

## MBA

## MBA Fastrack 2025

## Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

DPP: 1

## How to read the passage

**Direction (1 - 5) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

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The On brand is a Swiss-based running shoe company known to have disrupted the sneaker industry in early 2010s. It presented an evolutionary design and technology which sought to limit the ground impact during activity while simultaneously providing an explosive push, innovative at the time when shoes usually had to sacrifice one for the other. The company is international but based in Zurich, Switzerland as its main office with company staff of approximately 500. Its products sell in over 50 countries and 5,000 retailers, reaching a peak in 2019. Overall, it is a relatively small company that has been able to achieve an extraordinarily high-profile success in one of the most competitive and difficult to enter markets due to its brand and technology. One of the primary strengths of On is its innovation, which typically goes beyond competitors and can be seen both in its products (the cloud technology) and its business practices (rapid digitization of sales). However, that fits in with their values to disrupt the market to create the best possible product for the consumer. Notably, upon founding the company, the founders did not put a product right away but worked on a prototype until they were satisfied with the quality and it had undergone rigorous testing in order to actually fulfill its marketing claims. This shows commitment to their values of

being straightforward and customer-oriented. The company values quality over quantity. Unlike competitors which can put out tens of various types of running shoes per year, On only has several, and sometimes waiting to release new technology. Their customer-centric approach to sales is also a significant strength, even as the dedicate resources to it across thousands of retailers, fitting in with their values of a small company at its roots where every customer matters. As mentioned, while their product offerings are slim allowing them to focus on quality, it is also a weakness. Due to this approach, On despite phenomenal products, it became a niche company. The brand name is not recognizable outside the athletic and running communities by everyday consumers, and most would not spend the amount of money on a premium-level shoe. It would have been wise to potentially adopt some form their cloud technology in more everyday streetwear. Another weakness is the company's reliance on external organizations for operations, ranging from retail sales to logistics and warehousing, production, and even marketing. Even with careful auditing and control, there is potential for things to go wrong, and it could damage the brand's reputation. However, at the same time it is the only realistic way that a small company could operate at the international level, and because On chose to pursue this strategy of expansive international sales growth, it has to rely on these networks of suppliers. Looking at the founding team of On, it is a great combination

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of people, both from a personal and professional perspective. The three men are friends, and each contributed their part and expertise to eventually launch the company and brand known today. Olivier Bernhard is an ex-professional competitor which created the prototype of the original cloud technology shoe. He offers the insight of what athletes may need in On products and oversees the research and development of the technical performance footwear at the company. David Alleman is the marketing genius behind the company, helping to drive this small unknown brand into international markets and both b2b and direct-to-consumer sales. He is the CFO of the company, also overseeing some supply chains, financing, and digitization of the marketing and sales, a space where On was also one of the first in the industry. Finally, Caspar Coppetti has an expertise in management, and joined in with his friends to found On which he saw as a visionary product not just for running but active footwear as well. He aids with day-to-day operations as well as elements of leadership, brand development, and communication strategies for the firm.

**Q1** What can be the style of the passage?

- (A) Contemplative (B) Informal  
☒ (C) Analytical (D) Descriptive

**Q2** What is the tone of the passage?

- (A) Critical (B) Enthusiastic  
☒ (C) Neutral (D) Negative

**Q3** Which one of the following, if true, would best follow the passage's findings?

- ☒ (A) On footwear has not been adopted in everyday streetwear.  
 (B) On is one of the largest companies in the sneaker industry.  
 (C) On has adopted a mass-market approach to sales.

☒ (D) On is the only company to use cloud technology in its shoes.

**Q4** From the passage, we can infer that the author is in favour of:

- (A) On becoming a large company.  
 (B) On relying on external organizations for operations.  
☒ (C) On's commitment to quality over quantity.  
☒ (D) On's customer-centric approach to sales.

**Q5** We can infer all of the following about On, a Swiss based running shoe company, from the passage EXCEPT that:

- (A) The company values innovation in both its products and business practices.  
 (B) The company is based in Zurich, Switzerland with a staff of approximately 500.  
☒ (C) The company has a large product offering and releases new technology frequently.  
 (D) The company's founders carefully tested and refined their product before releasing it to the market.

**Direction (6 - 10) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

What have been the principal implementation challenges? The ACA has experienced among the most controversial and conflictual implementations of any social welfare policy law in American history. Republican and conservative forces have mobilized in every conceivable political direction to thwart implementation backed by significant financial investments from opposition stakeholders and ideological adversaries. The most significant was the legal challenge that resulted in a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court on June 28th, 2012. The



court's decision, by a narrow 5–4 vote, upheld the constitutionality of the entire law and the individual mandate, though requiring that the Medicaid expansion be optional for states. Other legal challenges have failed to reach the high court, though some are still in process. The U.S. House of Representatives, controlled by a Republican majority since early 2011, has taken more than 45 votes to repeal or undermine the law—none of which passed the Democratic-controlled Senate; the House has been able to impede the flow of funding for implementation of many ACA elements. The partnership envisioned in the ACA between the federal and state governments has been challenging, especially in states with Republican governors. Only half the states have adopted the Medicaid expansion in spite of generous federal financing, and fewer than 20 have chosen to operate their own health insurance marketplaces, opting for the federal government to establish these entities. A faulty and lawed launch of the marketplace websites in October 2013 became a serious, self-inflicted wound by the Obama Administration as millions of potential customers were unable to enroll; while problems have been corrected, reputational damage endures. The ACA's essential implementation date has always been January 1st, 2014 when the Medicaid expansions, the private insurance subsidies, the individual mandate, and the health insurance regulatory reforms all took effect. With the launch of these reforms, the complete repeal of the ACA is now improbable. What is the future of U.S. health reform and what does the ACA mean for global reform? In the U.S., the passage of any significant law is the end of a lengthy legislative process, and the initiation of an ongoing implementation and improvement process as the nation comes to understand the law's advantages, disadvantages, laws, and errors. The prior

major federal health law that established Medicare and Medicaid in 1965 has been subject to continuous debate, review, and amendment for nearly 50 years. So it will be with the ACA as the nation's public and healthcare stakeholders evaluate its successes and failures, and as lawmakers modify the law to meet the changing needs of a dynamic society. The ACA's access and insurance coverage reforms represent an effort by the U.S. to catch up with the health financial security already guaranteed to residents of all other OECD nations, as well as by a growing number of less advanced nations including Mexico, Thailand, and Turkey.

**Q6** Which of the following hypothetical scenarios would most challenge the assumption that the ACA represents an attempt for the U.S. to catch up with other OECD nations?

- (A) Empirical data suggests that U.S. healthcare outcomes improve faster than those in other OECD nations after the implementation of the ACA.
- (B) Several developing nations adopt similar healthcare reforms, demonstrating that the ACA is not unique to OECD nations.
- (C) An analysis shows that the ACA's insurance coverage reforms are less effective than those in countries like Mexico and Thailand.
- (D) The ACA leads to significant reductions in healthcare costs compared to OECD nations, which continue to experience rising costs.

