

### Reading Comprehension- the Keyword methodology

Read the following paragraphs and look for the words that define the key idea of the passage. Choose the option that best captures the essence of the text.

1. You seemed to take no notice of your school-fellows, or rather to set yourself against them because they were strangers to you. They knew as little of you as you did of them; this would have been the reason for their keeping aloof from you as well, which you would have felt as a hardship. Learn never to conceive prejudice against others because you know nothing of them. It is bad reasoning and makes enemies of half the world. Do not think ill of them till they behave ill to you and then strive to avoid the faults you see in them. This will disarm their hostility sooner than pique or resentment or complaint.

**Now look for keywords:**

Keywords: Your answer	Keywords: Correct Answer

- A] The discomfort you felt with your school fellows was because both sides knew little of each other. You should not complain unless you find others prejudiced against you and have attempted to carefully analyze the faults you have observed in them.
- B] The discomfort you felt with your school fellows was because both sides knew little of each other. Avoid prejudice and negative thoughts till you encounter bad behaviour from others, and then win them over by shunning the faults you have observed.
- C] You encountered hardship amongst your school fellows because you did not know them well. You should learn to not make enemies because of your prejudices irrespective of their behaviour towards you.
- D] You encountered hardship amongst your school fellows because you did not know them well. You should learn to not make enemies because of your prejudices unless they behave badly with you.

**Correct:B**

2.Shams-ud-din Muhammad Hafiz (c. 1320-1389) is one of the most beloved poets of the Persians, and is considered by many – from different cultures – to be one of the seven literary wonders of the world. Ralph Waldo Emerson and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe both agreed. As Emerson said of Hafiz: "He fears nothing. He sees too far, he sees throughout; such is the only man I wish to see or be." And Emerson gave Hafiz that grand and famous compliment, "Hafiz is a poet for poets." Hafiz poems were also admired by such diverse notables as Nietzsche and Arthur Conan Doyle, whose wonderful character Sherlock Holmes quotes Hafiz. Garcia Lorca praised the Sufi poet. Johannes Brahms was so touched by his verse he used several in his compositions. And even Queen Victoria was said to have consulted Hafiz in times of need.

Keywords: Your answer	Keywords: Correct Answer

- A] Hafiz was a poet not only much loved by the Persians, but also hugely admired by eminent artistes from different cultures.
- B] Hafiz was a much-admired Persian poet, whose advice was sought by even Queen Victoria.
- C] Hafiz was a poet with a great foresight and imagination, much admired by the elite and the masses.
- D] Hafiz was considered to be one the seven literary wonders of the world.

Correct Option : A

3. Being good at sports requires talent but only when talent and ego are in perfect symmetry, a player can make the leap from good to great. Forde uses a formula - (ego + coachability) x learning culture - with high-performing teams and individuals to help them maximise their talent. "The equation shows that ego is the foundation of greatness but only if it is still open to being coached and criticised and there's a structure in place to help them grow," he said. It is an equation that explains the success and longevity of some top sports stars. The ego is in place to give them the confidence to perform on the biggest stage.

Keywords: Your answer	Keywords: Correct Answer
<p>A] Whereas ego in players gives them the confidence to perform on the biggest stage, they need a structure in place to help them grow.</p> <p>B] Whereas talent is a necessity, it requires the foundation of ego along with openness to criticism in a helping environment for a sports star to become great and remain so for long periods.</p> <p>C] Ego is the foundation of greatness in players but only if it is still open to being coached and criticised and there's a structure in place to help the player grow.</p> <p>D] Forde uses a formula – (ego + coachability) x learning culture – with high-performing teams and individuals to help them maximise their talent.</p>	

Correct Option : B

4.

Directly after and consequent to the First World War, the self-help manual market exploded, presumably because everybody in Europe was dead or traumatized. It had become a world of Dick Heldars. As worry began to appear on the bookshelves, it was ironically clear that it was here to stay. If self-help books worked to banish worry, one generation of them should have been enough. Take William S. Sadler's *Worry and Nervousness or The Science of Self-Mastery* (1914), an early and little-remembered self-help volume. Sadler defines "chronic fear," – i.e., worry – as "a purely psychic condition characterized by inability to relax the attention when it has once fastened itself on a given idea—usually a persistently entertained fear of some sort." Strangely paradoxical stuff, and not very helpful either. Rather than offering practical strategies Sadler seemed to think that, if one could understand what ailed you, you might find relief.

- A] Self-help manuals are rarely useful as can be seen from the several that flooded the bookshelves across the world after the First World War.
- B] The self-help manual market in Europe exploded as a result of the trauma of the first world war, but these books were of little practical use in eradicating worry.
- C] As worry began to appear on the bookshelves after the first world war, it was ironically clear that it was here to stay.
- D] Self-help books are rarely useful as they focus on the ailment rather than the cure thereof.

Correct Option : B

Keywords: Your answer	Keywords: Correct Answer

5. I was on a tech podcast discussing Google's decision to remove links to revenge porn from its search results when victims request it. If you can't make it disappear, you can at least make it more difficult to find. I supported Google's decision to make life harder for the world's creeps, but my host considered it a slippery slope. "If you're going to say, 'I'm going to make a search engine,' " he said, "you should make one that indexes what's on the Net, regardless of content." He was concerned that "editorial intervention

always introduces bias,” choosing instead to put his faith in an algorithm that “can be completely objective. “My adversary was espousing what is called information universalism. It means that we should not stomach any limitations on speech, because of what freedom means and guarantees. Not only is this a misreading of the term freedom but as our lives increasingly interact with the Internet, this attitude, while noble in theory, is more dangerous than ever.

Keywords: Your answer	Keywords: Correct Answer

- A] Informative universalism, while good in theory, is a dangerous attitude to foster.
- B] Informative universalism, while good in theory, is a dangerous attitude to foster as it misinterprets the basic definition of freedom.
- C] Informative universalism, while noble in intent, is dangerous when applied unambiguously to the Internet interactions.
- D] As we increasingly interact with the Internet, freedom without restrictions, as espoused by the concept of information universalism, is more dangerous than it has been in the past.

Correct Option : D