

# **Master CSAT with Rajkumar Mone**

*Decode, Comprehend, Conquer!*

## **Reading Comprehension**

### **What is Reading Comprehension?**

- The ability to read a text, understand its meaning, and analyze or interpret the information presented in it.
- In exams like UPSC CSAT, it goes beyond understanding what is said — it also tests what is implied, assumed, or concluded.
- A section of CSAT that tests your ability to understand, interpret, and analyze passages.
- Focuses on your ability to extract information and make inferences.

### **Why Mastering RCs is Important:**

- Around 20–25% of the CSAT paper is dedicated to RC.
- Helps build your ability to read quickly and understand complex information, a crucial skill for UPSC and beyond.

### **Why are Such Questions asked in UPSC CSE CSAT Paper?**

These passages and questions aim to evaluate whether candidates can:

1. Comprehend complex socio-educational or ethical issues.
2. Interpret implications or assumptions logically.
3. Distinguish between fact, opinion, and inference.
4. Grasp the tone, intent, and central idea behind dense or nuanced writing.

### **Tips to Improve RC Performance:**

- Practice regularly to increase reading speed and comprehension.
- Focus on key ideas and context rather than getting caught up in difficult vocabulary.
- Try to understand the structure of the passage — introduction, argument, conclusion.

### **Skimming and Scanning Techniques**

#### **Skimming:**

- Read the passage quickly to get a general understanding of the main idea.
- Focus on the first and last sentences of paragraphs to identify the key points.

#### **Scanning:**

- Look for specific facts or keywords directly related to the questions.
- Don't try to understand everything; focus on what's directly relevant to answering the MCQs.

## TYPES OF QUESTIONS

Grouped broadly into **three** categories:

### 1. Inference-Based Questions

- Require logical conclusions not explicitly stated but strongly implied
- *E.g.*, "Reduction in food loss leads to lower carbon footprint"
- Common Verbs: "Best inference", "logically follows", "reflects"

### 2. Assumption-Based Questions

- Demand understanding of *unstated premises* that must be true
- *E.g.*, "Curriculum reform is necessary to improve planning in India"
- Common Verbs: "Assumptions made", "valid assumptions"

### 3. Understanding/Theme-Based or Central Idea Questions

- Ask for main message or crux of the passage
- *E.g.*, "Science must pursue truth but be responsible for social welfare"
- Common Verbs: "central idea", "crux", "message"

### Comprehension Question Format

1. Which of the following statements best reflect the most logical and rational inferences that can be made from the passage?
2. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made... Which of the assumptions given above is/are valid?
3. Which of the following is/are emphatically conveyed by the author of the passage?
4. Which one of the following statements best reflects the central idea of the above passage?
5. Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage?
6. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational and practical message implied by the passage?

### Directions for the RC items

- ✓ Read the following two passages and answer the items that follow the passages.
- ✓ Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

## Practical Tips & Smart Tricks

### 1. Inference-Based Questions

(Words to watch: "best inference", "logically follows", "can be concluded")

#### Tips:

- **Inference ≠ Repetition.**  
Look for what is *implied* by the passage, not what is simply restated.
- **Choose moderate conclusions.**  
UPSC prefers *safe*, *logical*, and *non-extreme* inferences.
- **The inference must be true across the passage, not just in a single line.**

- Avoid options with extreme words: *always, never, must, all, completely, entirely*.

**Common Trap:**

UPSC gives **factually correct but logically disconnected options**.

Stick to what flows *directly from the passage's reasoning*.

**Strategy:**

When stuck between two options, pick the one that is:

- More **general and balanced**
- **Not** introducing new facts
- **Not** emotionally loaded

## 2. Assumption-Based Questions

(Words to watch: "assumptions made", "valid assumptions")

**Tips:**

- **Assumption = the author's silent belief.**  
The assumption is **unstated but necessary** for the author's argument to work.
- **Without the assumption, the passage's logic will collapse.**  
Do a *negation test*: If the assumption is false, does the passage still stand? If not, it's a valid assumption.
- Assumptions are usually **general** in nature, not super specific.