**Q7** Which of the following would most weaken the claim that "complete repeal of the ACA is now improbable"?

- (A) Several Democratic-controlled states experience significant economic strain



and pressure the federal government to revise ACA funding.

~~(B)~~ The Supreme Court overturns key provisions of the ACA regarding the individual mandate in a landmark ruling.

(C) Republican-controlled states increasingly adopt the Medicaid expansion in response to federal incentives.

(D) Major healthcare providers rally in support of the ACA, claiming that repealing it would cause widespread economic disruption.

**Q8** Which of the following, if true, would most *strengthen* the argument that the ACA is unlikely to be repealed after its essential implementation in January 2014?

(A) A significant number of Republican-controlled states implement their own Medicaid expansions despite federal opposition.

(B) A newly elected Congress with a strong Republican majority votes to defund all major components of the ACA.

(C) The ACA's insurance coverage reforms become popular among the majority of voters in the states that initially opposed the law.

(D) Future Supreme Court rulings narrowly uphold additional legal challenges that strip away key provisions of the ACA.

**Q9** Which of the following, if true, would most *obfuscate* the argument that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is poised to endure without significant repeal or alteration?

~~(A)~~ An overwhelming preponderance of legal scholars assert that the ACA's foundational tenets are susceptible to judicial scrutiny and potential dismantling.

(B) An extensive analysis reveals that the ACA has engendered a palpable improvement in health disparities among marginalized demographics.

(C) Polling data indicates that a formidable majority of constituents advocate for the preservation of the ACA, despite partisan opposition.

(D) A substantial cohort of Republican legislators introduces legislation that aims to decimate key components of the ACA, garnering bipartisan support.

**Q10** What is the author's tone towards the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)?

(A) Pessimistic – The author expresses a belief that the ACA is fundamentally flawed and unlikely to succeed in the long run.

~~(B)~~ Critical – The author critiques the numerous obstacles faced during the implementation of the ACA, highlighting both political opposition and practical challenges.

(C) Neutral – The author presents the information in a straightforward manner without showing a clear opinion about the ACA's implementation.

(D) Supportive – The author conveys a sense of optimism regarding the ACA's potential benefits for U.S. health reform despite the challenges faced.

**Direction (11 - 15) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**





Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Some individual causes can be ignoring boundaries, failure to use self-control, feelings of entitlement, warped personal values, crowd following or even lack of a moral compass. Organizational causes can be a lack of clarity, no ethical leadership or standards, oversimplified rules, lack of positive role models, lack of training, a lack of accountability, no performance incorporation, or even scapegoating. The examples provided are some good points, however, they are just examples, and there can be, and often are combinations of factors that can create a ripple effect for ethical failures within a corporate culture. When there is no ethical leadership standard, and no positive role models, it creates an environment where people aren't sure what to do. Leaders who have an entitlement view and lack clarity about what ethical leadership provides an atmosphere of justification of entitlement in the organization, often stemmed from unclear expectations from leadership. When a leader lacks a moral direction, and the organization lacks ethical leadership standards, you can end up with a leader whose personal ethics are the basis for ethical conduct, which may be biased for self-gain. When leaders have trouble with ethical boundaries, or lack accountability for ethical behavior it increases the chances of ethical problems for the leader and organization. Why do some managers accused of white-collar crimes know the right thing to do, yet choose otherwise? First it is important to distinguish what white collar crimes are. White collar crimes are generally nonviolent crimes such as fraud, bribery, Ponzi schemes, insider trading, labor racketeering, embezzlement, cybercrime, copyright infringement, money laundering, identity theft, and forgery. We see many leaders that have

had ethical misconduct have a combination of issues from individual or personal to organizationally. According to the FBI, white collar crimes cost over *500 billion annually, this by contrast exceeds personal property crimes estimated annual cost of 15 billion.* Research indicates environmental indicators and cues can push people to behave contrary when faced with ethical choices. White collar misconducts happen when environmental signals and cues are vague. Poorly planned job motivations can be a determinant for white collar crimes, such as offering rewards for short-term profits. To exploit their performance-based compensations, some will evade existing laws. One example was Bradley Birkenfeld, a federal co-operator in the UBS tax fraud case, stating "I was incentivized to do this." Another case involved Enron, Executive Stock Options Plans (ESOP) which were projected to 'maximize shareholder wealth,' in fact inspired employees to produce immense accounting fraud. It appears depending on how the incentives are created and managed, you can be inviting ethical misconduct, it is important to have incentives that are clear and specific to help drive responsible behavior. Management indifference towards ethics can create an environment that condones legitimizing unethical behavior. One of the biggest accounting scandals, MCI-WorldCom management provided orders to its accountants, to "make the debt go away.", employees modified the books proceeding after those comments. Another example is Siemens management, they used accounting methods to help from **20 to** 50 million as bribe payments, with one spokesperson stating 'bribery was Siemen's business model. Unethical behavior perceived as harmless is another, such as many stock traders involved in insider trading. To justify the behavior, many tout it is a "victimless crime". A lot of



people will also justify actions such as embezzlement as a "one-time event". Salespeople bribing clients feel they're doing their job to put a deal together, while not harming anyone. Aggressive goals without goalposts is another cue for unethical behavior in an organization. Aggressive goals are part of most merit-based environments. It is the directives of management that can have them take on unethical behavior, such as "do what it takes" instructions. The problem begins there, but when management also overlooks questionable or unethical behaviors for the bottom line, it produces an environment of unethical behavior. Goals should be defined with clear limitations to help define what is acceptable and what is not.

**Q11** What is the style of the passage?

- (A) Descriptive (B) Narrative  
(C) Informative (D) Expository

**Q12** What is the tone of the passage?

- (A) Condemning (B) Approving  
(C) Optimistic (D) Reverential

**Q13** What is the main theme of the passage?

- (A) White collar crimes are always the result of individual factors  
(B) Environmental indicators and cues can contribute to white collar crime  
(C) Unethical behavior in organizations is often a result of a combination of individual and organizational factors  
(D) Management indifference is the main cause of unethical behavior in organizations

**Q14** According to the passage, which of the following statements about a lack of ethical leadership standards cannot be inferred?

- (A) It can cause people to be unsure of how to act.

(B) It can lead to a culture of entitlement in the organization.

(C) It can result in employees avoiding existing laws.

(D) It can lead to a greater number of ethical problems.

**Q15** Which of the following, if true, would strengthen the argument that white-collar crimes are the result of a combination of individual and organizational factors?

(A) White-collar crimes are more common in organizations with a weak ethical culture.

(B) Employees who engage in white-collar crimes usually have a personal moral code that allows such behavior.

(C) Employees who engage in white-collar crimes are motivated purely by financial gain.

(D) The nature of white-collar crimes makes it difficult to detect and prosecute.

