

Explanatory Notes

Exercise – 1

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

1. Refer to line 5 of stanza 1, from which it can be understood that the king got the motto engraved because it would be a constant reminder.
Choice A: This is not the precise answer.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given above.
Choice C: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice D: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice (B)
2. Choice C can be understood from stanza 3, lines 6 – 8. The remaining option cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice (C)
3. Refer to stanza 3, line 9 – 14 which states that symbol of the King's fame was the statue.
Choice A: The signet ring provided him wise counsel, it did not represent the king's fame
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This was a part of the king's wealth, it did not represent his fame.
Choice D: This can be ruled out based on the same explanation given for C.
Choice (B)
4. Choice A: Correct. The words 'Even this shall pass away' repeated at the end of each stanza shows that the central idea is that nothing is permanent.
Choice B: This cannot be inferred from the information given in the passage.
Choice C: Though true, this is not the central idea of the passage.
Choice D: This cannot be understood from the information given in the passage.
Choice (A)
5. Option (A): 'vituperative' means full of anger and hate', which is not the answer.
Option (B): seems to be too silly to be the answer.
Option (D): Almost the same meaning as option (A) 'Scornful means showing contempt.
Option (C): Correct. 'Fleckless' means 'being weak and irresponsible', is the correct answer.
Choice (C)
6. Option (B): doesn't seem to be completely true.
Option (C): nothing is mentioned even superficially about this.
Option (D): this is false. American economy is facing a decline as per the passage.
Option (A): The political discord is surely mentioned to be hindering American progress.
Choice (A)
7. Option (A): No country decides to remain sluggish in the face of a crisis.
Option (B): Correct. 'Default' in the context where it is used, surely means that America is burdened with unpaid debts.
Option (C): This is the general concept about America, which is failing at present.
Option (D): Though there is economic chaos reigning over America, it is not said to cover before any other country in the passage.
Choice (B)
8. Option (A): China's emergency might force America to take a back seat but cannot pronounce its decline.
Option (B): A President's vain promises can't declare a country's doom.
Option (C): Though it is said that America's response to recession is languid, there is hope of prosperity or improvement suggested in the passage.
Option (D): Correct. It is of course, the combination of the factors mentioned in this option, which can lead a nation to an impending doom.
Choice (D)
9. The author examines what the revisionists say and compares it with what the nationalist say.
Choice A: Throughout the passage, the author maintains a neutral stand and does not accuse anyone.
Choice B: The author does not debunk the revisionists' version, he merely draws a comparison between the revisionists' version and the nationalists' version.
Choice C: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice D: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice (C)
10. Choice B can be understood from para 1, lines 11 – 13. 'They conceded that.....part of the deficit'.
Choice A: This is not suggested in the passage.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This is not suggested in the passage.
Choice D: This is not stated in the passage and is not relevant to the question posed.
Choice (B)
11. Refer to para 2, lines 5 – 7. Weavers and their hand-made textiles became obsolete even in Europe. Hence, this adds to the idea of Indian weavers becoming the victims of technological obsolescence.
Choice A: This does nothing to strengthen the given conclusion.
Choice B: Even this option does not strengthen the conclusion.
Choice C: This option actually weakens the conclusion.
Choice D: Correct based on then explanation given at the beginning.
Choice (D)
12. Choice A: Correct. Refer to para 2, lines 2 – 5. 'They calculated.....18.6 percent.
Choice B: This is the converse of the opinion held by the revisionists.
Choice C: This also runs contrary to the opinion held by the revisionists.
Choice D: This is not the point on which the revisionists agreed with the classic picture of India's decline
Choice (A)
13. Only choice (D) is not a reason for the disparity of economic fortunes. (Refer to para 2).
Choice A: This can be understood from para 2 of the passage. Refer to the last three sentences.
Choice B: This is supported by the last two sentences of the penultimate para.
Choice C: This is supported by the second and third paras of the passage.
Choice D: Correct based on the4 explanation given at the beginning.
Choice (D)
14. Refer to the last 2 sentences of the passage. The remaining options are not supported by the information provided in the passage.
Choice (A)
15. Refer to the last line of the penultimate para, where the words in quote appear. The word 'here' refers to what has been said earlier in the sentence – the unreasonableness of seeing Muslims as potential terrorists. Therefore, it refers to people's attitude.
Choice (D)
16. Choice (B) is not the reviewer's view. Refer to para 4, Mr. Legrain rebuts the commonly held view that taxpayers are willing to support only those with whom they feel kinship. Hence, choice (B) is the commonly held view, it is neither the reviewer's nor Mr. Legrain's view.
Choice A: This option is supported by the third para of the passage.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This option is supported by para 5 of the passage.
Choice D: This option can be understood from the first sentence of para 6.
Choice (B)