**Common Trap:**

UPSC often gives options that are merely "interesting facts" but not essential to the author's argument.

**Strategy:** Ask yourself --

*"Did the author quietly rely on this idea to make his point?"*

If yes → likely a valid assumption.

## 3. Theme-Based / Central Idea / Crux Questions

(Words to watch: "central idea", "best reflects the passage", "crux")

**Tips:**

- **Central idea ≠ supporting example.**  
It's the author's main takeaway, not the illustrations or anecdotes.
- **Start by summarizing the passage in one sentence.**  
Usually, the correct answer will be closest to this.
- Avoid options that are:
  - Too narrow (focusing on just one part)
  - Too broad (introducing external ideas)

### Common Trap:

UPSC gives **options that restate small parts** of the passage instead of the whole message.

**Strategy:** Look for --

- Repetition of words/ideas across the passage
- Opening and closing lines — they often frame the core idea
- The author's purpose: Is it to advocate, warn, inform, or analyze?

### Pro-Level CSAT RC Hacks

**1. UPSC's Golden Rule:** UPSC **does NOT** like extreme, emotional, opinionated options.

Words like *all*, *none*, *must*, *always*, *impossible*, *completely* — generally wrong.

**2. Prioritize elimination over selection.**

It's EASIER to **knock out wrong options** than to find the perfect one.

**3. Trust only the passage.**

Even if you *know more* about the topic, stick to what is said in the passage.

**4. Beware of attractive but extra information.**

UPSC tests **how tightly you stick to the passage's boundaries**.

**5. Beware of "scope shift" traps.**

Sometimes an option seems correct but **shifts the focus subtly**.

(E.g., passage about climate policy → option about renewable energy policy → not the same thing!)

Question Type	Trigger Tip
Inference	<i>Think Logical Extension</i>
Assumption	<i>Think Hidden Support</i>
Central Idea	<i>Think Big Picture</i>

### Let's Practise...

#### PYQ 1: UPSC CSAT 2023

##### Passage:

Virtual currencies such as Bitcoin are gaining popularity globally. They offer an alternative to traditional banking and can potentially reduce transaction costs. However, their decentralized nature raises concerns about regulatory challenges and financial stability. Without proper regulation, these currencies could disrupt existing financial systems.

**Question:**

Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational, and practical inference that can be made from the passage?

- (a) Increasing popularity of virtual currencies may lead to a monopolistic control of a few over financial transactions.
- (b) Regulating virtual currencies may completely eradicate their potential to destabilize the existing financial system.
- (c) Unregulated growth of virtual currencies poses a risk to the stability of financial systems.
- (d) Traditional financial institutions will become redundant due to the increasing popularity of virtual currencies.

**Solution:**

- (a) Monopolistic control is not discussed in the passage.
- (b) "Completely eradicate" is an extreme option.
- (c) Directly connects with the passage's main concern. Balanced, logical, and practical.
- (d) "Will become redundant" is a speculative and extreme option.

**Type: Inference-Based****Solution Using Smart Tips:**

- **Eliminate extreme options:**  
Option (b) says *completely eradicate* → Extreme → **Reject!**  
Option (d) says *will become redundant* → Over-confident → **Reject!**
- **Option (a):** Talks about monopolistic control → This is not discussed or implied directly → **Reject!**
- **Option (c):** Matches the core concern → "Unregulated growth → Risk to stability" → **This is logically implied.**

**Correct Answer:** (c)

**Why?**

UPSC likes **moderate, balanced, and directly implied inferences**. Options using "may," "risk," "potential" are safer.

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**PYQ 2: UPSC CSAT 2022****Passage:**

Modern agriculture heavily relies on synthetic fertilizers and pesticides to boost production. However, this dependency has led to significant environmental damage, including soil degradation, water pollution, and loss of biodiversity. Sustainable agricultural practices are necessary to mitigate these effects.