**Direction (16 - 20) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

In recent years, psychology has come under attack as a racist tool of Western thought. No one can deny that it has been used to stigmatise, categorise, infantilise, manipulate and transform our ways of seeing ourselves, each other and even the very function of civilisation. But the study of the mind has simultaneously been a part of the story of anticolonialism and liberation, a potent tool for overcoming delusion and confusion in the face of oppression and assault. When the Delphic oracle urged the supplicant to 'Know thyself', what exactly was to be gained by knowing? Presumably, he was to be liberated from delusion through the capacity to clearly understand his own motives, fears and



aspirations. For Socrates, it was the method of dialogue with another person that allowed one to know oneself, while for Epictetus, an acknowledgement of the forces outside one's control was crucial to knowing. Knowledge of thyself is always embedded in a context. A decolonial psychology becomes possible with awareness that subjectivity is embedded in history and hierarchy. What happens when the context one lives under is colonial oppression? The modern form of knowing thyself that we call psychology has served as a source of resistance by allowing individuals to forge their own identities within their lived context. In the middle of the 20th century, psychoanalysis served as a language for structuring, theorising and articulating the inner landscape. After the Second World War, when colonial declensions of land and people in Africa and the Middle East bore the strange fruit of new nations, psychodynamic theory offered the potential of analysing the nature of personal and collective trauma through liberatory discourse. This year, a report from the Holmes Commission on Racial Equality in American Psychoanalysis (APsA) indicates that 'the "social" is deeply embedded in the psyche, and 'an essential focus for psychoanalytic thought and practice'. The implication is that, in this world of displaced peoples, psychologists must tend to the consequences of history. What's more, psychology provides a format for self-knowledge through which individuals can articulate their experiences and derive explanations for their sense of dislocation. In the modern world, we use the language of psychology to manage and assess concepts of agency, mastery and power. Psychology can provide the capacity to critique power, and express suffering and frustration in the face of oppressive economic forces the individual must survive. In recent years, a powerful interest among psychologists in the

'decolonisation of psychology' itself aims to isolate and eradicate the epistemic violence caused when Western models of society eclipse and obfuscate local cultural notions of ethics and identity. The development of an inner landscape through which an individual can know herself constitutes what I like to call the 'liberatory potential' of psychology – the potential of psychology to liberate us from oppression. From the proliferation of analysts in Buenos Aires to the work of remarkable individuals in Martinique, India, Egypt and Ghana, psychology has provided a language rich enough to alleviate suffering, buttress the sense of agency and provide tools for discourse. To know oneself in the postcolonial moment of the 20th century and beyond, to achieve true liberatory knowledge, is to conceive an intersubjective space in which one can forensically analyse the consequences of subjugation in our behaviours and thought patterns, and understand them in the context of the wider world.

**Q16** which of the following inferences can be drawn regarding the role of psychology in individual development?

- (A) Focuses on mental illness only.
- (B) Depends on subjective interpretation.
- (C) Leads to uniform outcomes.
- (D) Relies solely on practitioner expertise.

**Q17** Which of the following can be most reasonably inferred from the passage?

- (A) Psychology's primary function is to treat individual mental illness using Western clinical methods.
- (B) The language of psychology is increasingly being used as a means to understand social and historic injustices.



- (C) Psychoanalytic theories have largely ignored social and historical contexts in modern practice.
- (D) The decolonisation of psychology has eliminated Western influence from psychological practices worldwide

**Q18** According to the passage, psychology can be decolonized when it:

- (A) Redefines its foundational principles through cross-cultural collaboration.
- (B) Shifts from a Eurocentric framework to a more inclusive paradigm.
- (C) Embraces culturally diverse perspectives and methodologies.
- (D) Acknowledging historical hierarchies entwined with subjectivity.

**Q19** Among the subsequent Choices presented, which aspect is most plausibly aligned with the philosophical tenet encapsulated by the maxim 'Know Thyself'?

- (A) An exploration of external societal roles and expectations.
- (B) An introspective analysis of personal beliefs and values.
- (C) A study of historical figures and their influences on self-identity.
- (D) An evaluation of economic conditions and their impact on self-perception.

**Q20** Suggest a suitable title for the given passage:

- (A) The Paradox of Psychology: A Tool of Both Oppression and Liberation
- (B) Colonialism and the Role of Psychology in the West
- (C) Psychology: A Historical Account of Post-War Western Thought
- (D) Decolonizing the Self: The Role of Psychology in Postcolonial Resistance

**Direction (21 - 25) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

One of the most significant forms of American folklore, which laid the foundation for such musical genres as gospel, blues, and jazz, was the spiritual chants of African Americans. The ancestors of African Americans were forcibly separated from their homes and brought to the United States to work on the plantations of the Old South. Descendants of hundreds of different tribes in Africa brought distinctive musical traditions that were destined to have a global impact on world culture. Spirituals were generally considered religious music, but they carried a much deeper meaning to the people who composed and performed them. African Americans faced severe restrictions even in arts and music. White planters tried to split the communities to prevent riots, and sometimes slaves were forbidden to speak their native language. Music has become a primary way of expressing inner feelings, grief, sorrow, and a sense of oneness with brothers and sisters in distress. It is a story about the strength of the human spirit, pure reverence for ancestors, and faith in the future. Frederick Douglas was born in 1818 in the US state of Maryland into a family of slaves. He despised American slave laws and actively tried to shed light on the terrifying events taking place in the country. Frederick Douglas's lifelong goal was to fight slavery in all its forms, advocate total emancipation, and raise the moral standards of society. He perceived musical creativity as a way of raising spirits, prosperous fighting for a hopeful future, and a manifestation of cultural pride. Slave owners often did not understand the true meaning of this art and demanded the slaves sing for entertainment. Frederick Douglas documented in his autobiography how compulsory singing oppressed him in childhood and how different it was from singing from the heart. In an endless sense of





homesickness and grief over the cruel perspective of the planters, music became an origin of the declaration of Blacks' beliefs and transmissions into the world. Exploring Douglas' work and the history of African American culture requires saving these ideas in mind to better understand the origins of the music and its message to the world. William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was a prominent American historian, sociologist, and public figure. He was born into an impoverished family of farmers, but his extraordinary talents helped him lift himself out of poverty and become the first black graduate of Harvard University. He was the author of numerous books and articles on the history of peoples of African descent and their struggle against racism, slavery, and the slave trade. His works include visions for independence and the development of the prosperous traditions of African culture, stories, and plays about the life of African Americans. In the music, he saw the true feelings of his ancestors, but precisely through the prism of the Christian religion. A serious analysis of spirituals began primarily with the works of Du Bois, his final chapter of *The Souls of the Black Folk*, named *The Sorrow Songs*. He viewed spirituals as anthems of self-determination and an expression of divine religious faith, messaged to God. It is a slightly different approach to the perception of African slave music, more revealing the religious aspect and its background. It is important to comprehend that one of the reasons people voluntarily converted to Christianity was the uncovered parallel in biblical stories with their real lives. The words were biblical, but the implications and meanings in songs were deeply personal. People could express their inner pain, protests, and the urging sense of the lack of justice. Gradually the Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves, which can be traced in the writer's works

regarding African American culture. The music of African slaves can be perceived from different angles, focusing on religion or, on the contrary, considering it solely a way to veil the true meaning from tyrants. The principal idea is unshakable: this is a monumental cultural heritage and the commencement of the prosperous crusade for freedom and equality.