17. Choice A: Correct. Refer to para 6, the example of Polish immigrants is used to show that racism and fear play a part in accepting immigrants.
Choice B: This is not what the reviewer intends to convey through the example.
Choice C: This is not relevant to the question.
Choice D: This is not what the reviewer intends to convey through the example. Choice (A)
18. Choice (D) has not been mentioned in the passage.
Choice A: This is supported by para 2 of the passage.
Choice B: This option is supported by the last sentence of para 2.
Choice C: This option is also supported by the last sentence of para 2.
Choice D: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning. Choice (D)
19. Refer to the first line of the last para. The view is the reviewer's. Choice (A)
20. Sentence (a) has not been mentioned.
Sentences (b), (c), (d) and (e) are all true.
(b) is supported by para 1 (the reference to rich world).
Sentence (c) is backed by para 5.
Sentence (d) by para 6.
Sentence (e) by para 4. Choice (C)
21. The term bourgeoisie denoted a band of people in society. It denoted town dwellers in medieval Europe and later the class of capitalist. Thus, this band moves up or down in society. Hence it is 'transitional'. A stratum, plural strata, is a group of people representing one stage in cultural development. Choice (A)
22. Refer to the second half of para 4.
Choice A: This is validated by the second sentence of para 3.
Choice B: This option can be understood from the first sentence of para 4.
Choice C: This option can also be inferred from the first sentence of para 4. Choice (D)
23. Refer to lines 6 – 8 of para 1 which validate Choice B
Choice A: This is true according to Engel's view and not Hegel's.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This option reflects Engel's view and not Hegel's.
Choice D: This cannot be understood from the passage. Choice (B)
24. Refer to lines 4 – 8 of the last para.
Choice A: Schumpeter merely emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship and connected the development of modern democracy with the rise of capitalism. Choice A is, therefore, a distortion of what is stated.
Choice B: This is also a distortion of Schumpeter's views.
Choice C: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice D: This refers to Max Weber's view and not Schumpeter's. Choice (C)
25. Refer to para 4, first sentence which makes choice (B) right.
Choice A: This is negated by para 4.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This is not covered in the passage.
Choice D: This option too cannot be understood from the passage. Choice (B)
- Choice C: Correct. While the passage says that the automotive battery industry is the largest consumer of lead (para 4) it does not say that the automotive industry is the worst culprit.
Choice D: This is rendered correct by the last sentence of the passage. Choice (C)
2. The author is clearly concerned about the problem as is seen from his suggestions on recycling and safe disposal. Choice (A)
3. Choice A: This is a positive feature and not cause for concern.
Choice B: Correct. Refer to the last couple of sentence of para 1 which validate option B.
Choice C: This option is incorrect.
Choice D: This is not mentioned in the passage. Choice (B)
4. Refer to para 3. All four choices are mentioned. Choice (D)
5. The focus of the passage is on disposal of batteries as is seen from para 1 (line 3), last sentence of the penultimate para and the last para. Hence choice D is the correct answer.
Choice A: This is not the main focus of the passage.
Choice B: This is only a subsidiary point.
Choice C: This is not the main idea of the passage.
Choice D: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning. Choice (D)
6. Choice A: Refer to the third sentence of the penultimate para.
Choice B: Correct. This does not find a mention in the paragraph.
Choice C: This is rendered correct by the first sentence of the penultimate para.
Choice D: Refer to the third sentence of the penultimate para. Choice (B)
7. As is seen from the last para, the author seeks to educate the consumer on handling batteries. Choice (A)
8. Refer to para 2, lines 1 – 3. Private companies resort to emotional blackmail so that cord blood banks can be set up. Choice (C)
9. The focus of the passage is on the fact that cord blood is a good source of stem cells. Refer to lines 1 – 3 of the first paragraph.
Choice A: This is not stated in the passage.
Choice B: It cannot be inferred from the passage that cord blood is an alternative to stem-cells.
Choice C: This cannot be understood from the information provided in the passage.
Choice D: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning. Choice (D)
10. Choice A: This is stated in the last part of para 1.
Choice B: This is stated in the last part of para 1.
Choice C: This is stated in the last part of para 1.
Choice D: Correct. Refer to the last four lines of para 1, which lists the advantages of the use of cord blood. It mentions 'a low rate of viral contamination'. Hence choice (D) which states that there is 'no scope of viral infection' has not been cited. Choice (D)
11. The second sentence of para 3 validates choice D Choice (D)
12. The words are from the last para – altruism means doing good towards others. Choice (A)
13. Statement a: This is suggested in the last para.
Statement b: This is not stated in the passage.
Statement c: This is not stated in the passage.
Statement d: This is suggested in the last para. Choice (B)

Exercise – 2

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

1. Choice A: This is validated by the last sentence of para 2.
Choice B: This is stated in the second sentence of para 2.

