

VIJETA CHECKLIST MAINS



CHECKLIST 141

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Directions (1-5): Each question consists of two short paragraphs that revolve around a particular subject. Carefully read both paragraphs and determine the common theme or central idea that connects them. Select the most appropriate option that best represents this shared theme.

Question 1:

Paragraph 1:

Despite constitutional safeguards and affirmative action policies in India, caste-based discrimination continues to manifest in subtle forms—be it through housing segregation in urban spaces, biases in job recruitment, or unequal access to education. These covert practices often escape legal scrutiny but perpetuate deep social hierarchies and exclusion.

Paragraph 2:

Recent social justice movements and Dalit-led political mobilizations have aimed to challenge entrenched caste structures, pushing for representation in academia, media, and policymaking. While these efforts have sparked critical discourse and some progress, they are frequently met with resistance from dominant groups who claim that caste is no longer a relevant social fault line in modern India.

What is the common theme between the two paragraphs?

- (A) The economic disparities among different caste groups in rural India.
- (B) The evolving manifestations of casteism and the struggle for genuine social equity.
- (C) The impact of caste on agricultural productivity and land ownership patterns.
- (D) The failure of reservation policies in reducing caste-based violence.
- (E) None of the above.

Question 2:

Paragraph 1:

The preliminary investigation into the crash of Air India Flight AI171 shortly after takeoff from Ahmedabad on June 12, 2025, indicates that both engines experienced an abrupt loss of thrust. Flight data shows the fuel control switches on both engines moved from “RUN” to “CUTOFF” within seconds, triggering the deployment of the Ram Air Turbine. Despite this, the aircraft lost power and crashed within half a minute, raising urgent questions about the cause of the switch activations.

Paragraph 2:

Cockpit voice recordings reveal a moment of confusion between the pilots—one questioning, “Why did you cut off?” and the other replying, “I did not.” Given that the guarded fuel control switches require deliberate action, investigators are examining whether this sequence resulted from inadvertent human input, miscommunication, or a deeper systemic flaw. External factors such as sabotage and bird strikes have been preliminarily ruled out.

What is the most appropriate theme that connects the two paragraphs?

- (A) The limitations of automated safety mechanisms in preventing engine failure after takeoff.
- (B) The tendency of pilot miscommunication to escalate into catastrophic cockpit errors.
- (C) The tension between human accountability and system reliability in aviation accident analysis.
- (D) The failure of pre-flight mechanical checks in ensuring basic aircraft functionality.
- (E) The vulnerability of twin-engine aircraft to total engine shutdown during initial ascent.

Question 3:

Paragraph 1:

In the aftermath of the 1929 stock market crash, the United States witnessed unprecedented economic collapse—industrial output halved, unemployment soared to nearly 25%, and breadlines stretched across urban centers. The collapse revealed structural weaknesses in the economy, including overreliance on speculative credit, fragile banking institutions, and an underregulated financial market that had masked deep income inequalities.

Paragraph 2:

The Roosevelt administration's New Deal attempted to reverse the downturn through sweeping reforms: public works programs, banking regulations, social security systems, and labor protections. While these interventions didn't immediately end the Depression, they transformed the federal government's role in the economy, embedding the idea that state responsibility was essential for both market stability and social welfare.

What is the common theme between the two paragraphs?

- (A) The role of international trade collapse in deepening the American economic crisis.
- (B) The transition from laissez-faire capitalism to a more interventionist federal state.
- (C) The influence of labor unions in shaping Depression-era economic recovery.
- (D) The failure of monetary policy in stabilizing the financial system.
- (E) None of the above.

Question 4:

Paragraph 1:

In mid-2025, NVIDIA became the first company to surpass a \$4 trillion market valuation, driven by surging global demand for AI infrastructure. With its dominance in GPU technology and its critical role in powering large language models, data centers, and autonomous systems, NVIDIA has positioned itself as a foundational pillar of the AI revolution—much like oil companies once were during the industrial age.

Paragraph 2:

Analysts note that NVIDIA's meteoric rise is not solely due to hardware innovation but also its ability to entrench itself in the AI value chain—from chip design and proprietary software platforms to strategic partnerships with cloud providers and AI labs. This vertical integration, combined with AI's

transformative potential across sectors, has made NVIDIA central not just to tech, but to the broader geopolitical race for digital supremacy.

What is the most appropriate theme that connects the two paragraphs?

- (A) The historical parallels between the oil boom and the semiconductor industry.
- (B) The role of speculative investor behavior in inflating tech company valuations.
- (C) The strategic consolidation of AI infrastructure as a driver of unparalleled market dominance.
- (D) The risks of monopolistic practices in the global chip design sector.
- (E) None of the above.

Question 5:

Paragraph 1:

The rise of fast fashion has dramatically accelerated clothing production and consumption worldwide. Driven by low prices, trend-based marketing, and rapid turnover cycles, consumers in affluent nations now purchase more garments than ever before—often wearing them only a few times before disposal. This culture of overconsumption has normalized clothing as a disposable commodity rather than a durable good.