**Q21** In the context of the passage, all of the following statements are true EXCEPT:

- (A) African American music has had a global impact on world culture.
- ✓ (B) African American slaves were completely forbidden to speak their native languages.
- (C) The Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves.
- (D) Music helped African Americans express their inner pain and protests against injustice.

**Q22** Which one of the following scenarios, if false, could be seen as supporting the passage?

- (A) White planters tried to prevent slaves from speaking their native language.
- (B) African Americans converted to Christianity voluntarily.
- (C) The music of African slaves was primarily used to veil the true meaning from tyrants.
- ✓ (D) Slave owners understood the true meaning of art and music created by slaves.

**Q23** Which one of the following statements could not be inferred as supporting the arguments of the passage?

- (A) African Americans embraced Christianity as a way to express their inner pain and feelings.
- (B) Frederick Douglas's lifelong goal was to fight slavery in all its forms.



(C) The music of African slaves was primarily influenced by European classical music traditions.

(D) African Americans were able to use music to create a sense of community and solidarity.

**Q24** The author of this passage is LEAST likely to support the view that:

→ (A) African American spiritual chants were an expression of religious faith.

(B) Music was used to express innermost thoughts and feelings.

→ (C) Music was used as a form of rebellion against oppressive laws.

(D) African American culture has a deep and significant history.

**Q25** Had the passage continued, what the author would have logically discussed next?

→ (A) The role of spirituals in the civil rights movement.

(B) The impact of African American music on modern popular culture.

(C) The legacy of the African American spirituals.

(D) The effects of racial segregation on African American music production.

**Direction (26 - 30) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

You might think it obvious that any list of topics worthy of sustained philosophical investigation would include education, along with mind, knowledge, language, morality and so on. Education, one would think, is a subject-matter of immense practical, real-world import that invites philosophical reflection, and that reflection in turn promises to illuminate not just education itself but some of philosophy's most enduring questions. However, hardly any contemporary philosophers see things this way. Of course, most philosophers today work

in institutions of higher education, and many take their teaching seriously and do a good job of it. So they care about education in that sense. They just don't think that education matters as a subject of philosophical inquiry, and moreover, they take a rather dim view of those of us who do.

The distinguished philosopher Philip Kitcher is an exception that proves this rule, but it is noteworthy that in the preface to his recent book, *The Main Enterprise of the World: Rethinking Education* (2022), he laments that most philosophers think of the sub-discipline of 'philosophy of education' as an academic slum occupied by intellectual mediocrities who produce dull and unsophisticated work. Kitcher himself dissents from this view, but he is right that it's the prevailing opinion. Most philosophers are content to see philosophy of education as a backwater, and are unmotivated to engage with it because they don't believe that education matters to philosophy.

Lack of interest in education is not confined to analytic philosophy, but it is particularly marked in that tradition. I was an undergraduate at Keele University in the late 1970s and a doctoral student at Oxford in the 1980s. I don't remember philosophers at either institution staging lectures or seminars on philosophy of education the entire time. It was only when I went to Russia to research the philosophical culture of the Soviet Union that I encountered thinkers who believed education to be of such critical importance in human life that no serious philosopher could fail to take an interest in it. Of course, that is not a distinctively Russian or Soviet view. Many luminaries in the history of philosophy have had things to say about education – Plato, Aristotle, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Mill, Whitehead, and Dewey to name a few – and educational themes can be discerned in the



writings of the later Wittgenstein, Iris Murdoch, and others, though this usually goes unnoticed and unremarked.

Admittedly, there was a brief period in the 1960s and 1970s when RS Peters, Paul Hirst, Robert Dearden and others at the Institute of Education in London brought the methods of analytic philosophy to bear on educational issues and encouraged a number of prominent philosophers, such as Gilbert Ryle, Michael Oakeshott and John Passmore to explore educational themes. And in the US, Israel Scheffler at Harvard produced significant writings on rationality and education. But while this 'analytic philosophy of education' inspired important work, its influence on the philosophical mainstream has been minimal, so that now the philosophy of education is often considered something no self-respecting philosopher need bother with, something that should be left to suitable persons in faculties of education and teacher training (a misconceived attempt at delegation since many such schools have long since lost interest in matters philosophical, but that's another story).

**Q26** What is the primary purpose of the passage?

- (A) To argue that the teaching methods of contemporary philosophers are ineffective
- (B) To highlight the neglect of education as a serious philosophical subject by most philosophers
- (C) To explain why philosophy of education is becoming more popular in academic circles
- (D) To criticize Philip Kitcher's stance on the value of philosophy of education

**Q27** Which of the following propositions **does not** align with the sentiments

articulated in the passage regarding the philosophy of education?

- (A) A substantial number of contemporary philosophers regard the philosophy of education as vital.
- (B) The prevailing view is that the philosophy of education lacks merit.
- (C) Kitcher asserts that the philosophy of education is unjustly marginalized.
- (D) Historical figures like Plato and Rousseau have influenced educational discourse.

**Q28** What does the author imply by stating "but that's another story" at the end of the statement?

- (A) There are other important stories to consider.
- (B) The loss of interest is a separate topic that deserves attention.
- (C) The author does not want to discuss this issue in detail.
- (D) There are many perspectives on this issue.

**Q29** If the assertion that "Lack of interest in education is not confined to analytic philosophy, but it is particularly marked in that tradition" is true, which of the following statements must be deemed false?

- (A) Numerous philosophers eschew the philosophical scrutiny of education.
- (B) Canonical texts evince substantial engagement with educational themes.
- (C) Kitcher grapples to promulgate educational philosophy.
- (D) Pedagogues frequently disregard education as a philosophical discourse.

**Q30** What is the author's tone towards the mainstream view of the philosophy of



education?

- (A) Sympathetic – The author understands why philosophers neglect the philosophy of education and accepts it as a reasonable stance.
- (B) Dismissive – The author expresses indifference toward the lack of philosophical interest in education and suggests that it is unimportant.

- (C) Critically Reflective – The author questions the neglect of the philosophy of education and calls attention to the rich history and significance of the subject.
- (D) Optimistic – The author believes that the philosophy of education will soon regain prominence in mainstream philosophical discourse.





# Answer Key

Q1 D  
Q2 C  
Q3 A  
Q4 D  
Q5 C  
Q6 C  
Q7 B  
Q8 C  
Q9 A  
Q10 B  
Q11 D  
Q12 A  
Q13 C  
Q14 C  
Q15 A

Q16 B  
Q17 B  
Q18 D  
Q19 B  
Q20 D  
Q21 B  
Q22 D  
Q23 C  
Q24 C  
Q25 A  
Q26 B  
Q27 A  
Q28 B  
Q29 B  
Q30 C



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# Hints & Solutions

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## Q1. Text Solution:

*Topic: Reading Comprehension*

*Subtopic: Business Analysis*

### Essence of the question:

This question asks for the style of the passage. We need to check in which way the author has presented information and his views in the passage.

