CLOZE TESTS

<u>Set 1</u>	
Direction (1-5): The passage given below contains some blanks wherein the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.	

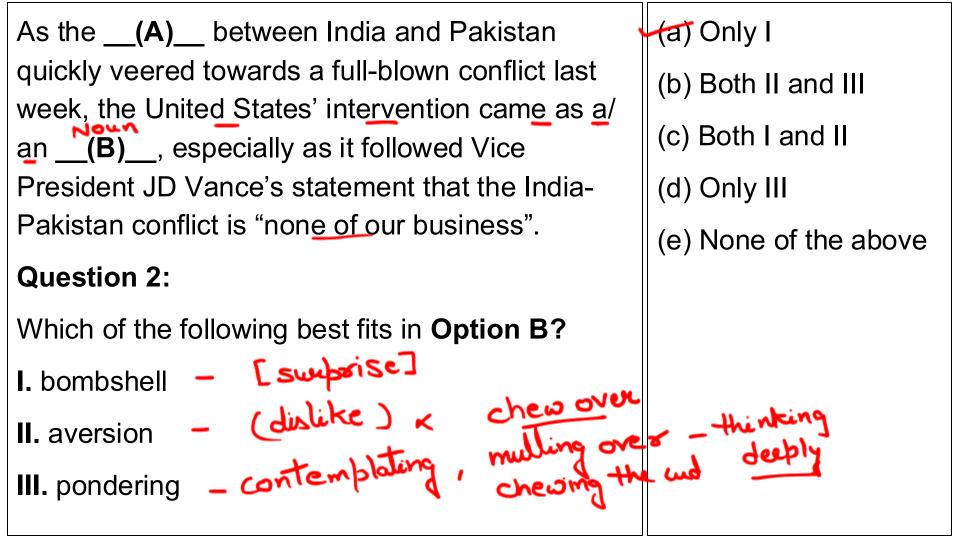
As the __(A)__ between India and Pakistan quickly The US' **(D)** from its earlier veered towards a full-blown conflict last week, the United position of non-intervention was States' intervention came as a/ an __(B)__, especially as it followed Vice President JD Vance's statement that the India-Pakistan conflict is "none of our business". Vance's statement is consistent with both the US stand on the India-Pakistan dynamic since the 1999 Kargil conflict as well as with the evolving Trump doctrine where external intervention without (C) economic interests seems a policy of the past. A quickly escalating conflict where new domains of attack and counter-attack began to be tested, partner of Washington, has even as India hit multiple bases across Pakistan and generated significant heat in showcased a robust aerial defence capability, forced the India. (U.3) Role US to urgently engage both sides diplomatically

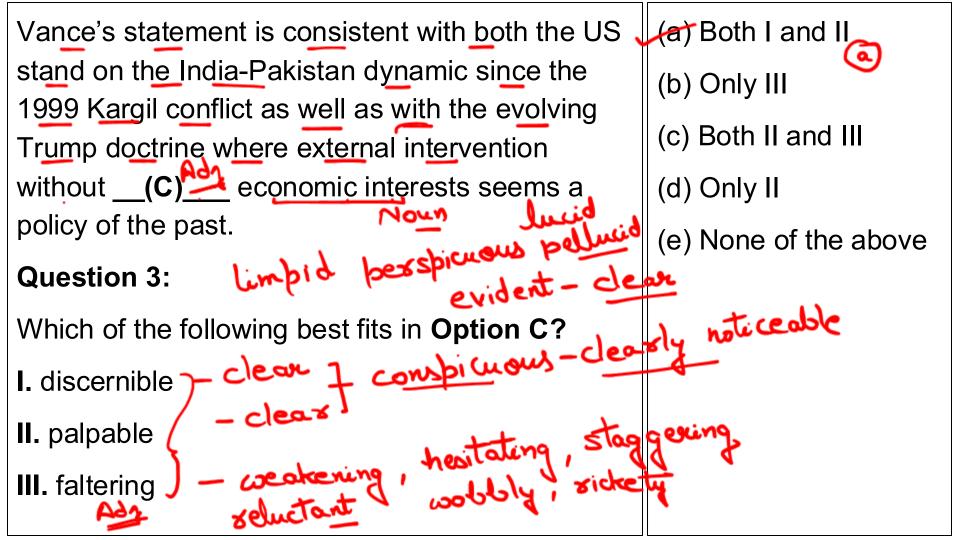
done to provide guardrails, especially to prevent Islamabad from its habitual recourse to nuclear brinkmanship. However, Trump's rather **(E)** balancing act between India and Pakistan through a tweet, hinting at Pakistan as a potential trade