14. The second sentence of para suggests that the most effective selling point to promote cord blood saving in India is that it can be used by family members at a later date.
Choice (C)
15. Statement a: This is validated by the last sentence of para 3.
Statement b: Donations for blood banks should be voluntary so b can be ruled out.
Statement c: This is validated by line 6 of para 3.
Statement d: The phrase 'overhead costs' rules out statement d.
Choice (B)
16. Choice A: Correct. Truthfulness is the central idea of the passage.
Choice B: He does not preach the tenets of Yoga. He merely dwells on the importance of truthfulness in Yoga.
Choice C: He does not preach asceticism.
Choice D: This is not the main idea what the author intends to convey.
Choice (A)
17. Refer to para 3 – scientific materialism is called the core lie.
Choice (D)
18. Refer to para 8 and 9. Choice (A) can be inferred.
Choice (A)
19. It can be inferred from para 5 and 6 that according to Mahanirvana Tantra, truthfulness is the highest moral virtue.
Choice (C)
20. Choice A: The author accuses politicians of lying and cheating. Refer to para 2.
Choice B: This is validated by para 2 of the passage.
Choice C: This can be understood from the fourth para.
Choice (D)
21. Refer to the 4th para of the passage. It is stated here that the great philosophers of the modern period could write brief and polished treatises with the aim of appealing to all readers irrespective of their gender.
Choice (B)
22. Throughout the passage, particularly in paras 2, 3, and 4 the author compares and contrasts the medieval philosophy and early modern philosophy.
Choice (B)
23. It is stated in the last three sentences of para 4 that the philosophy of the early modern period was no longer clerical i.e. it was detached from religious enthusiasm. Hence it was secular.
Choice A: Correct based on the explanation given above.
Choice B: Eclectic, meaning selecting or choosing from various sources, is not supported by the passage.
Choice C: This is the opposite of secular, hence inappropriate.
Choice D: Catholic, meaning broad or wide-ranging in tastes, interests, or the like; having sympathies with all; broad-minded; liberal, is not supported by the passage.
Choice (A)
24. Refer to the last para of the passage, particularly the last sentence, which implies that (C) is the answer.
Choice (C)
25. Choice A: This is validated by the last part of para 5.
Choice B: This is also true according to para 5. Refer to the line "Not that philosophers...".
Choice C: This can also be understood from para 5.
Choice D: This option is not true according to the last sentence of para 1.
Choice (D)
- Choice B: That philosophy is not exact or clear is not a fact but is an allegation levelled against (by an ungentle reader).
Choice C: This is not stated as a reason for science appearing to be stagnant.
Choice D: This also can be ruled out based on the same explanation given for c.
Choice (A)
2. Refer to para 2.
Choice A: This is not the main attribute.
Choice B: Correct. Line 3 of para 2 validates this option.
Choice C: This is disproved by para 2.
Choice D: This is a distortion because it stated in the passage that according to Thoreau, the most important attribute of a philosopher is to love wisdom and follow its dictates.
Choice (B)
3. Refer to the last para where science and philosophy are compared.
Statement a: This is borne out by the first sentence.
Statement b: This is stated in the last sentence.
Statement c: Refer to the lines "The scientist is as impartial....meaning and its worth".
Statement d: This option is validated by the lines "To observe processes and to construct means is science; to criticize and coordinate ends is philosophy".
Choice (D)
4. The phrase 'meat and drink' according to Browning suggests that it is a source of pleasure to try and find the meaning of life.
Choice (A)
5. Refer to the penultimate sentence of the first para and the sentence preceding it from which it is clear that we can laugh in the face of the inevitable when we see things in the light of eternity.
Choice (C)
6. Statement a is validated by para 1, lines 10 – 11.
Statement b is validated by para 3, lines 3.
Statement c is validated by para 3, lines 7 – 8.
Statement d is backed by the end of para 3.
Choice (D)
7. Cicero is mentioned in para 3, Browning in para 1. Bacon in para 2 as also Thoreau.
Choice (B)
8. Choice A: This statement is validated by the fifth para of the passage.
Choice B: This can be understood from para 6 of the passage.
Choice C: This is rendered correct by the first sentence of para 6.
Choice D: Correct. Choice (D) is not true, refer to line 3 of para 6. '... religious indoctrination is no longer central to....'
Choice (D)
9. Statements (a) and (b) are true – refer to para 8, lines 2 – 3.
Statement (c) is not a reason.
Choice (D)
10. Choice A: This can be understood from the first para of the passage.
Choice B: Correct. This option is negated by para 7.
Choice C: This option is supported by the third para from the bottom.
Choice D: This is rendered correct by the first sentence of para 3.
Choice (B)
11. Refer to para 1, in the first sentence of which the words in quote appear.
Choice A: There is no reference to 'export market', therefore choice A can be eliminated.
Choice B: Correct. This option can be inferred from the first sentence.
Choice C: This option can be ruled out for there is no reference to cutting down 'employee strength'.
Choice (B)
12. The passage discusses managerial productivity and how they can play a proactive role in helping workers change. From this we can infer Choice (D).

Exercise – 3

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

1. Refer to para 3, lines 6 – 9. '...philosophy accepts the hard and hazardous task.....death'.
Choice A: Refer to para to the penultimate para.
12. The passage discusses managerial productivity and how they can play a proactive role in helping workers change. From this we can infer Choice (D).