### Explanation for the correct answer:

Option D: The style of the passage is descriptive. The passage provides a detailed description of the On brand and its founders, as well as its strengths and weaknesses. It does not present any specific arguments or make any judgments on the company but instead focuses on providing an objective overview of the brand, which is why the style of the passage is descriptive.

### Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option A: The author does not contemplate anything through this passage. It just describes the brand.

Option B: The author is not informal while presenting his writing in the passage. He has not used any informal word, so option b is not correct.

Option C: We do not find any analysis given by the author in the passage. Thus, this is incorrect.

### Trap of the Question:

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

### Video Solution:



## Q2. Text Solution:

*Topic: Reading Comprehension*

*Subtopic: Business Analysis*

### Essence of the question:

This is tone based question. Here we need to find out what is the attitude or feeling of the author while writing this passage.

### Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: This option is correct because the passage provides a neutral and objective description of the On brand. The passage describes the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses in a balanced and unbiased manner, without expressing any particularly positive or negative opinions. The author also describes the company's strengths, such as its focus on innovation and customer-centric approach to sales. However, the author also mentions some weaknesses of the company, such as its slim product offerings and reliance on external organizations for operations. Overall, the passage provides a neutral and informative description of the On brand and its history, without expressing any particularly positive or negative opinions.

### Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This option is not correct because the passage does not express any critical or negative opinions of the On brand. Instead, it



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provides an overall positive and informative description of the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses.

Option b: This option is not correct because the passage does not express any particular enthusiasm or excitement about the On brand. Instead, it provides a neutral and objective description of the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses.

Option d: This option is not correct because the passage does not express any negative opinions of the On brand. Instead, it provides an overall positive and informative description of the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses. In the passage, the author describes the On brand as a company that has disrupted the sneaker industry with its innovative design and technology.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

**Video Solution:**



**Q3. Text Solution:**

*Topic: Reading Comprehension*

*Subtopic: Business Analysis*

**Essence of the question:**

We shall search which option if true, would follow the findings or information given in the passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option a: On footwear has been not adopted in everyday streetwear. The passage suggests that the company has not yet adopted the everyday streetwear segment, hence the option is true.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option b: Although it is said that On had disrupted the market, we do not know if it is one of the largest. Rather the passage had also suggested that it has become a niche brand.

Option c: On has not opted for mass-market sales and is perceived as a niche brand. It is only known among athletes.

Option d: Although it is given that On has innovated the cloud technology, we have no information if any other brand uses the technology or not. It may be the case that it has sold the technology to another brand as well. The option is a bit extreme and beyond the scope of the passage, thus option d is not correct.

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#### Q4. Text Solution:

**Topic:** Reading Comprehension

**Subtopic:** Business Analysis

**Essence of the question:**

This is inference based question. We need to search out an option which the author supports in the passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: On's customer-centric approach to sales. This is indicated in the passage in multiple ways, including that their product offerings are slim and that they dedicate resources to their customer-centric approach across thousands of retailers, fitting in with their values of a small company at its roots where every customer matters. In addition, the founding team of On is a great combination of people, both from a personal and professional perspective, which shows a commitment to being customer-centric when launching the company and brand.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: This is not supported by the author as the passage does mention that the company is international and has grown to 5,000 retailers and does not indicate that the author is in favour of them becoming any larger.

Option b: The passage does discuss the company's reliance on external organizations for operations, but does not indicate that the author views this favourably. The author also

believes that the company should start the everyday streetwear segment to increase sales. Thus option b is not the answer. Option c: The passage does discuss the company's commitment to quality over quantity, but does not indicate that the author views this in a favourable light. Thus, it is incorrect.

**Trap of the Question:**

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**Video Solution:**



#### Q5. Text Solution:

**Topic:** Reading Comprehension

**Subtopic:** Business Analysis

**Essence of the question:**

This is 'except' category question. Here we have to find an option which does not reflect true information about On, a Swiss based running shoe company.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option c: The company has a large product offering and releases new technology frequently. This is not the case, as stated in the passage, where it says "Unlike competitors which can put out tens of various types of running shoes per year, On only has several,



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and sometimes waiting to release new technology." Option c is the correct answer because it is the only one that is not mentioned in the passage.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: The company values innovation in both its products and business practices. This is stated in the passage, where it says "One of the primary strengths of On is its innovation, which typically goes beyond competitors and can be seen both in its products (the cloud technology) and its business practices (rapid digitization of sales)." This option is not the correct answer as it states that On values innovation in both its products and business practices, which is true according to the passage.

Option b: The company is based in Zurich, Switzerland with a staff of approximately 500. This is also stated in the passage, where it says "The On brand is a Swiss-based running shoe company known to have disrupted the sneaker industry in early 2010s...The company is international but based in Zurich, Switzerland as its main office with company staff of approximately 500." This option is not the correct answer because it states that On is based in Zurich, Switzerland with a staff of approximately 500, which is also true according to the passage.

Option d: The company's founders carefully tested and refined their product before releasing it to the market. This is stated in the passage where it says "upon founding the company, the founders did not put a product right away but worked on a prototype until they were satisfied with the quality and it had undergone rigorous testing in order to actually fulfill its marketing claims. This shows commitment to their values of being straightforward and customer-oriented." This option is not the correct answer because it states that On's founders carefully tested and

refined their product before releasing it to the market, which is also true according to the passage.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

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**Q6. Text Solution:**

**Correct Answer: Option C**

**An analysis shows that the ACA's insurance coverage reforms are less effective than those in countries like Mexico and Thailand.**

**Explanation:**

If the ACA's reforms are demonstrated to be less effective than those in developing nations like Mexico and Thailand, this would directly undermine the assumption that the ACA is a step for the U.S. to catch up with other advanced economies (OECD countries). It suggests that instead of making progress toward better healthcare outcomes, the U.S. is lagging behind even less economically developed countries, challenging the notion



that the ACA is part of a broader effort to align with international standards in healthcare access and insurance coverage.

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**Q7. Text Solution:**

**Correct Answer: Option B**

**The Supreme Court overturns key provisions of the ACA regarding the individual mandate in a landmark ruling.**

**Explanation:**

The individual mandate is a critical component of the ACA that requires individuals to obtain health insurance or pay a penalty. If the Supreme Court were to overturn this provision, it would undermine the ACA's structural integrity and effectiveness, making it more likely that repeal efforts would gain momentum. This would directly counter the claim that complete repeal is improbable by demonstrating that a significant legal challenge could destabilize the ACA and reignite calls for repeal.

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**Q8. Text Solution:**

**Correct Answer: Option C**

**The ACA's insurance coverage reforms become popular among the majority of voters in the states that initially opposed the law.**

**Explanation:**

- If the ACA's insurance coverage reforms gain popularity among voters, it would create a strong political incentive for lawmakers to preserve the law. Popular support can deter attempts to repeal the ACA, as politicians are often reluctant to act against the preferences of their constituents. This strengthens the argument that the ACA is unlikely to be repealed.