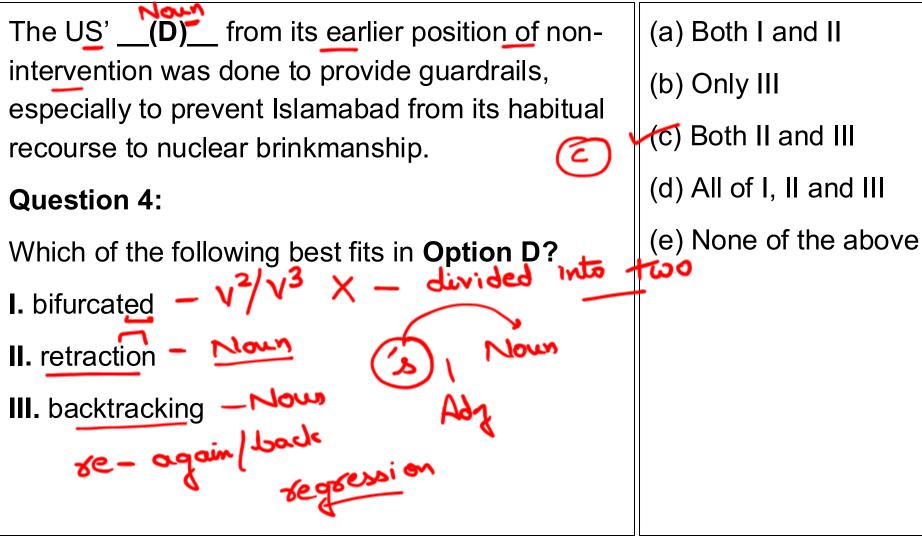
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Pakistan conflict is "none of our business".	(e) None o
Question 1:	
Which of the following best fits in Option A?	
I. behest - call request (Noun) ~	
III. escalation — fight (increase in tensions	

Both II and III None of the above

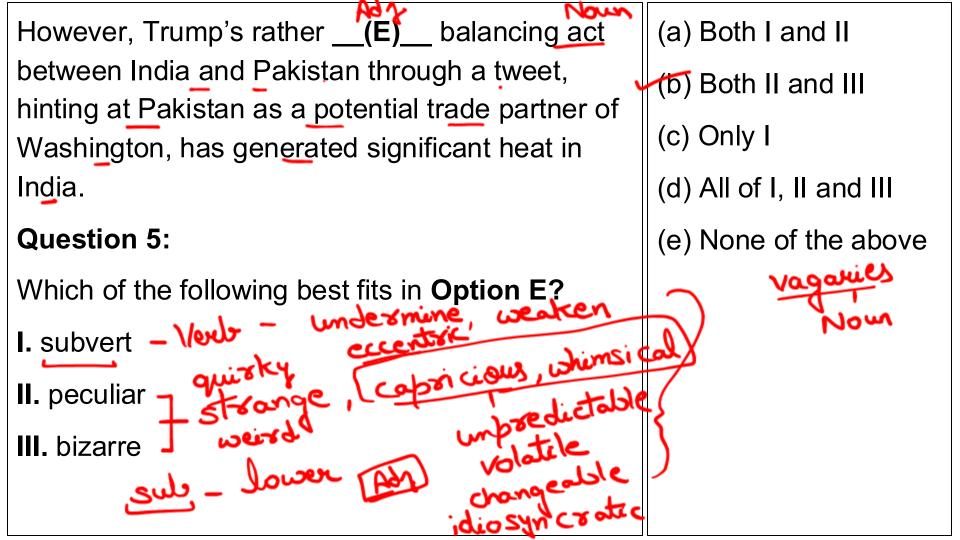
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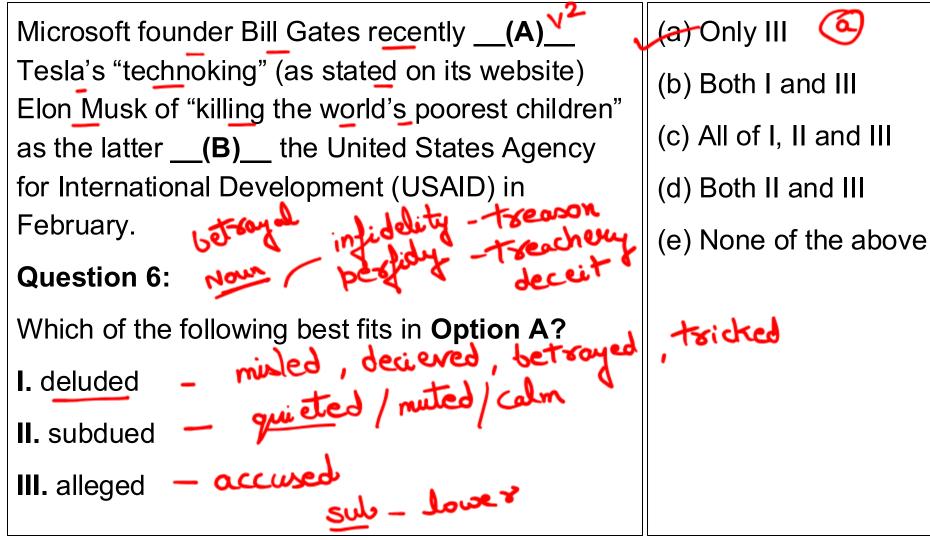
(d) All of I, II and III



