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### Section-1

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### **Q.1 [11831809]**

Which one of the following best expresses the main idea of the passage?

- 1 ☐ The relationship between science and society leads to complex ethical questions that may either benefit or impair the development of each
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2 ☐ Society should understand that environmental conditions may cause genetically similar individuals to develop in dramatically different directions.

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3 ☐ The effort to analyse humans' genetic make-up could lead to a dangerous belief in genes as determinants of who we are and how we think.

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4 ☐ The ability to analyse complex genetic information will ultimately lead to a fundamental understanding of human form and function.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3**

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**The passage is primarily a commentary on the possible negative impact that could result from focussing excessively on the genetic factors impacting human behaviour. This renders option (3) the answer as it correctly encompasses the passage's topic, scope and point of view.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 - omits some information and is too broad.**

**2 – suggests an irrelevant implication.**

**4 - too positive in tone which is not the case with the passage.**

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**Q.2 [11831809]**

With which one of the following predictions about the biological revolution discussed in the passage would the author be most likely to agree?

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1 ☐ The revolution will lead to gross injustices in society.

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2 ☐ The revolution will bring greater good than harm to society.

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3 ☐ The revolution will not be as far-reaching as some believe.

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4 ☐ The revolution will be problematic as well as beneficial.


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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 4**

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**Option (4) is correct and is a direct paraphrase of the final sentence.**

 **Answer key/Solution**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 - ignores the hypothetical nature of the whole discussion.**

**2 and 3 - do not match the author's attitude or tone.**

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**Q.3 [11831809]**

The author mentions the nature-versus-nurture debate primarily in order to:

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- 1 ☐ demonstrate the inherent difficulty of predicting and preventing misuse of scientific data.
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- 2 ☐ supply a point of reference for an assessment of the validity of recent advances in genetics.
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3 ☐ cast aspersions as well as raise questions and doubts about the moral integrity of society.

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4 ☐ illustrate that the prevalent opinions can influence public interpretations of scientific issues.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 4**

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**Refer the following lines: "Even if society can anticipate and control most misuse of genetic data, we face a more insidious problem: a rising ethic of genetic determinism. For the past century, ideological currents have closely affected the nature versus nurture debate." Thus, the point being made is that the prevalent ideologies can have an impact on the way scientific data is interpreted.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 - contradicts the sentiments that begin paragraph three.**

**2 – this is not mentioned or referred anywhere in the passage.**

**3 – this is an extreme option.**

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**Q.4 [11831809]**

The author's attitude toward the revolution discussed in the passage can best be characterized as:

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1 ☐ concern that the revolution will suffer technical setbacks.

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2 ☐ apprehension about some of the revolution's likely effects.

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3 ☐ encouraged about the material benefits society will derive from it.

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4 ☐ surprise that the revolution enjoys wide public support.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 2**

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**The dominant theme of the passage is one of concern and questions directed towards the increasing interest in genetic determinism. Choice (2) correctly captures the author's unease.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 – the author is concerned but not about the technical setbacks that might befall the revolution.**

**3 and 4 – the author is neither 'encouraged' nor 'surprised'.**

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**Q.5 [11831809]**

How does the author use the arguments of the *philosophes* and the Romantics attacking the church and the Enlightenment respectively to make a point regarding the Romantics’ problem with the *philosophes*?

1 ☐ By mentioning how both opposed the same thing – the Church’s treatment of human beings as being uniform.

2 ☐ By talking about how both opposed the Church on different grounds, which in the end were quite similar.

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3 ☐ By quoting the views of the leaders of the Romantics and the *philosophes* and showing how they actually meant the same thing.

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4 ☐ By showing how one fought for logic and the other for sentiments thereby proving the Romantics' support of the spirit opposing dependence on rationality.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 4**

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The author talks about this in the fourth paragraph at the beginning – “The *philosophes* had also attacked the Church because it blocked human reason. The Romantics attacked the Enlightenment because it blocked the free play of the emotions and creativity. The *philosophe* had turned man into a soulless, thinking machine – a robot.” This proves that the Romantics who came after the philosophes were fighting against the over dependence on reason and harking back to emotions. This makes choice (4) correct.