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**Q9. Text Solution:**

**Correct Answer: Option A**

**An overwhelming preponderance of legal scholars assert that the ACA's foundational tenets are susceptible to judicial scrutiny and potential dismantling.**

**Explanation:**

If a significant number of legal scholars believe that the ACA is vulnerable to judicial challenges, this creates an atmosphere of uncertainty surrounding the law's future. The potential for legal challenges undermines the argument that the ACA is stable and poised to endure without significant repeal or alteration. This legal vulnerability can lead to alterations, court rulings, or even full-scale repeals, thus obfuscating the argument for the ACA's permanence.

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**Q10. Text Solution:**

**Answer Explanation:**

A) **Incorrect.** While the author discusses challenges, there is no outright pessimism about the ACA's potential for success; instead, there is recognition of ongoing processes.

B) **Correct.** The author adopts a critical tone, examining the political and practical hurdles encountered during the ACA's implementation and the impacts of these challenges.

C) **Incorrect.** The author's detailed discussion of challenges and criticisms indicates a more engaged perspective than a neutral presentation of facts.

D) **Incorrect.** Although the author notes potential future evaluations and improvements, the focus on challenges and criticisms suggests a lack of outright support or optimism for the ACA's implementation as it stands.

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**Q11. Text Solution:***Topic: Reading Comprehension**Subtopic: Business Ethics***Essence of the question:**

It asks the style of the author in the passage. The way in which the author has presented information and his views to the readers.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option D: The style of the passage is primarily expository. Expository writing is used to explain and analyze a topic in a clear and organized way. The passage is written in an objective manner and does not contain any narrative elements.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A: The passage does not include any descriptions of events or characters, or vivid details about a setting, which would indicate a more descriptive style.

Option B: The passage is not written in an informal or conversational tone, as it is not composed of anecdotes or personal stories, which would indicate a narrative style.

Option C: The passage is not written in informative style as the approach of the author is not only providing information.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely

incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

**Video Solution:****Q12. Text Solution:***Topic: Reading Comprehension**Subtopic: Business Ethics***Essence of the question :**

It is a tone based question. We shall see the attitude or feeling of the author while writing this passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option A: The tone of the passage is predominantly condemning, as it provides examples of ethical misconduct, such as bribery, embezzlement, and insider trading, and details the environmental indicators, managerial indifference, and aggressive goals that lead to unethical behavior. The language used reflects a negative sentiment, such as "lack of accountability", "warped personal values", and "unethical behavior perceived as harmless", and conveys the idea that unethical behavior should not be tolerated. Hence, option a is correct.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option B: It is incorrect, as the passage does not express approval for any of the unethical behaviors discussed.

Option C: It is not correct, as the passage does not present any optimism, instead it is focused





on the consequences of unethical behavior and how to prevent it.

Option D: It is incorrect, as the passage does not present reverence for any of the unethical behaviors discussed.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

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**Q13. Text Solution:**

*Topic: Reading Comprehension*

*Subtopic: Business Ethics*

**Essence of the question:**

This question asks us the main topic or subject discussed in the passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option C: The main theme of the passage is that unethical behavior in organizations is not just caused by individual factors such as ignoring boundaries, lack of self-control, or a lack of moral compass, but is also a result of a combination of organizational factors such as a lack of ethical leadership, oversimplified rules, lack of positive role models, lack of accountability, and lack of clear goals. The passage also mentions how environmental indicators and cues, such as poorly planned

job motivations or aggressive goals, can contribute to white collar crime. Hence, option c is correct.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A: White collar crimes are always the result of individual factors is not correct because the passage mentions that individual factors and organizational factors both contribute to unethical behavior in organizations.

Option B: Environmental indicators and cues can contribute to white collar crime is only partially correct because while it acknowledges the role of environmental cues, it doesn't mention the combined impact of both individual and organizational factors on unethical behavior.

Option D: Management indifference is the main cause of unethical behavior in organizations is not correct because the passage mentions that management indifference is just one of the many organizational factors that contribute to unethical behavior, and not the main cause.

**Trap of the Question:**

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**Q14. Text Solution:***Topic: Reading Comprehension**Subtopic: Business Ethics***Essence of the question:**

This is an inference based question. We need to check which option does not provide true information on lack of ethical leadership standards, discussed in the passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option C: The passage mentions that a lack of ethical leadership standards can lead to a leader whose personal ethics are the basis for ethical conduct, which may be biased for self-gain, and that it can increase the chances of ethical problems for the leader and organization. However, there is no mention in the passage that a lack of ethical leadership standards can lead to employees avoiding existing laws. Hence, option c is correct.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A: It can be inferred as the passage states that when there is no ethical leadership standard, and no positive role models, "it creates an environment where people aren't sure what to do."

Option B: It can be inferred, as the passage states that when leaders have an entitlement view and lack clarity about what ethical leadership provide an atmosphere of justification of entitlement in the organization.

Option D: This can be inferred, as the passage states that when leaders have trouble with

ethical boundaries, or lack accountability for ethical behavior, it increases the chances of ethical problems for the leader and organization.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

**Video Solution:****Q15. Text Solution:***Topic: Reading Comprehension**Subtopic: Business Ethics***Essence of the question:**

This is a strengthening question. We have to search for an option which will support the argument that white-collar crimes are the result of a combination of individual and organizational factors.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option A: It is the correct answer because it strengthens the argument that white-collar crimes are the result of a combination of individual and organizational factors. The passage mentions that organizational causes, such as lack of clarity, no ethical leadership or standards, oversimplified rules, lack of positive role models, lack of training, a lack of accountability, no performance incorporation,



or even scapegoating, can contribute to ethical failures within a corporate culture. If white-collar crimes are more common in organizations with a weak ethical culture, this further supports the idea that both individual and organizational factors contribute to these crimes.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option B: It is incorrect because the passage indicates that the combination of individual and organizational factors can lead to ethical misconduct, including white-collar crimes. The passage mentions that leaders who have an entitlement view and lack clarity about what ethical leadership provide an atmosphere of justification of entitlement in the organization, often stemmed from unclear expectations from leadership. It also mentions that when a leader lacks a moral direction, and the organization lacks ethical leadership standards, the leader's personal ethics may be the basis for ethical conduct, which may be biased for self-gain. These examples demonstrate that individual factors, such as ignoring boundaries, lack of self-control, and personal values, can play a role in white-collar crimes.

Option C: This is not correct because the passage suggests that financial gain may be one of the motivators for white-collar crimes, but it is not the only motivator. The passage mentions that poorly planned job motivations, such as offering rewards for short term profits, can be a determinant for white-collar crimes, as some employees may evade existing laws to exploit their performance-based compensations. The passage also mentions that unethical behavior perceived as harmless, such as insider trading, and aggressive goals without goalposts can lead to unethical behavior in an organization.