**Question:**

Which of the following statements best reflects the central idea of the passage?

- (a) Synthetic fertilizers and pesticides should be used judiciously in agriculture.
- (b) Modern agriculture's dependence on synthetic inputs is harming the environment.
- (c) Organic farming is the only solution to the problems of modern agriculture.
- (d) Farmers should be encouraged to return to traditional methods of farming.

**Solution:**

- (a) Partial solution, not the central idea.
- (b) Best summarizes the passage's primary concern.
- (c) "Only solution" is an extreme option.
- (d) Traditional methods are not the focus of the passage.

**Type: Central Idea Question**

**Solution Using Smart Tips:**

- **Eliminate narrow and solution-focused options:**  
Option (c) and (d) → Go beyond the passage → Not supported → Reject.
- **Option (a):** Partial solution, but "judicious use" is not the main theme → It's a *possible suggestion*, not the core message → Reject.
- **Option (b):** Exactly matches the author's message → It's the big picture → Correct.

**Correct Answer:** (b)

**Why?**

UPSC's central idea is usually a **neutral, summarizing sentence** that captures the entire passage without prescribing extreme solutions.

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### **PYQ 3: UPSC CSAT 2021**

**Passage:**

Internet-based companies increasingly collect large amounts of personal data from their users. While this data helps improve services and develop personalized marketing strategies, there is growing concern over data privacy and the potential misuse of personal information by corporations.

**Question:**

Based on the passage, the following assumptions have been made:

1. Data privacy is essential for individual freedom.
2. Companies may misuse data to manipulate customer choices.

Which of the assumptions given above is/are valid?

- (a) 1 only

- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Solution:**

- Assumption 1: The entire passage revolves around this unstated belief.
- Assumption 2: The concern about misuse is strongly implied.

**Type: Assumption-Based Question**

**Solution Using Smart Tips:**

- **Test each assumption independently:**
  - *Assumption 1:* Is this silent but necessary? → YES → The entire passage revolves around the idea that data privacy matters.
  - *Assumption 2:* Is this assumed? → YES → The concern of misuse is the author's key worry.
- **Negation Test:** If we deny these assumptions, the argument collapses → So, both are valid.

**Correct Answer:** (c)

**Why?**

UPSC assumptions are **unspoken foundations** of the passage's reasoning. If the assumption is false, the argument fails.

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**PYQ 4: UPSC CSAT 2022**

**Passage:**

Reducing food loss is as important as increasing food production in ensuring food security. Significant quantities of food are wasted post-harvest and during distribution, contributing to food insecurity and environmental degradation. Strategies to reduce food loss can improve global food availability without requiring additional agricultural expansion.

**Question:**

Which of the following is the most logical and rational inference from the passage?

- (a) Increasing food production alone is not sufficient to ensure food security.
- (b) Food security cannot be achieved without improving irrigation facilities.
- (c) The primary focus of the country's agricultural policy should be on increasing food production.
- (d) Global population growth is the most important factor driving food demand.

**Solution:**

- (a) Logically follows from the passage.
- (b) Irrigation is not mentioned.
- (c) Opposite of the passage's suggestion.
- (d) Population growth is not discussed.

**Type: Inference-Based Question****Solution Using Smart Tips:**

- **Eliminate options not mentioned in the passage:**  
Option (b) → Irrigation → Not discussed → Reject.  
Option (c) → Focus on increasing production → Not the author's point → Reject.  
Option (d) → Population growth → Not mentioned → Reject.
- **Option (a):** Fits → Reducing food loss is as important as increasing production → Logically implied.

