something biographical, stubbornly avoiding talking about poetry itself. Despite the fact that since the 60s - 70s, thanks to the collections published in the Large and Small series of the Poet's Library, Tsvetaeva the poet has become widely known in Russia, Tsvetaeva the playwright still remains behind the scenes, and originality and the scope of Tsvetaeva the prose writer, we are just beginning to realize. But the prose, which she turned to in exile, is perhaps one of the most amazing - both from an aesthetic, and from a linguistic, and from a historical point of view - phenomena of the literature of the last century. Many essays, portrait essays-requiems about contemporary writers, critical articles, memoir stories and other documentary fiction prose, which genetically grew out of the unique author's poetry and stretched out its bare lyrical nerve, at the beginning of the 20th century was called the then young term "lyric prose".

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### Q.24 [11831809]

**Directions for question (24):** The passage given below is followed by four summaries. Choose the option that best captures the author's position.

Bakunin objected to Marxists' revolutionary means: seizing state power and using that power to direct radical social change. Bakunin feared the Marxist approach when he wrote that to hand over to the state all the main sources of economic life – the land, the mines, the railways, banking, insurance, and so on – as also the management of all the main branches of industry, in addition to all the functions already accumulated in its hands (education, state-supported religions, defence of territory, etc.), would mean to create a new instrument of tyranny. State capitalism would only increase the powers of bureaucracy and capitalism.

1 O Bakunin opposed Marxists' revolutionary measures of giving the state all the life because he thought it would create a new tool of oppression.	main elements of economic
2 Bakunin believed that state capitalism would boost bureaucracy and capitalis Marxism which proposed giving more powers to the state,	sm and therefore opposed
3 The Marxist ideology of seizing the state's power to create a direct radical so objections from contemporary revolutionists like Bakunin.	cial change was met with
4 The Marxists believed in capturing fundamental sources of economic life and of industry, and this was met with opposition from Bakunin.	l controlling all the branches
Solution:	م Answer key/Solution

**Correct Answer: 1** 

Correct Answer - (1)

Option (1) is the most appropriate answer. Bakunin's objection is based on the fact that too much of state control would lead to 'tyranny'. Refer to the last 2 sentences of the passage in particular.

#### **Incorrect answers**

Option (2) cannot be the answer because it is narrow in scope.

Option (3) again does not cover the entire passage.

Option (4) is factually incorrect in the light of the passage.

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