Option D: It is incorrect because the passage does not mention that the nature of white-

collar crimes makes it difficult to detect and prosecute. The passage focuses on the factors that contribute to white-collar crimes and why some managers engage in these crimes, rather than the difficulty of detecting and prosecuting these crimes.

**Trap of the Question:**

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**Q16. Text Solution:**

Answer: Option B

Explanation: The text emphasizes that psychology's liberatory potential is deeply embedded in historical and social contexts, implying that self-knowledge and empowerment are influenced by the individual's interpretation of their experiences within these frameworks. This aligns with the idea that the effectiveness and application of psychological concepts can vary based on personal and cultural contexts, making subjective interpretation crucial for understanding one's identity and overcoming oppression.

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**Q17. Text Solution:**

Why B is correct:

The passage repeatedly emphasizes that psychology, particularly in recent years, has been applied to contexts beyond just clinical treatment — it is being used to understand and critique systems of oppression, colonial history, social inequality, and trauma. Examples include psychoanalysis being used after WWII to address personal and collective trauma in postcolonial societies, the Holmes Commission report linking the “social” to the psyche, and the discussion of decolonial psychology addressing epistemic violence. This supports the inference that the language of psychology is increasingly being used to understand social and historical injustices.

Why A is incorrect:

While psychology can be used to treat mental illness, the passage does not claim that this is its primary function, nor does it limit it to Western clinical methods. The author explicitly discusses alternative, culturally embedded uses of psychology and its role in social critique.

Why C is incorrect:

The passage directly contradicts this by giving examples of psychoanalytic theories being used with social and historical contexts — such as postcolonial trauma analysis, liberation discourse, and cultural awareness in practice.

Why D is incorrect:

The decolonisation of psychology is described as an ongoing effort aimed at reducing Western dominance, not as something that has completely eliminated Western influence worldwide. The author makes no claim that this has already been fully achieved.

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**Q18. Text Solution:**

**Correct Answer:**

**Option D) Acknowledging historical hierarchies entwined with subjectivity.**

Explanation:

As The passage explicitly discusses how psychology's decolonization involves recognizing that "subjectivity is embedded in history and hierarchy." This statement emphasizes the importance of understanding how historical contexts and power dynamics shape individual and collective identities. It reflects the core argument of the text regarding the need for psychology to be aware of and address these influences in its practices.

Option A While embracing diverse perspectives is an important aspect of decolonization, the passage does not specifically state that this alone constitutes the decolonization of psychology. The text emphasizes the need for an understanding of





historical contexts and hierarchies, which this option does not fully address.

Option B Although shifting away from Eurocentric frameworks is a step toward decolonization, the passage focuses more on the historical and hierarchical contexts rather than just the shift in paradigms. The emphasis is on how these frameworks have historically oppressed and categorized individuals, making this option somewhat tangential.

Option D suggests an active redefinition of principles, which is valuable but does not capture the passage's emphasis on the need for an awareness of historical contexts. The text discusses the consequences of colonial oppression and the embedded nature of subjectivity, which are critical to understanding the decolonization process.

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#### Q19. Text Solution:

Answer : Option B

Explanation:

Option B is the most relevant choice because it encapsulates the essence of the "Know Thyself" concept as described in the text, emphasizing personal introspection and the understanding of one's own beliefs and values in the context of broader historical and societal influences. The other options, while

related to identity and perception, do not capture the internal focus of self-knowledge that is central to the philosophical maxim. Option A While societal roles can influence self-perception, the concept of "Know Thyself" is more about internal understanding rather than external categorization. The text focuses on personal introspection rather than merely conforming to or understanding societal expectations.

Option C Although historical context plays a role in understanding identity, the phrase "Know Thyself" pertains to individual self-awareness rather than a study of historical figures. The text discusses the context of colonial oppression but emphasizes personal exploration over historical analysis.

Option D While economic conditions can affect one's identity and self-perception, this option diverts from the core meaning of "Know Thyself," which is about introspective understanding. The text discusses the impact of economic forces but focuses on personal experiences and agency, not solely on economic evaluations.

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#### Q20. Text Solution:

**Answer:**

***D) Decolonizing the Self: The Role of Psychology in Postcolonial Resistance***



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## Explanation of Correct and Incorrect Answers:

- **D) *Decolonizing the Self: The Role of Psychology in Postcolonial Resistance***
  - **Correct.** This title accurately reflects the passage's central theme, which discusses how psychology has been used as a tool for self-knowledge, liberation, and resistance against colonial oppression. It highlights the idea of decolonization and the role psychology plays in helping individuals understand and resist subjugation.
- **A) *The Paradox of Psychology: A Tool of Both Oppression and Liberation***
  - **Incorrect but plausible.** While this option captures the dual role of psychology as both oppressive and liberatory, it does not focus specifically on the decolonial aspect of the passage, which is more central to the author's argument.
- **B) *Colonialism and the Role of Psychology in the West***
  - **Incorrect.** This option narrows the focus to the West and colonialism, which overlooks the broader discussion of psychology's liberatory potential and its relevance in various global postcolonial contexts.
- **C) *Psychology: A Historical Account of Post-War Western Thought***
  - **Incorrect.** This option misleads by implying that the passage is solely a historical overview of psychology after World War II, missing the emphasis on decolonization and self-liberation in postcolonial societies.

## Video Solution:



### Q21. Text Solution:

**Topic:** Reading Comprehension

**Subtopic:** Humans & Culture

**Essence of the question:**

This is 'except' category question. We need to choose an option which will not provide true information about the passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option b: The slaves were 'sometimes' forbidden as per the passage. This is an extreme option as it suggests they were 'completely' forbidden to speak in their native language which is not the case.

**Explanation for incorrect passages:**

Option a: "African American music has had a global impact on world culture", is an inference, as this is stated in the passage, which reveals that descendants of hundreds of different tribes in Africa brought distinctive musical traditions that were destined to have a global impact on world culture.

Option c: "The Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves", is an inference as this is discussed in the passage and it is revealed that one of the reasons people voluntarily converted to Christianity was the uncovered parallel in biblical stories with their real lives, and that gradually the Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves,



which can be traced in the writer's works regarding African American culture.  
 Option d: "Music helped African Americans express their inner pain and protests against injustice", is an inference, as this is also discussed in the passage and it is revealed that people could express their inner pain, protests, and the urging sense of the lack of justice, and that music became an origin of the declaration of Blacks' beliefs and transmissions into the world.

**Trap of the Question:**

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**Video Solution:**



**Q22. Text Solution:**

*Topic: Reading Comprehension*

*Subtopic: Humans & Culture*

**Essence of the question:**

This question says that if we falsify given options, which one will support the passage. That means when the given is false, it will support the passage and that will be our answer.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: The passage discusses the spiritual chants of African Americans and how they

were perceived by Frederick Douglas, William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, and the African American slaves. It is stated that the slave owners often did not understand the true meaning of this art and demanded the slaves sing for entertainment. Furthermore, Du Bois viewed spirituals as anthems of self-determination and an expression of divine religious faith, messaged to God. It suggests that slave owners understood the true meaning of the art and music created by slaves, which is contrary to the information presented in the passage. As such, this option, if false, would be in support of the passage.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: "White planters tried to prevent slaves from speaking their native language", is not the correct answer, as this is mentioned in the passage and is in support of the passage.