**Correct Answer:** (a)

**Why?**

UPSC's preferred inference is **the one that logically extends the passage, without jumping topics.**

**Quick Revision Table**

Year	Question Type	Strategy Key	Correct Answer
2023	Inference	Eliminate extreme, look for direct implication	(c)
2022	Central Idea	Focus on big picture, avoid partial solutions	(b)
2021	Assumption	Test for unstated but necessary ideas	(c)
2022	Inference	Eliminate scope shift, connect to main idea	(a)

**Some More Practice... From CSAT 2024****Passage 1**

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally. Food is lost or wasted throughout the supply chain, from initial agricultural production to final household consumption. The increasing wastage also results in land degradation by about 45%, mainly due to deforestation, unsustainable agricultural practices, and excessive groundwater extraction. The energy spent over wasted food results in about 3.5 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide production every year. Decay also leads to harmful emissions of other gases in the atmosphere. Addressing the loss and wastage of food in all forms is critical to complete the cycle of food sufficiency and food sustainability.



### Passage Summary:

The passage discusses the **global scale of food loss and wastage**, its **causes across the supply chain**, and its **environmental consequences**, including **land degradation**, **CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**, and **gas release from decaying food**. It concludes that addressing food wastage is essential for **sustainability**.

**Q1. Which of the following statements best reflect the most logical and rational inferences that can be made from the passage?**

1. The current methods of food distribution are solely responsible for the loss and wastage of food.
2. Land productivity is adversely affected by the prevailing trend of food loss and wastage.
3. Reduction in the loss and wastage of food results in lesser carbon footprint.
4. Post-harvest technologies to prevent or reduce the loss and wastage of food are not available.

**Correct Answer: (b) 2 and 3 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Incorrect.** The passage says food is lost *throughout the supply chain*, including production, transport, storage, and household level — not *solely* due to distribution.
- **Statement 2: Correct.** The passage mentions that food wastage results in **land degradation (45%)** due to bad agricultural practices — this implies a negative impact on **land productivity**.
- **Statement 3: Correct.** The passage directly connects **food wastage** with **3.5 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** — so reducing wastage would logically lower carbon emissions.
- **Statement 4: Incorrect.** There is **no mention** of the *absence* of post-harvest technology. We cannot assume that just from this passage.

**Q2. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. The food distribution mechanism needs to be reimagined and made effective to reduce the loss and wastage of food.
2. Ensuring the reduction of wastage and loss of food is a social and moral responsibility of all citizens.

**Correct Answer: (a) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Valid.** Since the passage discusses **food wastage at every stage**, including distribution, and calls for **addressing loss in all forms**, it's reasonable to assume that **improving distribution** is implied as necessary.

- **Statement 2: Not Valid.** The passage speaks in **environmental and sustainability** terms but **does not make any normative claim** about moral or social responsibility of citizens. That's an assumption going **beyond** the scope.
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## Passage 2

As inflation rises, even governments previously committed to budget discipline are spending freely to help households. Higher interest rates announced by central banks are supposed to help produce modest fiscal austerity, because to maintain stable debts while paying more to borrow, governments must cut spending or raise taxes. Without the fiscal backup, monetary policy eventually loses traction. Higher interest rates become inflationary, not disinflationary, because they simply lead governments to borrow more to pay rising debt-service costs. The risk of monetary unmooring is greater when public debt rises, because interest rates become more important to budget deficits.

**3. Which of the following statements best reflects/reflect the most logical and rational inference / inferences that can be made from the passage?**

1. Central banks cannot bring down inflation without budgetary backing.
2. The effects of monetary policy depend on the fiscal policies pursued by the government.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below.**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**4. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. Fiscal policies of governments are solely responsible for higher prices.
2. Higher prices do not affect the long-term government bonds.

**Which of the assumptions given above is/are valid?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

## Passage Summary:

The passage discusses how **rising inflation** has led even fiscally conservative governments to increase spending. It emphasizes the **interdependence** of **monetary policy (central banks)** and **fiscal policy (government budgets)**. If fiscal discipline is not maintained, **higher interest rates** might **worsen inflation** instead of controlling it.