**Incorrect answers:**

1 – they did not oppose the same things.

2 – again, the *philosophe* opposed the church. The opposition of the Romantics was more directed towards the *philosophe* itself.

3 – only the views of the Romantic leaders have been quoted.

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**Q.6 [11831809]**

What specific instance of the Romantics’ self-consciousness is mentioned by the author in the passage?

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- 1 ☐ The author talks of their acceptance of emotions and sentimentality, all of which is possible only in a faith that is about self-consciousness.
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- 2 ☐ The author mentions the Romantics’ insistence on ideas and concepts, which is the best expression of self-consciousness.
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3 ☐ The author talks about the Romantics' awareness of their distinctive fate that was an important element of the ideology.

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4 ☐ The author points out the anomalies between the Romantics and their *philosophes* where self-consciousness is mentioned.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3**

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The author mentions this at the end of the third paragraph. "The Romantics were conscious of their unique destiny. In fact, it was self-consciousness which appears as one of the key elements of Romanticism itself" making choice (3) correct.

**Incorrect answers:**

**1, 2 and 4 – all the other options are not relevant as per the context of the discussion.**

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**Q.7 [11831809]**

What makes the author deduce “for the Romantics, expression was everything”?

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- 1 ☐ Passion was extremely important to the Romantics.
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- 2 ☐ The Romantics opposed Enlightenment and objectivity.
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- 3 ☐ The existence of atheism in the Romantics points to this.
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4 ☐ The Romantics believed in the freedom of human expression.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 4**

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The author mentions in the second paragraph – “To speak of a Romantic era is to identify a period in which certain ideas and attitudes arose, gained currency and in most areas of intellectual endeavor, became dominant. That is, they became the dominant mode of expression. Which tells us something else about the Romantics: expression was perhaps everything to them”.

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 – it was expression that was of most importance.**

**2 – they did oppose the inadequacies of Enlightenment but not objectivity.**

**3 – some were atheists, not all. Also, this does not connect with the theme of expression.**

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**Q.8 [11831809]**

Based on the information set out in the passage, all of the following cannot be inferred with respect to the Romantics EXCEPT:

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1 ☐ The Romantics believed that habits, values, rules and standards imposed by a civilization and human thought have to be abandoned at all costs.

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2 ☐ Romantics believed in diversity and uniqueness; that is, those traits which set one man apart from another and the expression of this individuality.

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3 ☐ The Romantics yearned to reclaim human freedom, they were rebels and they knew it as they dared to march to the tune of a different drummer – their own.

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4 ☐ The romantic era was devoted to irrationality and “unreason” which had a detrimental impact on the purest rational science – classical political economy.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 2**

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**Refer the following lines from the passage: “For the Romantic, the result was nothing less than the demotion of the individual. Imagination, sensitivity, feelings, spontaneity and freedom were stifled – choked to death. Man must liberate himself from these intellectual chains.” Thus, option (2) is the most relevant inference that can be drawn from the passage.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 – this is an extreme inference that is not suggested by the passage.**

**3 and 4 – these are also not supported by any information set out in the passage.**

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**Q.9 [11831809]**

All of the following explain how narratives were measured prior to the invention of fiction except:

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- 1 ☐ A narrative was considered more worthy if it conveyed the prevalent reality of that time more accurately.
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- 2 ☐ A narrative was considered more worthy if it adhered to and upheld the religious beliefs of the time.
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3 ☐ A narrative was considered less worthy if it depicted behaviour that deviated from the image of the ideal man.