Option b: "African Americans converted to Christianity voluntarily", is not the correct answer, as this is mentioned in the passage and is in support of the passage.

Option (c): "The music of African slaves was primarily used to veil the true meaning from tyrants", is not the correct answer, as this is not mentioned anywhere in the passage.

**Trap of the Question:**

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**Q23. Text Solution:****Topic:** Reading Comprehension**Subtopic:** Humans & Culture**Correct answer:** C**Essence of the Question:**

The question asks which statement cannot be inferred as supporting the arguments presented in the passage about the role and significance of African American music, particularly spirituals, during the time of slavery.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option C states that "The music of African slaves was primarily influenced by European classical music traditions." However, the passage does not mention European classical music as a primary influence on African American music during slavery. Instead, it highlights how African Americans brought distinctive musical traditions from Africa, which evolved into spirituals and other forms of music that were used as expressions of culture, resistance, and community.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

A. This statement can be inferred as supporting the arguments of the passage, as it discusses how African Americans embraced Christianity as a means to express their inner emotions and experiences through music.  
 B. Frederick Douglass's lifelong goal of fighting slavery aligns with the passage's discussion of African Americans using music as a form of

resistance and cultural preservation in the face of oppression.

D. The passage discusses how African American music, including spirituals, fostered a sense of community and solidarity among enslaved individuals, making this statement consistent with the arguments presented.

**Trap of the Question:**

The candidate might be led to choose option C if they assume that European classical music had a significant influence on African American music during slavery. However, the passage primarily emphasizes the African roots and cultural expressions of African American music during this period, making option C incorrect.

**Video Solution:****Q24. Text Solution:****Topic:** Reading Comprehension**Subtopic:** Humans & Culture**Correct answer:** C**Essence of the Question:**

The question seeks to identify the statement that the author of the passage is least likely to support based on the information provided in the text.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option C suggests that music was primarily used as a form of rebellion against oppressive laws. While the passage discusses the role of music in expressing inner feelings, grief, sorrow, and solidarity, it does not explicitly



emphasize music as a form of rebellion against laws. The passage mainly focuses on the cultural significance and emotional expression of African American music rather than its role in rebellion.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

Option A: The passage discusses African American spiritual chants as carrying a deeper meaning beyond religious music, suggesting that the author is likely to support the view that they were an expression of religious faith.

Option B: The passage highlights the role of music in expressing inner feelings and emotions, indicating that the author is likely to support the view that music was used to express innermost thoughts and feelings.

Option D: The passage emphasizes the profound impact of African American culture and music on world culture, indicating that the author is likely to support the view that African American culture has a deep and significant history.

**Trap of the Question:**

Option C may seem plausible because the passage discusses the challenges faced by African Americans, including severe restrictions even in arts and music. However, the primary focus of the passage is on the cultural and emotional significance of African American music rather than its role as a form of rebellion against laws.

**Video Solution:**



**Q25. Text Solution:**

*Topic: Reading Comprehension*

*Subtopic: Humans & Culture*

**Essence of the question:**

This question asks us extension of the passage. If the passage is extended, what will be the next lines of the passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option A: The passage discusses the spiritual chants of African Americans and how they were perceived by Frederick Douglas, William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, and the African American slaves. It is also revealed that music has become a primary way of expressing inner feelings, grief, sorrow, and a sense of oneness with brothers and sisters in distress. It is a story about the strength of the human spirit, pure reverence for ancestors, and faith in the future. Therefore, if the passage continued, the author would have logically discussed the role of spirituals in the civil rights movement, as this was a key part of the African American experience and of the spirituals themselves. So, the option a, "The role of spirituals in the civil rights movement." is correct.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option B: "The impact of African American music on modern popular culture", is not the correct answer, as this is not directly mentioned in the passage and it does not necessarily follow from the discussion.





Option C: "The legacy of the African American spirituals", is not the correct answer, as the author has already discussed this theme in the passage.

Option D: "The effects of racial segregation on African American music production", is not the correct answer, as this is not directly mentioned in the passage and it does not necessarily follow from the discussion.

### Trap of the Question:

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### Q26. Text Solution:

Why B is correct:

The central focus of the passage is that most contemporary philosophers do not treat education as a serious philosophical subject, despite its historical and practical importance. The author traces this neglect across time, gives examples from personal academic experience, cites exceptions like Philip Kitcher, and contrasts this indifference with historical figures and certain brief periods of interest. The aim is to highlight this widespread disregard and its implications — exactly what option B states.

Why A is incorrect:

The passage does not claim that contemporary philosophers' teaching methods are ineffective. It actually notes that many take their teaching seriously and do a good job of it. The issue is their disinterest in education as a philosophical subject, not their classroom methods.

Why C is incorrect:

The author says the opposite — philosophy of education has minimal influence on the philosophical mainstream and is largely ignored, not that it is becoming more popular.

Why D is incorrect:

The author does not criticize Philip Kitcher's stance — in fact, Kitcher is presented as a rare exception who values philosophy of education. The criticism is aimed at the mainstream philosophical community's neglect of the topic, not at Kitcher.

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### Q27. Text Solution:

Answer: Option A

as it directly contradicts the central theme of the passage, which indicates that most contemporary philosophers do not consider the philosophy of education worthy of serious inquiry. The phrase "substantial number" suggests a significant interest and engagement in the field, which the passage refutes by emphasizing the prevailing view that education



is unworthy of philosophical consideration. Therefore, this option is the correct answer, as it does not align with the sentiments expressed in the passage.

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Answer: Option B

Option B is correct because the author suggests that while the loss of interest in philosophical matters by educational faculties is relevant, it is a distinct issue that could be elaborated on separately. The phrase indicates that the author has more to say on this matter, even if it's not the current focus.

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**Answer: Option B** is the only choice that must be considered false if the paradox is true, as it suggests a level of engagement that

contradicts the prevailing indifference discussed in the passage.

This assertion contradicts the paradox. It implies that historical philosophers have significantly engaged with educational discourse, which runs counter to the claim that the lack of interest is particularly marked in analytic philosophy. The passage suggests that, despite the neglect in contemporary discussions, historical figures like Plato and Aristotle did indeed contribute to educational philosophy.

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**Answer Explanation:**

A) **Incorrect.** The author critiques the neglect of philosophy of education, rather than sympathizing with the mainstream view.

B) **Incorrect.** The author is not indifferent, but instead actively engages with and critiques the disregard for the philosophy of education.

C) **Correct.** The author reflects critically on the marginalization of education as a philosophical subject and highlights the importance of its historical role.

D) **Incorrect.** The tone is not optimistic; the author instead laments the current state of philosophy's disengagement with education.

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