- Choice A: This is not supported by the passage.
Choice B: This cannot be inferred from the information given in the passage.
Choice C: This is not stated in the passage.
Choice D: Correct based on the explanation given in the passage. Choice (D)
13. Refer to para 5 where Sony is referred to. The context is of introducing new products before the customers can consider your product obsolete. Choice (C)
14. Reference to the paras 2 and 4 shows that both Choice (A) and (B) are true. Choice (D)
15. Refer to para 1, line 3 which states that Ostler's study indicates that languages are subjects in their own right. Choice (B)
16. Refer to para 5.
Choice A: This option is validated by line 4.
Choice B: This option is rendered correct by lines 5 – 6.
Choice C: This is not supported by the passage. Choice (D)
17. Refer to para 3 which deals with the foot notes made by Ostler.
Statement a: This is not supported by the passage.
Statement b: This is rendered correct by the second sentence.
Statement c: This is validated by the fifth sentence.
Statement d: This statement is backed by the last sentence. Choice (C)
18. Choice A: Correct. This is not stated or implied.
Choice B: This can be inferred from the second para of the passage.
Choice C: This can be inferred from the second para. Refer to the line "One of Ostler's key gifts.....passed over in silence".
Choice D: This can be understood from the first sentence of the penultimate para. Choice (A)
19. Statement A: This can be inferred from the first para.
Statements B and C can be inferred from the first para. Refer to the line "Knowing Ostler.....Ogmios". Choice (D)
20. Refer to the first four lines of the last para. Choice (B)
21. Refer to the concluding line of the paragraph from which it is evident that A is the answer. Choice (A)
22. The third para of the passage validates choice B. Choice (B)
23. The first three sentences of the penultimate para. Validate choice D. Choice (D)
24. Choice A can be inferred from the last six lines of the penultimate para. Choice (A)
25. Choice (A) is ruled out as Abstract Expressionist Art is not mentioned.
Choice (B) is not the answer as relationship between various art forms is not mentioned.
Choice (C) is ruled out as it is not about the effect of society's attitude on commodification of art.
Choice (D) is an apt description. Choice (D)
2. Choice C is evident from para 2 of the passage. Choice (C)
3. Refer to para 1 – the hunted are the mammals and the hunter the dinosaurs. Choice (A)
4. Choice A: Refer to lines 2 and 3 of the penultimate para.
Choice B: Refer to lines 5 and 6 of the penultimate para.
Choice C: Correct. This option is not stated.
Choice D: This is validated by the last sentence of the penultimate para. Choice (C)
5. The fourth para of the passage renders option A to be correct. Choice (A)
6. Refer to para 2, where it is stated that Meng and his team comprised of an international team of palaeontologists. Palaeontologists are involved in the study of fossils. Therefore, it can be concluded that Meng and his team were involved in the study of fossils of the Mesozoic age. Choice (B)
7. In the first para, the author talks of the hunted becoming the hunter. In the last para he talks of mammals having Dinosaur Mc Nugget. Hence the two paras complement each other. Choice (A)
8. If the *Repenomamus robustus* is shown to be a herbivore, then Meng's theory that they ate dinosaurs would be incorrect. Choice (C)
9. Refer to para 2, last line which refers to the unpublished extermination of the vultures. Choice (B) says the same thing. Choice (B)
10. Choice A: Line 4 of para 1 makes choice (A) true.
Choice B: This option is rendered correct by lines 8 – 9 of para 1.
Choice C: This option is incorrect.
Choice D: The last 2 lines of the para 1 make choice (D) true. Choice (C)
11. Choice A: The author does not criticise the aviation industry. Therefore, this option is incorrect.
Choice B: This cannot be inferred from the passage.
Choice C: Correct. Line 3, para 1 and the last 2 lines of the last para point to choice (C) as the correct answer.
Choice D: Although choice (D) may be correct, it is not the main aim of the author. Choice (C)
12. A paradox is a figure of speech which involves two ideas that seem to contradict each other. Vultures being associated with death and yet being candidates for conservation are the two contrasting ideas presented in this paradox. Hence option B is correct.
Choice A: Satire involves making fun of someone or something.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: Pathos is sadness
Choice D: Irony is a figure of speech when the opposite of what is expected happens. Choice (B)
13. Option I is mentioned in para 3, line 2.
Option II can be found in the opening lines of para 3.
Option III is incorrect because they do pose a serious threat to the aviation industry.
Option IV can be found in para 3, lines 4 – 6.
Hence I, II and IV are the reasons why vultures should be saved from extinction. Choice (B)
14. Choice A: This can be understood from the penultimate para.
Choice B: This option can also be inferred from the penultimate para.
Choice C: Correct. This option is not true – consumption of diclofenac led to renal failure (refer to para 2).
Choice D: This can be understood from the penultimate para. Refer to the line "Yet some scientists....". Choice (C)

Exercise – 4

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

1. Choice A: Refer to para 3 line 4.
Choice B: Refer to para 3 line 3.
Choice C: Refer to para 3 line 5.
Choice D: Correct. This occurs in line 1 of the passage and does not refer to *R. giganticus*. Choice (D)

15. Refer to the last sentence of para 1. Choice (A) is clearly the answer.
Choice (A)
16. Choice A: This runs contrary to what the author intends to convey.
Choice B: This is also the converse of what the author wishes to convey.
Choice C: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice D: Correct. Refer to para 2, line one which renders option D correct.
Choice (D)
17. Refer to the last and penultimate sentences of para 3, where a critical characteristic of brand building has been mentioned.
Choice (A)
18. Choice (A) - can be found in para 3.
Choice (B) - is the essence of para 5.
Choice C - Correct. This option is untrue. The author feels that the 2 or 3 years that the pundits have predicted (para 1, lines 7 – 8) for the new media scene to take effect is an underestimation.
Choice D - can be found in para 4, line 2. Choice (C)
19. Choice A: This is true according to para 1- refer to the word fragmentation.
Choice B: This is true according to para 1 – line 3, 'increasing costs'.
Choice C: This is true according to para 1 – 'bypass advertising'.
All the choices are true. Choice (D)
20. Refer to para 4, line 3. Choice (B) gives the main reason why the author does not rely on ad agencies for the promotion of a brand.
Choice (B)
21. Refer to para 2, statements (a), (b), (c) and (d) can be inferred.
Choice (D)
22. According to the passage, though millennials have captured the media's attention in recent years, it is Generation X that accounts for the majority of leadership roles. This is captured in Option A.
Option B: The comparison between millennials and Generation X is not the central idea.
Option C: This may be inferred from the passage, but it is not the focus.
Option D: This is a far-fetched statement.
Choice (A)
23. See para 3. The reference to 'middle child' is followed by the sentence, "It seems that all eyes are on the slowly retiring baby boomers or the ascending millennials, now the world's majority generation." Thus it is clear that Pew Research believes that Gen X, having been trapped between 2 generations that received more recognition, was relegated to the side-lines. So the answer is C.
Option A: Leadership is not relevant to that particular reference.
Option B: This is incorrect – see para 5.
Option D: This is an extreme statement and is not relevant to the context.
Choice (C)
24. See para 3, line 3. Millennials are the majority generation. Hence option B is not true.
Option A: True – see para 1.
Option C: True – see the last line of the passage.
Option D: True – see para 5. Choice (B)
25. See the last sentence of para 3 from which option B can be inferred.
Option A: There is nothing in the passage about the baby boomer generation's comfort with technology.
Option C: This is incorrect. Para 4 states that GenX dominates leadership roles globally.
Option D: This is a generalization. The passage does mention that millennials have higher promotion rates, but this cannot be equated with recognition. Choice (B)