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4 ☐ A narrative was considered less worthy if it depicted actions that went against moral or theological truths.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3**

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The answer can be inferred from these lines in paragraph 2. *"... and to the extent that narratives related the deeds of men, proximity to an image of virtue or holiness would be considered worthy of imitation, and distance from it worthy of opprobrium."* In other words, if a narrative depicted deeds that were in line with what was considered morally correct or holy it was considered worthy of imitation. The more it deviated from this the more criticism it incurred. The author states that prior to 'Don Quixote' a novel had to match the social realities of its time. These realities more often than not correspond to the moral or theological beliefs prevalent in that time. Options (1), (2) and (4) all are in line with this idea. Option (3) is incorrect according to the passage as the 'ideal man' has not been talked about.

**Incorrect answers:**

As explained above, all the other options are consistent with the information given in the passage.

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**Q.10 [11831809]**

According to the passage, which one of these is not true of Cervantes?

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- 1 ☐ Cervantes' biggest contribution to the world was the introduction of the fictional template in any form of narrative.
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2 ☐ Cervantes may not be appreciated completely even by people who otherwise know of his considerable influence.

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3 ☐ Cervantes borrowed elements from theatre in his writings, an art form that he was inspired by and wished to excel at.

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4 ☐ According to some critics, novels that came after "Don Quixote" have been influenced by it in one way or another.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 1**

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**Refer the lines: "While writers prior to Cervantes deployed elements of this fictional template, he was the first to use the technique as a basis of a full-blown, extended narrative." Thus, elements of fiction were used before but Cervantes can be credited with employing it in a complete narrative.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**2 - can be inferred from these lines in paragraph 1. "... shaped our world as well, and did so in ways that may not be apparent even to those aware of his enormous literary influence."**

**3 - can be found in the last paragraph. "Cervantes imported into the art of prose narration a ploy he learned from his favorite art form, the one he most desperately wished to excel at – the theater."**

**4 - can also be found in the first paragraph "...a novel that, in the words of the great critic Harold Bloom, "contains within itself all the novels that have followed in its sublime wake."**

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**Q.11 [11831809]**

Which of the following best exemplifies "the willing suspension of disbelief" as described in the passage?

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- 1 ☐ An astronomer who enjoys stories about alien civilizations even though he/she concedes there is no possibility of intelligent life on other planets.
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2 ☐ A teenager who starts believing in vampires after reading a popular bestseller even though there is no evidence that they exist.

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3 ☐ A reporter who empathises with the plight of the victims after reading an account of genocides even if he/she knows that the account may be exaggerated.

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4 ☐ A politician who adopts the ideas of a famous statesman after reading his memoirs even though parts of the memoirs were fabricated.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 1**

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 Answer key/Solution

The answer can be inferred on the basis of these lines in paragraph 4 “...reader *must be able to occupy two opposed identities simultaneously: a naïve reader who believes what he is being told, and a savvy one who knows it is untrue.*” Option (1) works best as it fulfills both these conditions.

**Incorrect answers:**

Consider options (4), (2) and (3), in each case, the protagonist starts believing (empathizing or adopting) the veracity of the idea against his better judgment. In option (1), the protagonist enjoys the stories but knows that these are not real.

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**Q.12 [11831809]**

Identify the set of keywords that capture the flow of ideas in the passage.

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- 1 ☐ Exaggerated focus on Shakespeare- impact of "Don Quixote"- definition of fiction- different styles of narration – analysis of why prose is preferred.
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2 ☐ Cervantes' genius – impact of "Don Quixote" – definition of fiction – analysis of narratives that came before fiction – importance of theatre and playwrighting.

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3 ☐ Cervantes' genius – impact of "Don Quixote" – analysis of narratives that came before fiction- what constitutes fiction – influence of theatre on Cervantes.

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4 ☐ Shakespeare versus Cervantes – literary styles before fiction – definition of fiction – how does the fictional plot work – why Cervantes wrote the way he did.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3**

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The passage opens by highlighting the impact of Cervantes and his literary masterpiece – "Don Quixote". It then discusses how narratives were built before the proliferation of fiction and how fiction actually works. It concludes by mentioning the impact theatre had on Cervantes' writing style. Thus, option (3) is the correct answer.

