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TET, NDA/AIRFORCE, NET and all Govt.
Exams**

1. Tumultuous (उथल-पुथल से भरा)

- **Meaning:** Characterized by disorder, confusion, or turbulence.
- **Synonyms:** Turbulent, chaotic, stormy
- **Antonyms:** Calm, peaceful, stable
- **Example:** The stock market experienced a tumultuous week with significant fluctuations.

2. Inception (आरंभ)

- **Meaning:** The beginning of something, especially an institution or idea.
- **Synonyms:** Commencement, origin, outset
- **Antonyms:** Conclusion, end, termination
- **Example:** Since its inception, copyright law has evolved with every new technological advancement.

3. Damning (निंदनीय)

- **Meaning:** Strongly suggesting guilt or failure.
- **Synonyms:** Condemning, incriminating, harsh
- **Antonyms:** Praising, exonerating, approving
- **Example:** The report provided damning evidence of the government's failure to address malnutrition.

4. Crumbled (टूट-फूट गया)

- **Meaning:** Broken or fallen apart into small fragments.
- **Synonyms:** Collapsed, decayed, deteriorated
- **Antonyms:** Rebuilt, restored, constructed
- **Example:** The fire broke out in a crumbled building with no modern safety norms.

5. Obscuring (धुंधला करना)

- **Meaning:** Making something unclear or difficult to see.
- **Synonyms:** Concealing, clouding, hiding
- **Antonyms:** Revealing, clarifying, exposing
- **Example:** Even hours later, thick smoke was obscuring the insides of the building.

6. Humongous (विशालकाय)

- **Meaning:** Extremely large.
- **Synonyms:** Enormous, colossal, gigantic
- **Antonyms:** Tiny, small, miniature
- **Example:** Conducting fire audits in every old city building would be a humongous task.

7. Purveyor (प्रदाता)

- **Meaning:** A person or group that supplies goods or services.
- **Synonyms:** Supplier, vendor, provider
- **Antonyms:** Consumer, buyer
- **Example:** The purveyor of quality chess equipment was a key supporter of the tournament.

8. Altruistic (परोपकारी)

- **Meaning:** Showing a selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish.
- **Synonyms:** Selfless, charitable, benevolent, philanthropic
- **Antonyms:** Selfish, self-centered, egotistic
- **Example:** The doctor's altruistic efforts in serving the poor community earned him wide admiration.

9. Tenacious (दृढ़ / अटल)

- **Meaning:** Tending to keep a firm hold of something; persistent and determined.
- **Synonyms:** Persistent, determined, resolute, dogged
- **Antonyms:** Weak, irresolute, surrendering
- **Example:** Her tenacious spirit helped her overcome all obstacles in her path to success.

10. Grapple (संघर्ष करना)

- **Meaning:** To struggle or deal with something difficult.
- **Synonyms:** Wrestle, struggle, contend
- **Antonyms:** Avoid, ignore, neglect
- **Example:** The company is grappling with the challenge of attracting skilled workers.

VOCABULARY

One-word substitute:

1. Sociable; fond of company:

Gregarious

2. A sentimental longing for the past:

Nostalgia

3. A person who abandons a religion, belief, or cause:

Apostate

4. A person with bad handwriting or poor spelling skills:

Cacographer

VOCABULARY

Phrasal Verbs:

1. Pitch in

Meaning: to begin working or to contribute to a common task

2. Psych out

Meaning: make someone less confident

3. Snuff out

Meaning: to put an end to, kill, or destroy something completely

4. Zip around

Meaning: to move quickly from one place to another

VOCABULARY

Idioms & Phrases

1. Draw a longbow

Meaning - to exaggerate in telling stories

2. Run around the circles

Meaning - to keep doing or talking about the same thing without achieving anything