Set-2	
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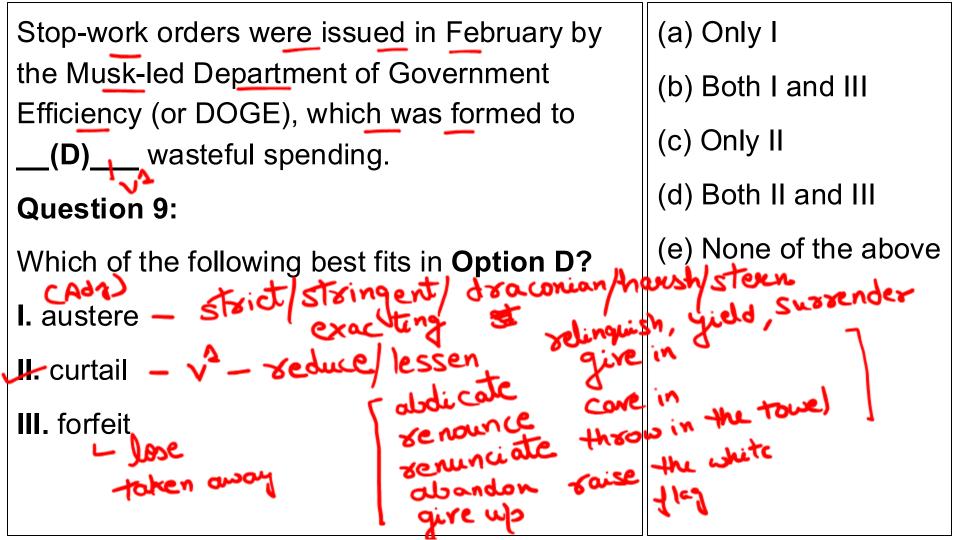
Microsoft founder Bill Gates recently ___(A)__ Tesla's Government Efficiency (or "technoking" (as stated on its website) Elon Musk of DOGE), which was formed "killing the world's poorest children" as the latter __(B)__ the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in February. Gates' comments are put into perspective when USAID's contributions are taken into account — in 2023, it amounted to \$60 billion. One can argue that the __(C)___ figure owes to the US' continuous support to war-torn Ukraine and warmongering Israel. But even without the war machinery, the US has been supporting many initiatives — started by Presidents over the years and ranging from AIDS prevention to eliminating malnutrition in children via USAID since its inception in 1961. Stop-work orders were issued in February by the Musk-led Department of