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 – Shakespeare has not been criticized nor has the focus placed on him been challenged.**

**2 – there is no discussion around the 'importance of theatre and playwrighting', merely a mention of its influence on Cervantes' work.**

**4 – again, the two authors have not been contrasted.**

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**Q.13 [11831809]**

Which one of the following statements best reflects the argument being made in this sentence?

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- 1 ☐ Knowledge without being worldly cannot be considered to be valuable to the public at large.
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- 2 ☐ Public knowledge cannot be compromised with for the sake of new technologies.
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- 3 ☐ Technology offers up new ways to disseminate knowledge among the public.
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4 ○ Maps form an important part of knowledge that should be imparted to the public.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3**

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**As discussed in the passage, xylography is a form of printing technology. The above sentence states how xylography was used to make knowledge public. Thus 3 is the correct choice from the given options.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 – “worldly” is extreme. So is “valuable”**

**2 and 4 – these are again extreme interpretations.**

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**Q.14 [11831809]**

The author of the passage is most likely to support which one of the following statements?

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- 1 ☐ 17th century Japanese printing was secretive due to the way it was named.
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- 2 ☐ In Japan, the act of writing and converting it into a text was replete with alternatives.
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- 3 ☐ Publications during the Edo period were publicised compulsorily as per royal orders.
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4 ☐ Handwriting became obsolete once the print technology came into being.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 2**

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**According to the passage, 'Like other societies in East Asia except China, writing in Japan involved choices'. Thus, the author will support 2.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 - is incorrect since it contradicts the fact of the passage. It is stated that, 'At first sight, the notion of secrecy seems to sit uncomfortably with the notion of a "public library of information", a term coined to refer to the use of print in seventeenth-century Japan.'**

**3 - is incorrect since the author mentions that although public information was expected, it was not always the case.**

**4 - is incorrect since the passage states, 'world of print was dominated by reproduced handwriting.'**

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**Q.15 [11831809]**

Which one of the following statements best captures the main argument of the last paragraph of the passage?

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- 1 ☐ Some strands of Buddhist thoughts are likely to have influenced Japanese poetry.
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- 2 ☐ Japanese poetry is secretive in nature due to its evolution and historical roots.
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- 3 ☐ Till recently, the art of poetry making was seldom discussed among the Japanese public.
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4 ☐ Japanese people composed poetry that was strictly meant to be enjoyed in solitude.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 1**

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**The last paragraph makes a case for esoteric Buddhism and its connection with poetry compositions. This makes 1 a valid inference.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**None of the other statements are supported by the information set out in the passage.**

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**Q.16 [11831809]**

Based on the passage, we can infer that the author would be most supportive of which one of the following statements?

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- 1 ☐ Woodblock printing had selective applications in dissemination of knowledge.
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- 2 ☐ Commercial printing during the early 17th century Japan favoured woodblock printing.
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- 3 ☐ Illustrations were very much in demand among the Japanese readership.
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4 ○ The focus on poetry printing reduced access to printed works in Edo Japan.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 2**

**Correct Answer: 2**

**The passage states that the first 30 years saw a preference for xylography or woodblock printing in Japan. This makes 2 a correct inference with which the author will agree.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 - is incorrect since it is stated in the passage that 'Xylography was used throughout the Edo period to put knowledge into the public domain, and this included maps, guidebooks, lists of products, and a whole host of other publications which made worldly knowledge easily accessible.'**

**3 and 4 go beyond the scope of the given passage.**

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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) A gaping hole was discovered in a 58-feet-long arm of the ISS, thought to be caused by an object too tiny to track and the incident came just eight months after the International Space Station (ISS) sidestepped another, larger piece of debris.
- (2) Decades of space exploration have left a shroud of space junk enveloping Earth and they're much more than a minor inconvenience—functional satellites, space shuttles that ferry astronauts back and forth and the International Space Station (ISS) all have to dodge and weave through the detritus.
- (3) Earth's debris field now includes 27,000 cataloged objects—from paint chips to spent rocket stages—all which threaten to damage spacefaring investments that cost millions of dollars.
- (4) Space debris is probably one of the most important environmental problems of our time, and it's a technological problem we've created, driven by our own choices.
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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 2134**

**Correct Answer: 2134**

 Answer key/Solution

The main idea of the paragraph is the severity of space debris caused by space exploration.