Paragraph 2:

Discarded clothes, many of which are made from synthetic, non-biodegradable materials, are increasingly shipped to landfills and secondhand markets in developing countries. In places like Ghana and Chile, massive textile dumps pollute local ecosystems, overwhelm waste management systems, and burden communities with the environmental costs of global fashion trends. Critics argue this practice represents a form of ecological colonialism.

What is the most appropriate theme that connects the two paragraphs?

- (A) The rise of textile recycling technologies in global fashion markets.
- (B) The exploitation of labor in the garment industry across developing nations.
- (C) The unsustainable lifecycle of clothing driven by consumerism and its global environmental impact.
- (D) The benefits of global trade in making fashion more affordable and widely available.
- (E) None of the above.

Direction (6-10): The given paragraph contains errors, either grammatical or contextual, in one or more parts. Determine the number of parts with errors. Mark “E” if the sentence contains “no error”.

Question 6:

The so-called Millennium City’s waterlogging problems are in the news again. In Gurugram, flats and houses that sell for prices that compare to real estate in Western countries and rentals that might equate starting salaries of many white-collar professionals has become islands surrounded by surging

rain-induced floods. As a result of the waterlogging, there was also sustained cuts to the electricity supply as the privately owned transformers that kick in when the government supply fails also gone underwater. There was, reasonably enough, an outcry over the state of infrastructure in a locality that is home to the offices of many Fortune 500 companies and a citizenry that has achieved wealth in many walks of global activity and expects a certain level of “international” lifestyle.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) Four
- (E) More than four

Question 7:

As a child growing up in Kolkata, I was often told to “take care” of my skin, specially as I spent hours training in martial arts under the harsh afternoon sun. What begun as seemingly gentle suggestions soon gave way to more pointed comments. By my teenage years, hushed conversations around my marriage prospects had begun, with relatives debating whether my “darkness” would be a liability. My mother’s rules were unspoken but clear — avoid the sun, wear full sleeves even in summer, and always keep a tube of Fair & Lovely close on hand. In so-called progressive Bengal, being “wheatish” was tolerable. Being dark was not.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) Four
- (E) More than four

Question 8:

Why did you not speak up? Implicit in this question, put to those who have faced sexual harassment and abuse, is the assumption that breaking a silence lead, inevitably, to justice. The young woman who died this week in Balasore, Odisha, three days after she set herself at fire, spoke up. She named her alleged harasser, a professor, to the internal complaints committee of her college. She filed a complaint with the police. Yet, she was let down, driven to despair by a system that she trust. The question that must now be answered is this: Why was this young woman not heard?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) Four
- (E) More than four

Question 9:

There's something primordial in the bond among *Homo sapiens* and *Canis lupus familiaris*. Dogs helped hairless apes become people and humans helped wolves become dogs. From palaeolithic hunting companions down to social media celebs, there has been a seamless, wordless bond between the species. But, as with so many things, the AI hype can't leave well enough alone. Several companies are now promising to "translate" what your canine or feline companion is trying to say when she wags her tail, sulks for attention or purrs. The danger, through, is this: What is gained in translation may be lost in affection.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) Four
- (E) More than four

Question 10:

It is easy, in elite sports, to become impatient with vulnerability. To go searching for dominance and drama, and overlook the quiet work of resilience and grace. Over the last two weeks at Wimbledon, however, it wasn't just the on-court exploits that leave a mark. It was the dignity with which both victory and defeat were carried that told a deeper story — of the cost of sustaining greatness; of titans coming undone by age; of promise stumbling on the brink of arrival; of rivalries softening into mutual respect. From 38-year-old Novak Djokovic pushing his unwilling body to its limits to women's singles runner-up Amanda Anisimova fighting loose and personal setbacks — the death of her father and a mental-health breakdown.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) Four
- (E) More than four

Answer**1.Ans: (B)****Explanation:**

Paragraph 1 highlights how casteism has not disappeared but changed form—moving from overt to covert discrimination. Paragraph 2 shows how marginalized communities are actively fighting these new forms of exclusion through political and social platforms. Together, they illustrate how caste continues to operate beneath the surface and how resistance movements seek to address these injustices.

Option (A) and (C) are limited to specific economic or rural contexts and don't capture the broader social dynamics discussed.

Option (D) narrows the scope only to violence and reservations, which is not the central idea of either paragraph.

2.Ans: (C)**Explanation:**

Paragraph 1 introduces a mechanical failure (fuel cut-off) with unclear origin, and Paragraph 2 explores the confusion between the pilots, highlighting ambiguity between human and technical causes. The central idea is the **difficulty in assigning responsibility—whether human or mechanical—in aviation accidents**, making (C) the most fitting.

(A) is too narrow; the Ram Air Turbine and other systems did activate but couldn't prevent the crash.

(B) partially fits, but the cause may not be pilot miscommunication alone.