Exercise – 5

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

1. Choice D can be inferred from the last sentence of para 2.
Choice (D)
2. Refer to the last para, line 6.
Statement a: Pfizer spends \$7 billion a year on research it is said. That makes it more than 5 billion dollars. Hence statement a is correct.
Statement b: This statement is not mentioned in the passage.
Statement c: This statement is not mentioned in the passage.
Statement d: This statement is true as per para 4, last but one line.
Choice (A)
3. Choice A: This option is validated by the penultimate sentence of para 1.
Choice B: This option is validated by the penultimate sentence of para 1.
Choice C: Correct. This is not mentioned anywhere in the passage.
Choice D: This option is validated by the penultimate sentence of para 1.
Choice (C)
4. Choice A: This cannot be understood from the information provided in the passage.
Choice B: Correct. Refer to para 1, line 4. 'The decline in drug research - - -', clearly points to choice B.
Choice C: This is not stated in the passage.
Choice D: This option also cannot be inferred from the information provided in the passage. Choice (B)
5. The last two sentences of para 1 validate option D. The remaining options cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice (D)
6. Choice A: Correct. This is validated by lines 4 to 7 of para 4.
Choice B: This option is negated by the third sentence of para 1.
Choice C: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice D: This is not a reason for the pharma companies appearing to be in good health. Choice (A)
7. 1 matches with c. Refer to the first line of para 2.
2 matches with d. Refer to the first line of the last para.
3 matches with b. Refer to the third sentence of para 2.
4 matches with a. Refer to para 2, 2nd sentence.
Choice (B)
8. Choice A: This option is rendered correct by the last sentence of para 3.
Choice B: This option is validated by the last sentence of para 3.
Choice C: Correct. This option is not mentioned in the passage.
Choice D: This can be understood from the last sentence of para 3. Choice (C)
9. Refer to the last 5 lines of para 4 and 5. Choice (C)
10. Refer to para 2, line 4 from the end of the para where the words in quote occur. The lines that precede and follow point to choice D.
Choice A: The author states that while we maintain relationships with many people, the relationship is limited.
Choice B: While this is true, it does not bring out the meaning of what the author intends to convey.
Choice C: The safety aspect of maintaining relationships does not bring out the meaning of the given expression.
Choice D: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning. Choice (D)
11. Statement a: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Statement b: This statement also cannot be inferred from the passage.

- Statement c: This statement is correct. Refer to the last 6 lines of para 3.
Statement d: This statement is also according to the last 6 lines of para 3. Statements (c) and (d) are right.
Choice (B)
12. Refer to para 3, line 1 – alienation would mean estrangement.
Choice (A)
13. Choice A: correct according to para 3 of the passage.
Choice B: this also can be understood from para 3 of the passage.
Choice D: this is stated in para 4.
Choice (D)
14. Statement (a): can be inferred from para 1.
Statement (b): can be inferred from the end of para 2.
Statement (c) and (d) have not been stated or implied.
Choice (C)
15. Choice A: This option is right.
Choice B: This option is ruled out because we are not discussing work.
Choice C: This is ruled out because no reference is made to standardized parts.
Choice D: This can be ruled out for the same reason given for C.
Choice (A)
16. Line 6 of para 1 shows 1 – c.
2 – b is found in para 3.
The first 3 lines of para 1 shows 3 – d.
The first 3 lines of para 1 shows 4 – a is right.
Choice (B)
17. Choices A: This is an analogy used in paras 3 and 4 to show that you can cooperate even as you compete.
Choice B: Correct. Markets is not used as an analogy.
Choice C: This is an analogy used in para 4 to show that you can cooperate even as you compete.
Choice D: This is mentioned in the last para.
Choice (B)
18. Choice A: Correct. Refer to the first sentence of the passage.
Choice A is not the author's opinion. It is something that he says others take as given or true.
Choice B: This can be understood from the last para of the passage.
Choice C: This can be understood from the last para of the passage.
Choice D: This can be understood from the last para of the passage.
Choice (A)
19. Refer to para 5, lines 6 – 7. The situation referred to in this sentence is the one in the preceding sentence when one player engages in an all-out competition to his own and the industry's detriment.
Choice (D)
20. Refer to the first line of para 5.
Choice (B)
21. Choice A: This is stated in the second para of the passage.
Choice B: This is mentioned in para 3.
Choice C: This is also mentioned in para 3.
Choice (D)
22. Choice A: This option is negated by the first sentence of para 4.
Choice B: Correct. Refer to the last sentence of the passage which validates option B.
Choice C: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice D: Refer to the last two sentences of para 2, from which it can be understood that it is not out of our bounds.
Choice (B)
23. The passage, as a whole, deals with providing electricity to all parts of the country. Hence a national electricity policy is central to the passage.
Choice (C)
24. Choice A: This is validated by the third sentence of para 4.
Choice B: This is validated by the fourth sentence of para 4.
Choice C: This is validated by the last sentence of para 4.
Choice (D)
25. The first sentence of the passage states that record levels of crude prices in recent times have once again underscored the need to tap non-conventional and renewable energy sources. Hence, 'economic considerations' which conveys the same sense is the correct answer.
Choice (D)