The logical flow of the idea of the paragraph is to show the severity of space debris caused by space exploration and how space shuttles have to steer away from the floating space debris in order to avoid being hit by them and to show an instance when a part of the arm of the ISS was damaged by space debris floating in form of different objects amounting to 27,000.

2 – It introduces the topic of discussion by explaining what leads to space debris and how space shuttles steer away from space debris.

1 – It talks about how an incident where the arm of the ISS was damaged by space debris and maintains the sequence of 21.

3 – The various kinds of objects that comprise the space debris are mentioned.

4 – It concludes the paragraph.

The paragraph from which the question was created:

Decades of space exploration have left a shroud of space junk enveloping Earth. They're much more than a minor inconvenience—functional satellites, space shuttles that ferry astronauts back and forth and the International Space Station (ISS) all have to dodge and weave through the detritus. Earlier this year, a gaping hole was discovered in a 58-foot-long arm of the ISS, thought to be caused by an object too tiny to track. The incident came just eight months after the ISS sidestepped another, larger piece of debris. Earth's debris field now includes 27,000 cataloged objects—from paint chips to spent rocket stages—all which threaten to damage spacefaring investments that cost millions of dollars. "It's probably the one of the most important environmental problems of our time," says Hugh Lewis, an astronautical engineer at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom. Like climate change, he says that the issue of space debris stems from humans polluting and abusing a common resource, in this case, the environment of space. "It's a technological problem we've created, ... driven by our own choices."

[Smithsonian Magazine: "Can the World's First Space Sweeper Make a Dent in Orbiting Debris?", AUGUST 25, 2021]

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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 key in this sequence of four numbers as your answer.

- (1) Most of the preparedness plans have a lot of weaknesses: they do not adequately address operational responsibility at the local level, for example, logistical aspects such as vaccination and anti-viral stockpiling, distribution, delivery and the maintenance of essential services.
- (2) Many countries do not have health systems that are strong enough to take on such a large task, therefore there will be a need to reinforce the capacity of health systems in these countries, as they will probably be affected early when a pandemic occurs.
- (3) The increasing mobility and migration on the one hand and the concentration of the world population in big cities on the other hand (by 2030, 70% of the world population will live in an urban context) means the healthcare system will be faced with new challenges as the global problems become apparent at the local level (glocalisation).
- (4) The developments lead to the need for "preparedness" focussed on the prevention and/or the rapid and appropriate response to disease outbreaks and disasters (e.g. pandemic influenza, bioterrorist activity).
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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3412**

**Correct Answer: 3412**

 Answer key/Solution

The main idea of the paragraph is healthcare system that will be faced with new challenges.

The logical flow of the idea of the paragraph is to show how healthcare system will be faced with new challenges as people move from one place to another and they concentrate more in big cities, and the need for preparedness even though most of the preparedness plans may have a lot of weaknesses and many countries which do not have strong health systems in place need to reinforce the capacity of health systems in order to avoid being affected early by diseases and a pandemic when it occurs.

3 – It initiates the topic of the paragraph by looking at the reason why healthcare will be faced with new challenges.

4 – The ‘developments’ here refer to what is mentioned in option 3, making 34 a pair.

1 – ‘Most of the preparedness plans’ here refers back to “preparedness” focussed on the prevention and/or the rapid and appropriate response to disease outbreaks and disasters (e.g. pandemic influenza, bioterrorist activity) ...’ in option 4.

2 – It concludes the paragraph by focusing on the need for reinforcement of the capacity of health systems in many countries which do not have strong health systems.