**Q3. Which of the following statements best reflect the most logical and rational inference / inferences that can be made from the passage?**

1. Central banks cannot bring down inflation without budgetary backing.
2. The effects of monetary policy depend on the fiscal policies pursued by the government.

**Correct Answer: (c) Both 1 and 2**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Correct.** The passage explicitly says that *“without fiscal backup, monetary policy eventually loses traction”* — meaning central banks alone can't control inflation if governments don't act responsibly.
- **Statement 2: Correct.** The idea that interest rate hikes could become **inflationary** (instead of disinflationary) if governments respond by **borrowing more**, directly supports the idea that **fiscal actions affect monetary outcomes**.

Hence, **both inferences logically follow** from the passage.

**Q4. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. Fiscal policies of governments are solely responsible for higher prices.
2. Higher prices do not affect the long-term government bonds.

**Correct Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Not valid.** The passage discusses a complex **interplay** between **fiscal and monetary** policies. It **never says fiscal policy alone** is responsible for inflation.
  - **Statement 2: Not valid.** The passage actually implies the opposite: *“interest rates become more important to budget deficits”* — suggesting inflation and rates **do affect** fiscal outcomes including bond servicing. So, assuming no impact on long-term bonds is **invalid**.
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### Passage 3

The history of science is the real history of mankind.” In this striking epigram, a nineteenth-century writer links science with its background. Like most epigrams, its power lies in emphasizing by contrast an aspect of truth which may be easily overlooked. In this case, it is easy to overlook the relations between science and mankind, and to treat the former as some abstract third party, which can sometimes be praised for its beneficial influences, but frequently and conveniently blamed for the horrors of war.

Science and mankind cannot be divorced from time to time at men's convenience. Yet we have seen that, in spite of countless opportunities of improvement, the opening years of the present period of civilization have been dominated by international conflict. Is this the inevitable result of the progress of science or does the fault lie elsewhere?

**Q 5. Which of the following is/are emphatically conveyed by the author of the passage?**

1. Without science, mankind could not have continued to exist till today.

2. It is the science that will ultimately determine the destiny of mankind.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q 6. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. The horrors of modern life are the inevitable result of the progress of science.
2. The aspect of truth likely to be overlooked is that science is what man has made it.

**Which of the assumptions given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Passage Recap (Core Message):**

The author argues that science and mankind are **interconnected** and **should not be treated separately**. While people often blame science for war and destruction, the author questions whether science itself is responsible, or if **the fault lies in how humans have used it**.

**Q 5. Which of the following is/are emphatically conveyed by the author of the passage?**

1. *Without science, mankind could not have continued to exist till today.*
2. *It is the science that will ultimately determine the destiny of mankind.*

**Correct Answer: (d) Neither 1 nor 2**

**Explanation:**

- The author does **not claim** that science is the only reason for mankind's survival. That would be an **exaggeration**.
- The author also does **not assert** that science **alone** will determine the destiny of mankind — instead, he implies that human responsibility and use of science matter more.

Hence, both statements **overstate the message** and are **not emphatically conveyed**.

**Q 6. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. *The horrors of modern life are the inevitable result of the progress of science.*
2. *The aspect of truth likely to be overlooked is that science is what man has made it.*

**Correct Answer: (b) 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1** contradicts the **author's main question**: "*Is this the inevitable result... or does the fault lie elsewhere?*" This shows that the author is **challenging** the assumption that science itself is to blame. So this is **not a valid assumption**.

- **Statement 2** aligns with the passage's theme that science is **not an external force**, but something shaped by mankind — this is **implicitly accepted** as a valid assumption.
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#### Passage 4

Only with long experience and opening of his wares on many a beach where his language is not spoken, will the merchant come to know the worth of what he carries, and what is parochial and what is universal in his choice. Such delicate goods as justice, love and honour, courtesy, and indeed all the things we care for, are valid everywhere but they are variously moulded and often differently handled, and sometimes nearly unrecognizable if you meet them in a foreign land, and the art of learning fundamental common values is perhaps the greatest gain of travel to those who wish to live at ease among their fellows.