Exercise – 6

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

- Choice A: Correct. This option is not true: refer to para 4, line 1.
Choice B: true according to the last sentence of para 3.
Choice C: true according to the penultimate sentence of para 6.
Choice D: true according to the penultimate para.
Choice (A)
- Choice A: It is evident from the last sentence of para 3 that bioflavonoids do not belong to the group terpenes. Hence option A is incorrect.
Choices B: this is negated by para 6 of the passage.
Choice C: this is also negated by para 6 of the passage.
Choice D: Correct. This is validated by para 7.
Choice (D)
- Refer to para 2, the danger is Choice (A) although (B) and (C) are true.
Choice (A)
- Statement (A) is false: para 6, line 3
Statement (B) is false: para 5, last 2 sentences. The reference is not to short term memory and not long term memory.
Statement (C) is true: para 2
Statement (D) is true: para 3 last sentence
Choice (B)
- Prolonged use of Ginkgo biloba is not discussed in the passage.
Choice (D)
- Choice A: This option is rendered incorrect by the last part of para 3.
Choice B: This option is also negated by the last part of para 3.
Choice C: Correct. This option can be inferred from the last para of the passage.
Choice D: This cannot be understood from the information provided by the passage.
Choice (C)
- Refer to the last two sentences of the penultimate para which validate option B.
Choice A: This is not the reason for their enduring value.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This is not the reason for their enduring value.
Choice D: This option also does not bring out the reason for the abiding value of these books.
Choice (B)
- Choice A: This is supported by para 5.
Choice B: This option is also supported by para 5.
Choice C: This is a distortion of what is stated in para 5 (second sentence). It is stated here that mythologies appeared absurd and ridiculous if people believed in the factual content of these books.
Choice (D)
- Refer to the last 3 lines of para 2. 'its totalitarian claims' indicate that they are products of the human mind.
Choice (C)
- Statement a: is negated in lines 6 of the last para. Refer to the word '...paid little attention to the soul.
Statement b: this is supported by line 3 of the last para.
Statement c: this is supported by line 5 of the last para.
Statement d: this is a distortion because according to line 8 of the last para, it is the Vedic Aryans and not the Vedas which believed in life after death.
Choice (B)

11. Choice A: Correct. This option is supported by para 3 of the passage. The word 'simulation' means to replicate something. Hence, the new educational system replicated the requirements of the new world and thus prepared children for the future.
Choice B: This does not explain the way in which the new educational system simulated the new world.
Choice C: It is not stated in the passage that teachers, once, played the role of a parent.
Choice D: This cannot be inferred from the passage.
Choice (A)
12. Refer to para 4. Choice B can be understood from the line 'The way out of scholastic systems.....the present'.
Choice A: This does not bring out the essence of Dewey's statement.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This is the converse of what John Dewey's statement.
Choice D: This cannot be understood from John Dewey's statement.
Choice (B)
13. Refer to para 1 where the Biblical quotation occurs. It refers to the education of the past.
Choice (C)
14. Refer to para 2. Phrases like 'a new sense of time', 'to pre-adapt children for a new world' makes it clear that the shift is from past to present.
Choice A: This does not refer to the time bias necessitated by industrialism.
Choice B: This does not refer to the time bias necessitated by industrialism.
Choice C: This does not refer to the time bias necessitated by industrialism.
Choice D: Correct according to the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice (D)
15. Refer to para 3. Injecting into the education system the characteristics of an industrial society was a stroke of genius. Hence choice B is the correct answer.
Choice A: This does not refer to the stroke of industrial genius.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This does not refer to the stroke of industrial genius.
Choice D: This does not refer to the stroke of industrial genius.
Choice (B)
16. Refer to para 1, last 2 lines. The curriculum of the past was characterised by its devotion to yesterday, that is to say, the school curriculum was based on what was taught by their forefathers.
Choice (A)
17. Refer to the last few lines of para 3 where the features of the modern education system are enumerated. Encouragement of creativity is NOT one of them.
Choice A: Validated by 'Rigid systems.....'.
Choice B: Validated by 'the regimentation, lack of individualization'.
Choice C: Correct. This option is not stated.
Choice D: Validated by 'the authoritarian role of the teacher'.
Choice (C)
18. Choice A: Correct. Refer to the last para – colours are 'an integral part of our lives' means that they are essential.
Choice B: 'Whether' we like it or not is not suggested in the passage'.
Choice C: This is not suggested in the passage.
Choice D: This is not what the conclusion implies.
Choice (A)
19. Refer to para 5, in which ways to minimize pollution by colours are suggested.
Choice A: Refer to "maximizing dye use.....minimizing wash off".
Choice B: Refer to "reduce the consumption of dyes".
Choice C: Refer to "dyes without metals".
Choice (D)
20. Refer to para 1, line 3. Choice C is the contrasting demand.
Choice (C)
21. Statement a: This is not mentioned as a solution.
Statement b: This is not mentioned as a solution.
Statement c: This finds mention in the penultimate para.
Statement d: This is also mentioned in the penultimate para.
Choice (B)
22. Refer to the last sentence of para 4 which refers to ferric chloride, ferric sulphate and alum. Sodium hypochlorite is mentioned in the first sentence of para 5. Sodium chloride is not mentioned.
Choice (A)
23. Statement a: This is mentioned in para 7.
Statement b: This is mentioned in para 7.
Statement c: This is mentioned in para 7.
Statement d: This cannot be part of the answer because we cannot say what the government 'will' do.
Choice (C)
24. It can be understood from para 6 of the passage that choice D is the answer to this question.
Choice (D)
25. Choice (B) has the correct match as seen from the details in the passage.
Choice (B)