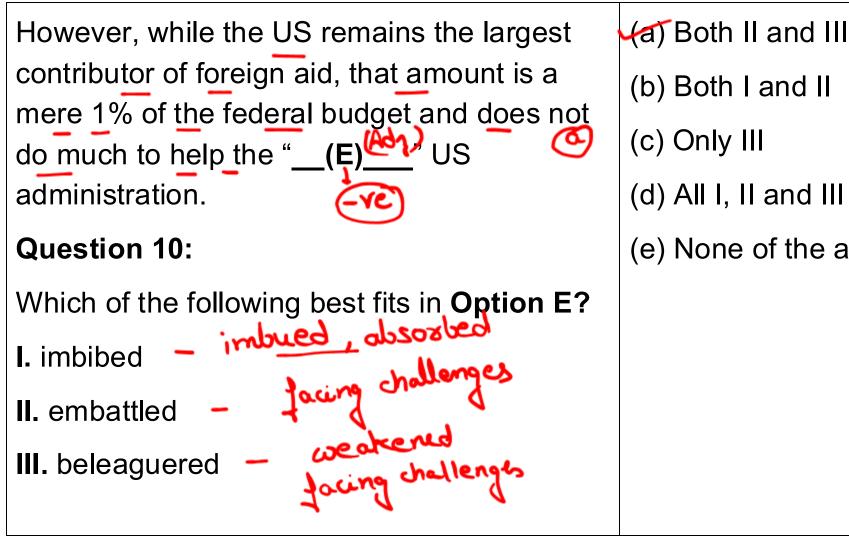
to __(**D**)__ wasteful spending. However, while the US remains the largest contributor of foreign aid, that amount is a mere 1% of the federal budget and does not do much to help the "__(**E**)__"US administration.] Topic - US: Tone - We



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One can argue that the ___(C)__ figure owes (a) Only II to the US' continuous support to war-torn (b) Both I and II Ukraine and warmongering Israel. (c) Both II and III **Question 8:** (d) All of I, II and III Which of the following best fits in **Option C?** astonishing, surprising (e) None of the above **L** staggering **4** exorbitant III. depleting Lzeducing flurmoxing/flablesgosting/bamboozling/bewildering astounding) gobs macking I bertolexing