The paragraph from which the question was created:

Finally, the increasing mobility and migration on the one hand and the concentration of the world population in big cities on the other hand (by 2030, 70% of the world population will live in an urban context) means the healthcare system will be faced with new challenges as the global problems become apparent at the local level (glocalisation). These developments lead to the need for “preparedness” focussed on the prevention and/or the rapid and appropriate response to disease outbreaks and disasters (e.g. pandemic influenza, bioterrorist activity). However, most of the preparedness plans have a lot of weaknesses: they do not adequately address operational responsibility at the local level, for example, logistical aspects such as vaccination and anti-viral stockpiling, distribution, delivery and the maintenance of essential services. Many countries do not have health systems that are strong enough to take on such a large task, therefore there will be a need to reinforce the capacity of health systems in these countries, as they will probably be affected early when a pandemic occurs.

[“Primary health care as a strategy for achieving equitable care: a literature review commissioned by the Health Systems Knowledge Network”, March, 2007]

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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.

Radicals in their time, early Impressionists broke the picture-making rules of academic painting. They began by giving colours, freely brushed, primacy over line, drawing inspiration from the work of painters such as Eugene Delacroix. They also took the act of painting out of the studio and into the world. Previously, not only still lifes and portraits but also landscapes had been painted indoors, but the Impressionists found that they could capture the momentary and transient effects of sunlight by painting *en plein air*. They used short, "broken" brush strokes of pure and unmixed colour, not smoothly blended as was the custom at the time. Painting realistic scenes of modern life, they emphasized vivid overall effects rather than details.

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1 ☐ Eugene Delacroix was the inspiration behind the Impressionist movement which was characterised by the use of short, "broken" brush strokes of pure and unmixed colour, not smoothly blended as was the custom at the time.

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2 ☐ Impressionism was a radical departure from the existing customs of painting of that time, it was characterised by painting outdoors using short, "broken" brush strokes of pure and unmixed colour and depicting vivid overall effects.

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3 ☐ Previously, not only still lifes and portraits but also landscapes had been painted indoors, but the Impressionists found that they could capture the momentary and transient effects of sunlight by painting *en plein air*.

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4 ☐ Radicals in their time, early Impressionists broke the picture-making rules of academic painting drawing inspiration from the work of painters such as Eugene Delacroix who primarily painted indoors.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 2**

**Correct Answer: 2**

 Answer key/Solution

**The main points of the passage are:**

- Impressionists were radicals who challenged the established norms of painting by using new styles and approaches.
- They emphasized vivid overall effects over details.

**Option 2 covers both these aspects and is the correct summarization.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1- He was not the inspiration behind the movement, they were influenced by him. Also, they adopted a lot of varied techniques.**

**3 – This is an incomplete option that does not capture the main points being made.**

**4 - Eugene Delacroix most probably did not paint indoors.**

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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. Such voices need to be acknowledged as storehouse of tales, which seek to narrate the history of community and family displacements from East Pakistan and their migration and settlements in India.
2. Such narratives are significant in their own ways as they could alter perspectives of Indian partition studies itself.
3. In the context of the history of Indian decolonisation, these narratives could unfold political claims in post-colonial India where utmost importance is attached to violent experiences for constituting claims for citizenship, rehabilitation, and participation in national identity.
4. Despite its magnitude, the stories of displacement of ordinary people have not received adequate attention in historical research on northeast India.
5. Partition of India was a major upheaval that affected the lives of millions in the east and rendered almost 60 million displaced.

**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 5**

**Correct Answer: 5**

The objective of the paragraph is to show how narratives of Partition are important from the sociological and anthropological points of view. Except sentence 5, the other sentences talk about the narratives arising out of Partition. Sentence 5 talks about the Partition of India in general.

The correct sequence of the sentences is 4123.

**Original paragraph:**

Despite its magnitude, the stories of displacement of ordinary people have not received adequate attention in historical research on northeast India. While few scholars like Anindita Dasgupta and Nabanipa Bhattacharjee have recovered few experiences, many more people remain as yet un-tapped. Such voices need to be acknowledged as storehouse of tales, which seek to narrate the history of community and family displacements from East Pakistan and their migration and settlements in India. Such narratives are significant in their own ways as they could alter perspectives of Indian partition studies itself. In the context of the history of Indian decolonisation, these narratives could unfold political claims in post-colonial India where utmost importance is attached to violent experiences for constituting claims for citizenship, rehabilitation, and participation in national identity in Assam.