3. Boil the ocean

Meaning - undertaking an impossible task

VOCABULARY

4. Down for the count

Meaning - having failed in something that you are doing

5. Step up your game

Meaning - to enhance performance, quality, skills, or talents

Article for Reading

**Copyright's tryst with
generative AI**

Copyright law has always been a product of technology. It was created in 1710 to deal with the outcome of the invention of the printing press, to protect publishers against any unauthorised publication while encouraging learning, and to further their economic interests. Since inception, copyright law has adapted itself to various technologies from the time of the printing press to the photocopying machine, to the recording device, and to the Internet. In each stage, the law has worked its way around technology. However, today there is a belief that generative AI has the potential to upset the copyright law. Such a debate is not new: it surfaces roughly every 20 years with each technological advent. So far, copyright law has been successful in forbidding commercial reproduction of works protected by copyright; currently, the law faces the task of prohibiting AI platforms from training on the works of the creators. There is a shift in the approach of using copyright law.

In the past, the law dealt with copies of the original works; now, it has to deal with training of copyrighted material by AI platforms and not with the reproduction of copies itself. Generative AI companies, specifically Open AI, have found themselves at a crossroads with copyright law across countries. AI platforms employ a technology called Internet scraping by which Large Language Models (LLM) train the platform on all available knowledge. For training purposes, the platform accesses both copyrighted and non-copyrighted content. The copyright infringement cases are fought on subject matters such as literature, music, and photographs. Recently, the Federation of Indian Publishers as well as the Asian News International initiated copyright infringement claims against Open AI before the Delhi High Court for training the AI platform with the works of the publishers without their prior consent. Similar cases are pending before the American courts, where the respondents have taken the claim of 'fair learning' and 'fair use in education' as an exception provided by the U.S. Copyright Act.

In these cases, Open AI has developed an opt-out mechanism which allows the publishers to opt-out from the data set training. But this strategy applies only to future and not past training. In the ongoing case in India, Professor Dr. Arul George Scaria, amicus curiae, has suggested that the court should address the issue of whether unlearning the information from the content used during training is technically and practically feasible. Further, he has also underscored the need for keeping in mind the effect of the future of AI development in India; access to legitimate information including copyrighted materials; and a direction from the court to Open AI to address falsely attributable sources. Among other things related to Open AI, it has been argued that the Indian courts lack competence to hear the case. Leaving that aside, the LLM platforms may find themselves in an uncharted territory in India, as the Indian Copyright Act adopts a different exception test and not the 'fair use' test established in the U.S.

Summary

The passage discusses the evolving relationship between copyright law and technology, emphasizing how copyright law has historically adapted to technological advances—from the printing press to the Internet. However, the rise of generative AI poses a fresh challenge, particularly regarding how AI platforms like OpenAI train on copyrighted material without direct reproduction. The current legal debate focuses on whether using such material for training Large Language Models (LLMs) violates copyright law. Lawsuits in both India and the U.S. have been filed, with OpenAI defending its practice under ‘fair use’ and introducing an opt-out mechanism—though only for future training. In India, legal experts suggest courts consider whether AI can unlearn data and reflect on broader implications for AI development and information access. Additionally, jurisdictional questions have been raised about Indian courts’ authority over such matters. Notably, India applies a different copyright exception standard than the U.S., further complicating the issue.

Tone:

The tone of the passage is analytical and informative, with a slightly cautionary undertone as it highlights the legal and ethical uncertainties surrounding generative AI and copyright law.

Reading Comprehension

Based on the above passage, answer the following questions:

Question 1:

What represents the fundamental shift in copyright law's challenge due to generative AI, as discussed in the passage?

- A. It now governs the economic interests of publishers exclusively.**
- B. It is moving from regulating reproduction of content to managing its use for training purposes.**
- C. It has entirely adapted to AI, treating it as it would the printing press.**
- D. It has moved toward criminalizing all use of copyrighted material in AI.**
- E. None of the above**

Question 2:

Why might Indian courts be considered incompetent to adjudicate certain aspects of the copyright dispute with OpenAI?

- A. India lacks a copyright act compatible with AI developments.**
- B. The OpenAI servers are based outside of India.**
- C. It has been argued that Indian courts lack jurisdiction over foreign AI platforms.**
- D. The Indian law does not allow international copyright claims.**
- E. None of the above**

Question 3:

Which concern was raised by the amicus curiae in the Indian court case regarding AI training?