(D) is incorrect; there's no mention of failed pre-flight checks.

(E) oversimplifies the issue and is not the investigation's focus.

3.Ans: (B)**Explanation:**

Paragraph 1 outlines the structural failings of an underregulated economy before and during the Depression, while Paragraph 2 emphasizes the government's expanded economic role through New Deal programs. Together, they trace a **paradigm shift from minimal government intervention to a more active federal role in economic and social life**—the essence of (B).

(A) is not addressed; global trade isn't mentioned.

(C) overstates the role of unions, which aren't referenced.

(D) focuses only on monetary policy, which is too narrow for the broader theme of systemic change.

4.Ans: (C)

Explanation:

Paragraph 1 highlights NVIDIA's historic valuation and centrality to the AI ecosystem, while Paragraph 2 explains how its strategic position—across hardware, software, and partnerships—has reinforced this dominance. Together, they emphasize **how control over AI infrastructure has been key to NVIDIA's unprecedented market power**, making (C) the most comprehensive theme.

(A) is mentioned metaphorically but doesn't capture the full strategic picture.

(B) is not supported; investor behavior isn't discussed.

(D) is too narrow; the tone is analytical, not critical of monopoly.

5.Ans: (C)

Explanation:

Paragraph 1 discusses how fast fashion and consumer habits fuel excessive clothing waste. Paragraph 2 explores the environmental and ethical consequences of this waste being offloaded onto poorer nations. Together, they emphasize the **unsustainable nature of modern clothing consumption and its far-reaching environmental consequences**, especially the dumping of garments globally.

(A) is incorrect—recycling technologies are not discussed.

(B) focuses on labor, which isn't the topic here.

(D) glosses over the negative environmental impact, which is the central concern of both paragraphs.

6.Ans: (C)

Explanation: The paragraph contains **three** errors:

(i) **"has become islands"**: Subject-verb agreement. The subject "flats and houses" is plural, so the verb should also be plural. **Correction:** "have become islands"

(ii) **"was also sustained cuts"**: Subject-verb agreement. The subject "cuts" is plural, so the verb should be plural as well.

Correction: "were also sustained cuts"

(iii) **"also gone underwater"**: Incorrect verb form. The past participle "gone" requires an auxiliary verb. In this context, the simple past tense is appropriate.

Correction: "also went underwater"

7.Ans: (D)

Explanation: The paragraph contains **four** errors:

(i) **"specially as I spent"**: Incorrect word choice. The correct word here is "especially," which means particularly or notably.

Correction: "especially as I spent"

(ii) **"What begun as"**: Incorrect verb form. The past participle of "begin" is "begun," but here the simple past "began" is needed.

Correction: "What began as"

(iii) **"weather my 'darkness' would be"**: Wrong word. "Weather" refers to climate conditions; the correct word is "whether," expressing doubt or choice.

Correction: "whether my 'darkness' would be"

(iv) **"Fair & Lovely close on hand"**: The phrase "close on hand" is awkward and incorrect. The correct phrase is "close at hand," meaning nearby or readily available.

Correction: "close at hand"

8.Ans: (C)

Explanation: The paragraph contains **three** errors:

(i) **"breaking a silence lead"**: Verb form error. The verb should be in the present tense third-person singular form "leads" to agree with the singular subject "breaking a silence."

Correction: "breaking a silence leads"

(ii) **"set herself at fire"**: Incorrect preposition. The correct phrase is "set herself on fire."

Correction: "set herself on fire"

(iii) **"she trust"**: Subject-verb agreement. The verb should be "trusted" to match the past tense and singular subject.

Correction: "she trusted"

9.Ans: (B)

Explanation: The paragraph contains **two** errors:

(i) **"primordial in the bond among Homo sapiens and Canis lupus familiaris"**: Incorrect preposition. The correct preposition when referring to a relationship between two entities is "between," not "among."

Correction: "primordial in the bond between Homo sapiens and Canis lupus familiaris"

(ii) **"through, is this"**: Incorrect word usage. The word "through" is wrong here; the intended word is "though," meaning "however" or "but."

Correction: "though, is this"

10. Ans: (E)

Explanation: The paragraph contains **five** errors:

(i) **"became impatient"**: Incorrect verb form. The correct form here is "become" (present infinitive form) after "to."

Correction: "to become impatient"

(ii) **"quite work of resilience"**: Incorrect word choice. The correct word is "quiet," meaning calm or silent.

Correction: "quiet work of resilience"

(iii) **"that leave a mark"**: Subject-verb agreement. The subject "exploits" is plural, so the verb should be plural as well.

Correction: "that left a mark"

(iv) **"it's limits"**: Incorrect possessive form. "It's" is a contraction for "it is"; the possessive form is "its."

Correction: "its limits"

(v) **"fighting loose and personal setbacks"**: Incorrect word choice. "Loose" should be "loss" to indicate setbacks due to losing something significant.

Correction: "fighting loss and personal setbacks"



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