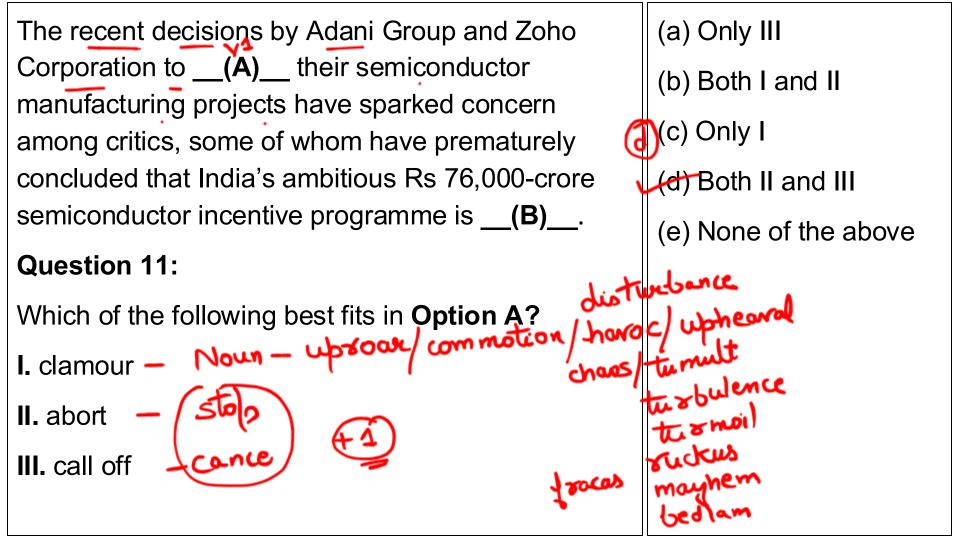


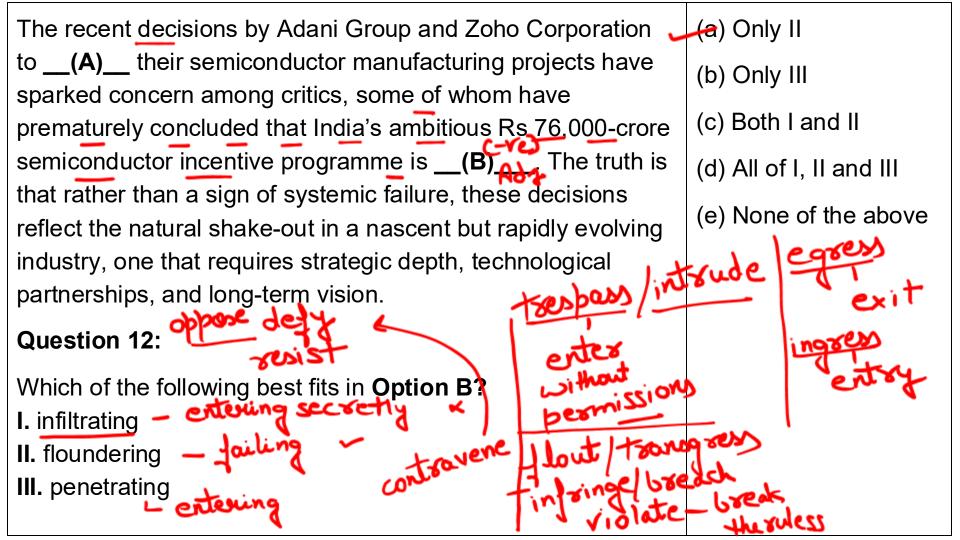


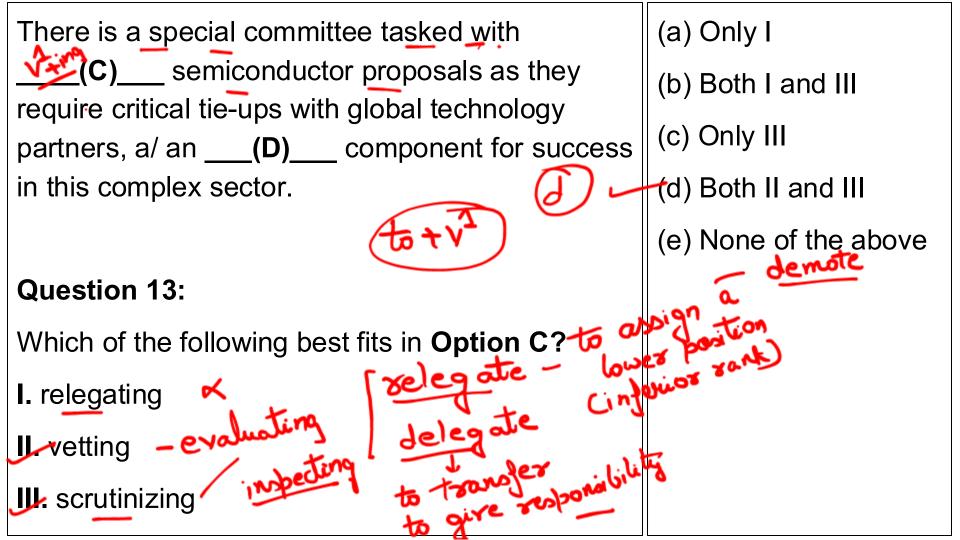
(e) None of the above

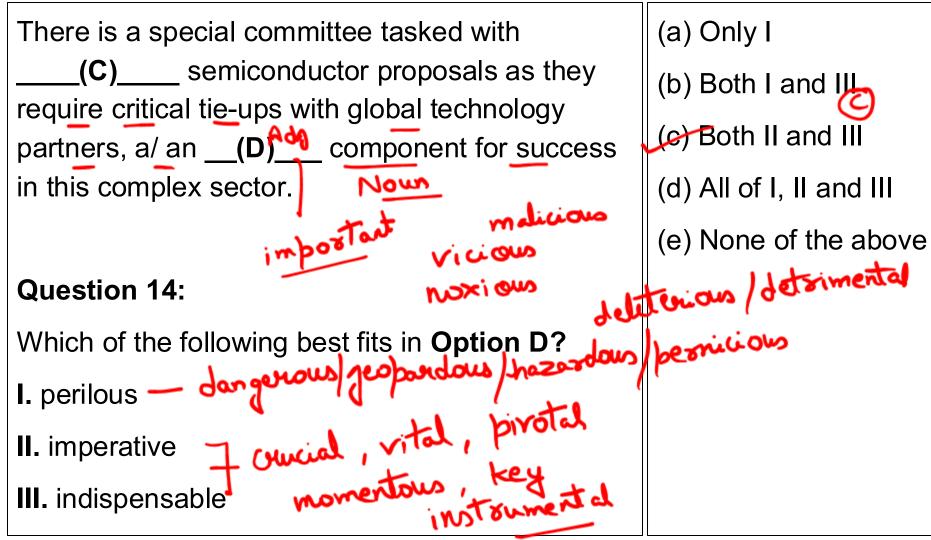
The recent decisions by Adani Group and Zoho technology partners, a/ an Corporation to __(A)__ their semiconductor manufacturing projects have sparked concern among critics, some of whom have prematurely concluded that India's ambitious Rs 76,000-crore semiconductor incentive programme is __(B)___. The truth is that rather than a sign of systemic failure, these decisions reflect the natural shake-out in a nascent but rapidly evolving industry, one that requires strategic depth, technological partnerships, and long-term vision. It is crucial to note that neither the Adani project nor the Zoho one had even reached the formal approval stage under the government's programme. There is a special committee tasked with __(C)___ semiconductor proposals as they require critical tie-ups with global