[<https://cafedissensus.com/2018/05/04/muted-voices-and-gendered-memories-some-notes-of-violent-uprooting-from-partitioned-assam/>]

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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. Now the remains of one of the giants of the Cretaceous period, the triceratops, a kind of dinosaur and a herbivore despite its fearsome appearance, have gone on display in Paris before they are auctioned next month.
2. Big John, as the dinosaur has been named, has a skull and bony collar measuring 2.62 metres long, 2 metres wide and weighing more than 700kg, two large horns measuring more than a metre, and 200 other assorted bones that have been painstakingly pieced together.
3. As the plain is composed of sediment with no biological activity, Big John was mostly fossilised and preserved.
4. The animal lived in Laramidia, an island continent that stretched from what is now Alaska to Mexico, and died in an ancient flood plain now known as the Hell Creek geological formation in South Dakota.

**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 1243**

**Correct Answer: 1243**

 Answer key/Solution

The purpose of the paragraph is to highlight the remains of a pre-historic dinosaur that will be on display in Paris. The paragraph also contains certain relevant information about the animal. Sentence 1 initiates the discussion of the paragraph while sentence 2 elaborates and provides the reader relevant information about the dinosaur. Therefore, sentences 1 and 2 form a mandatory pair. Sentence 4 comes next because it provides further information about the dinosaur and its habitat. Sentence 3 follows next because it provides further information about the ancient flood plain mentioned in sentence 4. Therefore, sentences 4 and 3 form a mandatory pair.

The paragraph from which the question was created:

Now the remains of one of the giants of the Cretaceous period, a herbivore despite its fearsome appearance, have gone on display in Paris before they are auctioned next month. Big John, as the dinosaur has been named, has a skull and bony collar measuring 2.62 metres long, 2 metres wide and weighing more than 700kg, two large horns measuring more than a metre, and 200 other assorted bones that have been painstakingly pieced together. He lived in Laramidia, an island continent that stretched from what is now Alaska to Mexico, and died in an ancient flood plain now known as the Hell Creek geological formation in South Dakota. As the plain is composed of sediment with no biological activity, Big John was mostly fossilised and preserved.

[<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/sep/01/big-john-largest-known-triceratops-skeleton-goes-on-display-before-auction>]

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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.

It is sometimes suggested, that existentialism just is this bygone cultural movement rather than an identifiable philosophical position; or, alternatively, that the term should be restricted to Sartre's philosophy alone. But while a philosophical definition of existentialism may not entirely ignore the cultural fate of the term, and while Sartre's thought must loom large in any account of existentialism, the concept does pick out a distinctive cluster of philosophical problems and helpfully identifies a relatively distinct current of twentieth- and now twenty-first century philosophical inquiry, one that has had significant impact on fields such as theology and psychology.

1 ☐ As suggested by many, Existentialism is this bygone cultural movement rather than an identifiable philosophical position; or, alternatively, completely restricted to Sartre's philosophy alone.

2 ☐ Although primarily identified with Sartre, Existentialism nevertheless does define a particular group of philosophies and has had an impact on the fields of theology and psychology.

3 ☐ Although primarily identified with Sartre, Existentialism nevertheless does define a particular group of philosophies and identifies a relatively distinct current of philosophical inquiry.