Exercise – 7

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

1. Choice A: This option is supported by sentences 6 and 7 of para 4.
Choice B: This is supported by sentences 4 to 7 of para 4.
Choice C: This can be understood from the last sentence of para 3.
Choice (D)
2. Choice A: Correct. The author merely examines the prospect for the UN under the new leader.
Choice B: This option is ruled out by 'blames'.
Choice C: This option is ruled out since he does not question the relevance of the UN.
Choice D: This is incorrect as the author does not prescribe any guidelines.
Choice (A)
3. Refer to para 1 and, Mr. Moon hopes that the goals he has set for himself (refer to the preceding sentence) would be achievable.
Choice (B)
4. Refer to para 6, according to which all the statements except D are true
Choice A: This option is supported by the last sentence.
Choice B: This is supported by the first sentence.
Choice C: This option is supported by the second sentence.
Choice (D)
5. Refer to para 4 lines 6 – 7 – quid pro quo means something given for something else (that is veto power was given to get their membership). Since qua non means essential.
Choice (C)
6. Refer to the last para which discusses the North-South divide.
Statement a: This is supported by the second sentence.
Statement b: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Statement c: This is supported by the first sentence of the last para.
Statement d: This cannot be understood from the passage.
Choice (B)
7. Choice A: Correct. Refer to the first sentence of para 5. 'The low point... Security Council', which clearly point to choice A.
Choice B: It cannot be understood from the passage that Mr. Annan had a fallout with the U.S.

- Choice C: This is not the reason for the lack of support from the UN for the Iraq war.
Choice D: This option can be ruled out based on the same reason given for C. Choice (A)
8. Refer to the last sentence of para 3, which supports option D.
Choice A: This option is not supported by the passage.
Choice B: It cannot be understood from the passage that G77 countries are against change.
Choice C: This cannot be understood as the reason that prevented the increase in strength of the Security Council because Choice (D)
9. Choice C can be inferred from the last 3 lines of para 7. Choice (C)
10. Refer to the first few lines of the passage. The main problem with having management programmes with different names is that the students are left confused. Hence choice A is the precise answer. The remaining options cannot be understood as the main reason Choice (A)
11. Fuel prices and fee regulation has not been compared. Hence option B is the answer.
Choice A: This comparison is made in the first para.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This has been referred to in the penultimate para.
Choice D: This comparison is made in the last para of the passage. Choice (B)
12. Refer to the penultimate para of the passage. The context suggests that if you give someone additional inputs about something he already knows/or is doing, he can improve his techniques. All the choices except A express the same idea. Choice (A)
13. The need for specialisation or otherwise arises from the fact of placement at the end of the MBA programme. Hence choice (B) points to the most important thing from a student's perspective. Choice (B)
14. Choice A: This option is mentioned in para 4 of the passage.
Choice B: This finds a mention in para 5, line 2.
Choice C: Correct. This is not true. Work experience is an advantage, not a necessity.
Choice D: This can be understood from para 5 of the passage. Choice (C)
15. Refer to para 2. The mention of power outage in California serves to bring home an ironic situation – reducing the fees and intake without regulating outputs. Choice (A)
16. The passage talks about various MBA institutes and their relevance and so seeks to guide students in selecting an MBA programme.
Choice A: The passage does not answer any questions.
Choice B: This option is also incorrect as no misconceptions are cleared.
Choice C: The passage does not talk about the relevance of management education.
Choice D: Correct. This is the precise answer based on the explanation given at the beginning. Choice (D)
17. Choice C can be understood from lines 6 – 9 of para 2.
Choice A: This does not refer to the anomaly.
Choice B: This goes against what is stated.
Choice C: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice D: The anomaly refers to the difference between the rates of wobbling of muons and not the discovery of any unacknowledged particle that will contribute to the difference in rates of wobble of subatomic particles. Choice (C)
18. Choice B can be inferred from the first 3 lines of the passage. Choice (B)
19. The 'sword of Damocles' refers to a sword hanging by a hair over the king's head. It therefore symbolises threat or danger. The last line of the passage shows that governmental funds may cease shortly. This is the danger faced. Choice (A)
20. Choice D is supported by the first four lines of para 3.
Choice A: The theory of super symmetry does not seek to disprove the Standard Model, it serves the conceptual faults in the Standard Model.
Choice B: The theory serves to remedy the conceptual flaws in the Standard Model but not the postulates.
Choice C: This cannot be understood from the information given in the passage.
Choice D: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning. Choice (D)
21. Refer to para 2, line 3. 'At one level machine like terms.
Choice A: This option is incorrect because Descartes viewed the mind and the body as distinct.
Choice B: This cannot be the reason for considering Descartes to be a materialist.
Choice C: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice D: This option can be ruled out based on the same explanation given for B. Choice (C)
22. It can be understood from the opening words of the passage that the author attempts a historical account of the biological approach to the study of psychology.
Choice A: This is not what the author seeks to convey through the passage.
Choice B: This is beyond the scope of the passage.
Choice C: This is not the main idea which the passage seeks to convey. Choice (D)
23. Refer to the second half of para 4 which suggests that Paul Broca was the physician who proved that human behaviour has a psychological basis. Choice (B)
24. Refer to the last 3 lines which convey that the black box refers to the organic structure. Choice (A)
25. Choice (A) and (D) and seem in para 4, lines 1 – 3.
Choice (B) is found in para 2, penultimate line.
Choice (C) is not in the passage. Choice (C)

Exercise – 8

Explanatory notes for questions 1 to 25:

1. Refer to the first sentence of the penultimate para. 'A classical ----- in born character ----'.
Choice B: It cannot be understood from the passage that instinct refers to a fixed pattern of behaviour.
Choice C: That instinct is triggered into action as a response to certain stimuli, is rather absurd. Hence this option is, clearly, incorrect. Choice (A)
2. Refer to para 2, lines 3 – 4 where the words in quote occur. It can be understood from the given statement that it is a mistake to consider that ethologists are mere theorists and that they are also experimental. This point is conveyed by choice B.
Choice A: The point that ethologists design field experiments to prove their hypothesis, cannot be understood from the given statement.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given above.
Choice C: This is not the meaning that the given statement intends to convey.
Choice D: This meaning is not conveyed by the given statement. Choice (B)
3. Choice A: Correct. Refer to the first sentence of para 5 which validates option A.
Choice B: This cannot be understood from the information given in the passage.