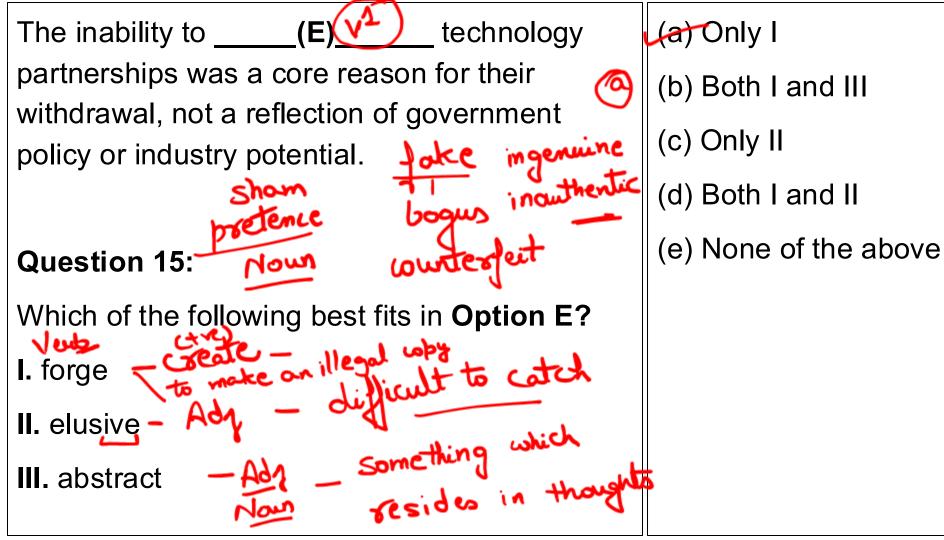
(**D**)__ component for success in this complex sector. The inability to **(E)** technology partnerships was a core reason for their withdrawal, not a reflection of government policy or industry potential.