4 ☐ A philosophical definition of existentialism may not entirely ignore the cultural fate of the term that underlies theology and psychology but Sartre's thought must loom large in any case.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3**

**Correct Answer: 3**

**The core point being made here is that though existentialism might be termed a cultural movement influenced largely by Sartre, the concept does pick out a distinctive cluster of philosophical problems and helpfully identifies a relatively distinct current philosophical inquiry, one that has had significant impact on fields such as theology and psychology.**

**Incorrect answers:**

**1 – this is an incomplete summarization.**

**2 – the ideology identifies a cluster of philosophical problems and a current of inquiry that has impacted theology and psychology.**

**4 – this is a complete distortion of the information set out in the passage.**

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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. The Academy Awards have a special category of "Best Adapted Screenplay", thereby underlining both the significance of films adapted from literary works and how an adapted script is significantly different and challenging from that of an original screenplay.
2. Some of the greatest filmmakers in the world from Robert Bresson to Alfred Hitchcock, Andrei Tarkovsky, Jean-Luc Godard to Lucino Visconti have adapted literature, both ordinary and great, into cinematic masterpieces.
3. Critical scholarship on Ray's work, most notably Chandak Sengoopta's, has often identified a clear transition from a firm, optimistic faith to utter disappointment in the example of industrial, urban modernity that Ray witnessed around himself during his middle and late career, especially following the end of newly independent India's progressive, aspirational era under Jawaharlal Nehru's premiership in 1964.
4. It is imperative to remember Satyajit Ray by examining two of his brilliant cinematic adaptations, Charulata (1964) adapted from Rabindranath Tagore's novella, Nashtonir (Broken Nest) and Mahanagar (1963) an adaptation of Abatarnika (The decay/climb down), a short story by Narendranath Mitra.
5. Not to miss that Ray's famous Apu trilogy was also an adaptation of Bibhuti Bhushan Bandhopadhyay's novel 'Pather Panchali'.

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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 3**

**Correct Answer: 3**

 Answer key/Solution

**The objective of the paragraph is to show how great filmmakers have modified the subjects of literary works into their films. Other than sentence (3), the other sentences talk about cinematic adaptations from literature. Therefore, (3) is the odd one out.**

**The correct sequence of the sentences is 2145.**

**Original paragraph:**

**Some of the greatest filmmakers in the world from Robert Bresson to Alfred Hitchcock, Andrei Tarkovsky, Jean-Luc Godard to Lucino Visconti have adapted literature, both ordinary and great, into cinematic masterpieces. The Academy Awards have a special category of "Best Adapted Screenplay", thereby underlining both the significance of films adapted from literary works and how an adapted script is significantly different and challenging from that of an original screenplay. Literature and cinema are two completely diverse art forms. This article chooses to remember the maestro by examining two of his brilliant cinematic adaptations, Charulata (1964) adapted from Rabindranath Tagore's novella, Nashtonir (Broken Nest) and Mahanagar (1963) an adaptation of Abatarnika (The decay/climb down), a short story by Narendranath Mitra. Not to miss that Ray's famous Apu trilogy was also an adaptation of Bibhuti Bhushan Bandhopadhyay's novel.**

**[Cafe Dissensus: "Cinema, Ray and the art of adaptation"]**

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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.

I am not willing to forget about thinking. However attractive a claim may be, this attractiveness must be accompanied by credibleness, which is a function of provableness and trustworthiness before I let it shape my view. When credibleness is wanting, I reserve judgment until further notice and meanwhile accept reality as it appears to be, judging from facts and solid arguments, even if this appearance is not consistent with a so-called ideal world. Call me austere, a man of reason who associates his intellectual austerity with intellectual integrity. Having said this, the reverse attitude is common, especially in matters that are beyond the realm of experience and hence can neither be proven nor disproven.

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- 1 ☐ Man must think for himself and make his own decisions.
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- 2 ☐ The realm of experience makes a man austere in his beliefs.
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- 3 ☐ Attractiveness and credibleness shape a man's trustworthiness.
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- 4 ☐ Intellectual integrity is the pathway to one's intellectual austerity.
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**Solution:**

**Correct Answer : 1**

**Correct Answer: 1**

The first sentence of the above paragraph points out that 'thinking' is something that the author will not forget. Thus, no matter how 'attractive a claim may be', or how solid an argument is, the author is a man who uses his own judgment and makes his decisions 'judging from facts'.

**Incorrect answers:**

**All the other options distort the information set out in the passage.**

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