- Choice C: This was enabled by the model developed by Tinbergen and not by the ethological concepts referred to in the question. Choice (A)
4. The last para backs choice (C). Choice (C)
5. 'Route design' has not been mentioned in the passage although altering routes is.
Choice A: Refer to the last sentence of para 1, according which fleet design can be addressed without compromising on safety or service.
Choice B: This option is also validated by the last sentence of para 1.
Choice C: This is also rendered correct by the last sentence of para 1.
Choice D: Correct. This is ruled out by the penultimate sentence of para 1. Choice (D)
6. Statement a: This is negated by the passage.
Statement b: This is rendered correct by the third para from the end.
Statement c: This is also validated by the third para from the end.
Statement d: This is not mentioned in the passage.
Hence b and c are true. Choice (B)
7. It can be understood from para 2 of the passage that transit agencies should get creative to meet operating expenses. Choice (C)
8. Choice D is the answer.
Refer to the last para. Octopus matches with Multi-mode.
It can be understood from the last sentence of the penultimate para that 2 matches with a.
3 matches with d according to the second sentence of the penultimate para.
It can be understood from the penultimate sentence of the penultimate para that turnstile is a barrier. Hence 4 – c. Choice (D)
9. Line 2 of para 6 validates Choice C. Choice (C)
10. Statement a: This has not been suggested in the passage.
Statement b: Refer to the end of para 7, which renders this statement to be true.
Statement c: This has not been suggested in the passage.
Statement d: Refer to the last two sentences of para 3 according to which statement d is true. Choice (A)
11. Only Choice (B) is an innovative way to make money. Choice (B)
12. Refer to para 1, line 6 where the words appear.
The reference is to strike a balance between the mission to serve and operational efficiency.
Choice A: This is not implied by the given expression.
Choice B: This is not suggested in the passage.
Choice C: This is rather vague and unsubstantiated.
Choice D: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning. Choice (D)
13. Read the last para. In the sentence "this distribution..... diverse effects". The reference is to the distribution of receptors for THL in the brain. So, choice (B) is the answer. Choice (B)
14. The penultimate para states that some receptors have water-filled pores. From this it can be understood that statement (a) is distorted. The first four sentences of the last para support statements (b) and (d). The penultimate para also supports these statements.
Statement (c) is not stated. So, choice (D) is the answer. Choice (D)
15. Choice A: Correct. The second para and the first sentence of the third para help us to pick choice (A) as the answer.
Choice B: It can be understood from para 2 that ancient Indians and Chinese were familiar with the use of marijuana.
- Choice C: The familiarity of the Greeks and Romans with marijuana is several centuries old. Refer to para 2.
Choice D: This option is also ruled out by the second para of the passage. Choice (A)
16. Statement a: This statement is validated by the last two sentences of para 4.
Statement b: This option is imprecise and incomplete.
Statement c: This option can be ruled out based on the same reason given for b.
Statement d: This statement is also validated by the last two sentences of para 4. Choice (D)
17. The experiment mentioned in the last para explains the role of a cannabinoid receptor. THC had no effect when administered to mice which did not have the receptor. So, choice (C) is the answer. Choice (C)
18. Refer to lines 6 to 9 of para 1, from which choice B can be understood.
Choice A: This is not stated as a reason for people having experienced marijuana.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: Its wide presence is not mentioned as a reason for people experiencing marijuana.
Choice D: This option is also incorrect as this is also not mentioned as a reason. Choice (B)
19. 'Alter ego' means a second self. The words occur in para 2, line 1 and refer to bhang and hashish which belong to the same family hemp. The pronoun 'its' suggests choice (C). Choice (D) is ruled out as it would include a wide variety of things. Choice (C)
20. Refer to para 3, lines 5 – 6 refer to the opposition of the medical association. The last few lines of the para give the reason – both a and b. Choice (A)
21. Refer to para 1, lines 5 – 7. It is the ability to become normal after a period of near-death existence that makes the animal a mystery.
Choice A: This can be attributed to all warm-blooded animals and not to Rana Sylvatica in particular.
Choice B: Correct based on the explanation given at the beginning.
Choice C: This is true of wood frogs and box turtles and not to Rana Sylvatica.
Choice D: This option can be ruled out by the words 'at will'. Choice (B)
22. Para 1 draws a comparison between the wood frog and a fictional character Rip Van Winkle. The comparison is to the frog waking up after a long sleep (Hibernation). So, choice (C) is the best. Choice (C)
23. Choice A: Correct. Refer to para 4 – choice (A) can be inferred from the fact that what has been viable in organ transplant is being promised for a human being (taking a thousand steps at once).
Choice B: This is an allegation that cannot be supported from what is given the passage.
Choice C: This is not true since the company charges \$1,50,000 without any refund choice.
Choice D: This option is ruled out because the company promises life after death it does not actually seek to give eternal life (which is impossible). Choice (A)
24. It can be inferred from the passage (para 2 and penultimate para) that cryoprotectants are anti-freeze, that is they prevent freezing in cells or keep the fluid in cells in liquid state. Choice (B)
25. The phrase pie-in-the-sky refers to something pleasant to contemplate but very unlikely to be realised. Choice (B) captures the idea best. Choice (B)