- A. The legality of AI generating entirely new content**
- B. The possibility and practicality of unlearning trained content**
- C. Whether publishers should be compensated retrospectively**
- D. How AI affects moral rights of creators**
- E. None of the above**

Article for Skimming

**Old and unsafe: on
the Hyderabad fire**

Mixing history, tradition and commerce, the old city neighbourhoods of India's metropolises have a unique vibrancy, colour and feel. Some of the hardiest entrepreneurs, talented craftsmen and canny businesspeople have set shop there, along with the working classes, that help turn the wheels of the economy. These neighbourhoods are home to narrow lanes, crumbling commercial structures, and pigeon holes that serve as residences. Packed with people, these bustling neighbourhoods create well-knit communities too. Built well before modern fire safety norms evolved, most of these buildings are also major fire hazards. A stone's throw away from the Charminar in Hyderabad, a building in Gulzar Houz housed a large joint family engaged in the jewellery business from the time of the Nizam, as well as several shops.

As is common in old cities, a tunnel-like entrance near the shops led to a passage and then a courtyard around which there were shops on the ground floor and living areas above. A skylight above the courtyard permitted light, but no air. On Sunday morning, a fire devastated the family killing 17, eight of them children. There was only one staircase to the living areas, a common feature in such accidents. A few seconds of inhaling smoke can trigger panic. Brain death happens in a few minutes. The dead had literally no means of escape once the fire took over the narrow passage. Photographs taken hours after the blaze was put out still showed smoke obscuring the insides. Gulzar Houz-type buildings are a common sight across India's inner cities, and are standing fire hazards. In Hyderabad, the street was wide enough for firefighters to access but that is not the case elsewhere. A fire safety audit would establish key deficiencies of each building and perhaps suggest solutions.

But there are millions of such buildings and this would be a humongous task. Communities can be engaged by city planners to create awareness and promote safety. Too often, a building is built for a certain electric load, and over time, the load increases multi-fold with air-conditioners becoming must-haves. Fire safety takes a hit right there. Creating more access and exit points and training residents to escape fires are eventually the most effective fire safety measures. Each neighbourhood could have volunteer fire champions who would advocate for fire safety. While policy and government action can initiate change, communities will have to be in the forefront of ensuring fire safety.

Question 4:

According to the passage, which of the following is considered the most effective long-term fire safety strategy for inner-city neighbourhoods?

- A. Upgrading old buildings with centralized air-conditioning**
- B. Establishing stricter government policies and fines**
- C. Conducting annual fire safety audits for every structure**
- D. Creating more access/exit points and training residents**
- E. None of the above**

Question 5:

Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?

- A. Celebratory and nostalgic**
- B. Objective and statistical**
- C. Alarmed yet constructive**
- D. Sarcastic and dismissive**
- E. None of the above**

Today's Descriptive Question

Precis Writing:

Original Text:

The silver economy refers to the economic activities, products, and services designed to cater to the needs of an aging population. As life expectancy increases and birth rates decline, many countries, including India, are witnessing a growing elderly demographic. This shift presents both challenges and opportunities for economic growth, healthcare, and social development. One of the key drivers of the silver economy is the rising demand for healthcare services, including elderly care, specialized medical treatments, and wellness programs. The development of geriatric healthcare infrastructure, home-care services, and telemedicine has gained momentum to support the growing elderly population. Additionally, industries such as pharmaceuticals, assistive technology, and smart home solutions are expanding to cater to senior citizens' needs.

The financial sector is also adapting by offering pension schemes, retirement planning, and insurance products tailored for older adults. Moreover, as many seniors remain active post-retirement, there is a surge in demand for elder-friendly employment opportunities, lifelong learning programs, and digital literacy initiatives. The travel, leisure, and wellness industries are also evolving to provide age-friendly experiences, creating a thriving market for the elderly.

However, the silver economy comes with challenges such as rising healthcare costs, social security concerns, and the need for stronger elderly support systems. Governments and businesses must work together to create age-friendly policies, infrastructure, and social inclusion programs to ensure the well-being and financial security of older adults. By investing in the silver economy, societies can turn aging into an opportunity for economic and social progress.