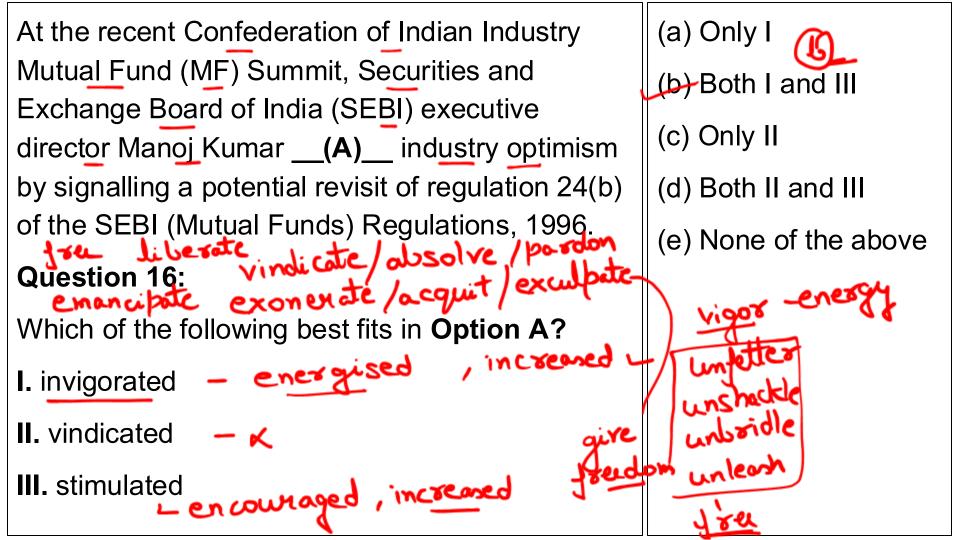


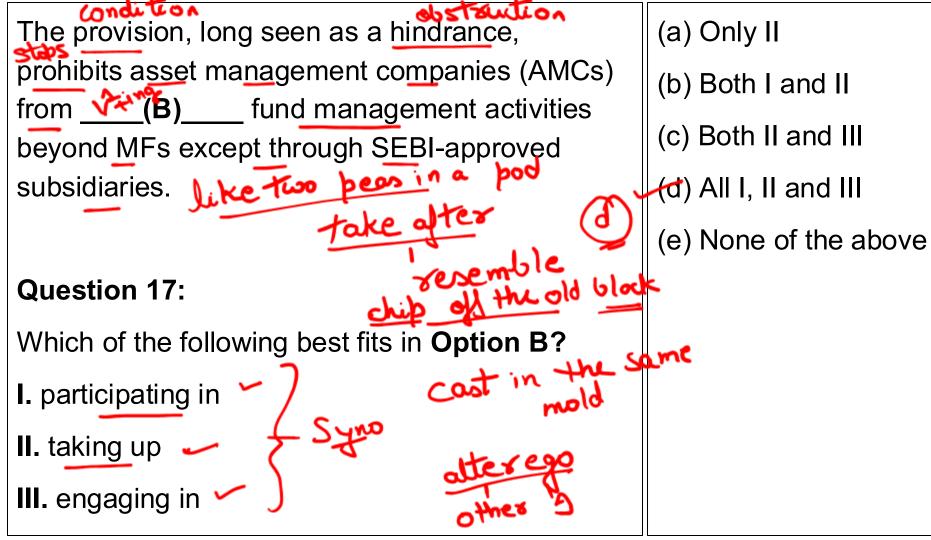


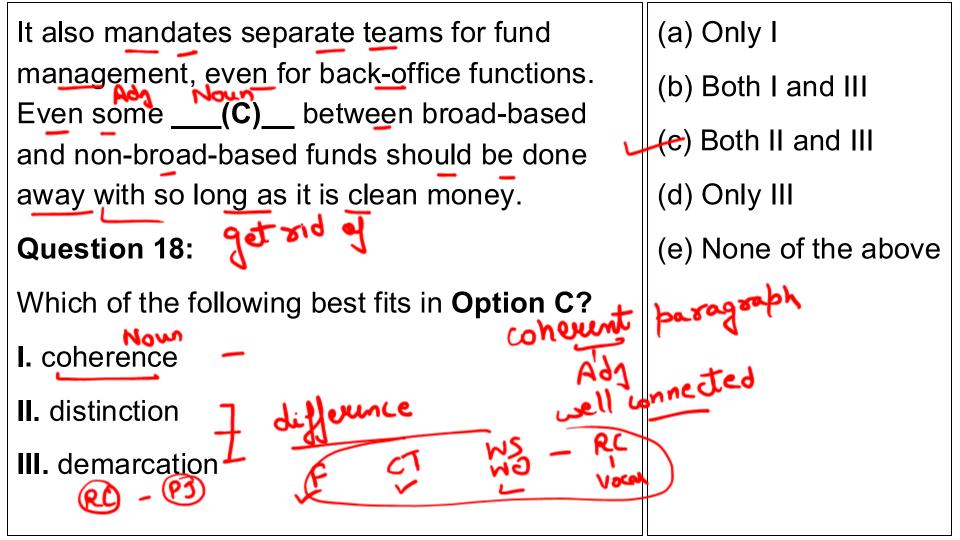
Set-4	
Direction (16-20): The passage given below contains some blanks wherein the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.	

At the recent Confederation of Indian Industry Mutual Fund constraints are advancing or (MF) Summit, Securities and Exchange Board of India stifling investor interests and (SEBI) executive director Manoj Kumar __(A)__ industry innovation. One of the most optimism by signalling a potential revisit of regulation 24(b) of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. The provision, long seen as a hindrance, prohibits asset management companies (AMCs) from __(B)___ fund management activities beyond MFs except through SEBI-approved subsidiaries. It also mandates separate teams for fund management, even for back-office functions. Even some __(C)___ between broad-based and non-broad-based funds should be done away with so long as it is clean money. like Singapore or the UAE. While rooted in investor protection and systemic prudence, these restrictions may be **(D)** with today's integrated financial ecosystem. As India's MF industry surpasses Rs 64 lakh crore in assets under management, it is time to ask if such

(E) missed opportunities is the management of foreign investments. Despite their competence, Indian AMCs are largely excluded from managing India-focused offshore funds which are instead run from jurisdictions







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