Precis:

The silver economy focuses on economic opportunities arising from an aging population, driving demand for healthcare, financial services, and elderly-friendly products. Growth in geriatric care, smart technology, and retirement planning supports seniors' evolving needs. As older adults remain active, sectors like employment, lifelong learning, and leisure are adapting. However, challenges such as rising healthcare costs and social security concerns require policy reforms and investment to ensure the well-being of senior citizens while leveraging their economic potential.

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You may send the invoice as a PDF attachment to this email or to [Alternative Email Address]. If any additional details are required, please let me know.

Looking forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Information]

Match the column

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Answer:

1-d

2-e

3-b

4-a

5-c

Vocabulary

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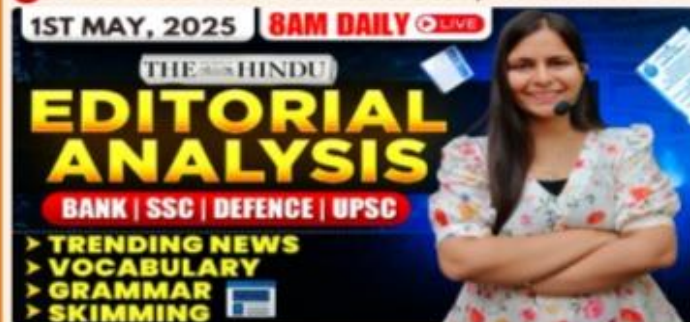


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1.

Ans: B

Explanation:

Reference:

"In the past, the law dealt with copies of the original works; now, it has to deal with training of copyrighted material by AI platforms and not with the reproduction of copies itself."

Incorrect options:

A. Incorrect – While economic interests are a concern, the shift is not about exclusively governing publishers' interests.

C. Incorrect – The passage states that AI might upset copyright law, implying difficulty in adaptation, not seamless acceptance.

D. Incorrect – There's no mention of criminalization of all uses; the issue is training on copyrighted material, not generating or publishing AI content per se.

2.

Ans: C

Explanation:

Reference:

"Among other things related to Open AI, it has been argued that the Indian courts lack competence to hear the case."

Incorrect options:

- A. Incorrect – Indian Copyright Act exists, though it applies different exceptions.
- B. Incorrect – Server location is not discussed as the reason for incompetence.
- D. Incorrect – There is no mention of a restriction on international claims.

3.

Ans: B

Explanation:

Reference:

"Professor Dr. Arul George Scaria, amicus curiae, has suggested that the court should address the issue of whether unlearning the information from the content used during training is technically and practically feasible."

Incorrect options:

- A. Incorrect – The passage does not discuss legality of generating new content.
- C. Incorrect – Retrospective compensation is not discussed by the amicus.
- D. Incorrect – Moral rights are not a concern mentioned here.

4.

Ans: D

Explanation:

The passage states:

“Creating more access and exit points and training residents to escape fires are eventually the most effective fire safety measures.”

This explicitly identifies it as the most effective strategy.

Incorrect Options:

A. Incorrect. While the passage discusses rising electric load due to air-conditioners, it presents this as a problem, not a solution.

“...the load increases multi-fold with air-conditioners becoming must-haves. Fire safety takes a hit right there.”

B. Incorrect. The passage suggests that policy can initiate change, but doesn't claim it is most effective.

“While policy and government action can initiate change, communities will have to be in the forefront...”

C. Incorrect. Fire safety audits are mentioned as helpful, but the passage says it would be a humongous task.

“But there are millions of such buildings and this would be a humongous task.”

5.

Ans: C

Explanation:

The passage raises alarms about fire hazards but also proposes community-level solutions, reflecting a constructive tone.

“Communities can be engaged by city planners to create awareness and promote safety.”

“Each neighbourhood could have volunteer fire champions...”

Incorrect Options:

A. Incorrect. While it briefly celebrates the vibrancy of old neighbourhoods, the tone is not predominantly nostalgic.

B. Incorrect. Though informative, the passage is not focused on statistics or objectivity.

D. Incorrect. No sarcasm or dismissiveness is found in the tone.