**Q 7. When we meet other people while we travel, we learn to differentiate between**

- (a) imagination and understanding
- (b) communities and nationalities
- (c) local values and universal values
- (d) friends and foes

**Q 8. With reference to the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. Travel leads to an understanding of humans.
2. Travel helps those who wish to learn fundamental common values.
3. A person with long experience in travel can resolve differences amongst people.

Which of the assumptions given above are valid?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

**Q 7. Correct Answer: (c) local values and universal values**

**Explanation:**

- The passage mentions that through **experience and travel**, one comes to know “**what is parochial (local) and what is universal**” in their beliefs and values.
- This clearly indicates that **travel helps differentiate between local and universal aspects** of values like justice, love, etc.

**Q 8. Correct Answer: (a) 1 and 2 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Valid.** The overall message is that travel helps people understand **how values are experienced differently** in different cultures — a clear argument for deeper understanding of **human beings**.
- **Statement 2: Valid.** The passage *explicitly states* that **learning fundamental common values** is one of the **greatest gains** of travel — especially for those who “wish to live at ease among their fellows.”

- **Statement 3: Not valid.** While experience may bring understanding, the passage **does not claim** that travellers can **resolve interpersonal or cultural differences** — that's an extrapolation beyond the text.
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### Passage 5

Today, if we consider cities such as New York, London and Paris as some of the most iconic cities in the world, it is because plans carrying a heavy systems approach were imposed on their precincts. The backbone of the systems theory is the process of translating social, spatial and cultural desirables into mathematical models using computing, statistics, optimization and an algorithmic way of formulating and solving problems. The early universities of the West which began to train professionals in planning, spawned some of the most ingenious planners, who were experts in these domains. This was because these very subjects were absorbed into the planning curriculum that had its roots in the social sciences, geography and architecture. Planning in India, and its education differ from the West.

**Q 9. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the above passage?**

- (a) Curriculum for urban planning courses should have diverse and interdisciplinary approach.
- (b) In India, city administration is under bureaucracy which lacks formal training in urban planning and management.
- (c) In India, the management of urban areas is a local affair with a chronic problem of insufficient funds.
- (d) With high density of population and widespread poverty in our urban areas, planned development in them is very difficult.

**Q 10. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. India needs a new generation of urban professionals with knowledge relevant to modern urban practice.
2. Indian universities at present have no capacity or potential to impart training in systems approach.

Which of the assumptions given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q 9. Correct Answer: (a) Curriculum for urban planning courses should have diverse and interdisciplinary approach.**

**Explanation:**

- The passage emphasizes how **successful cities** integrated a **systems approach** and benefited from **interdisciplinary planning education** (including computing, statistics, geography, and architecture).
- It contrasts this with India's current system, **implying a need to revamp curriculum** along more integrated, systemic lines.

The other options (b, c, d) introduce facts **not directly mentioned** in the passage.

**Q 10. Correct Answer: (a) 1 only**

**Explanation:**

- **Statement 1: Valid.** The passage clearly indicates that planning education in India **lags behind** Western models and needs to evolve. This supports the assumption that a **new generation of professionals** with updated knowledge is needed.
  - **Statement 2: Invalid.** The passage **does not claim** that Indian universities *lack the capacity or potential* — it only says current **planning and education differ**. Assuming total incapacity is an **overgeneralization** not supported by the text.
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**Passage 6**

Not every voice on the internet commands the same kind of audience. When anonymous private entities with high capital can pay for more space for their opinions, they are effectively buying a louder voice. If political discourse in the digital sphere is a matter of outshining one's opponent till the election is won, then the quality of politics suffers. The focus of social media is restricted to the promotion of content that generates more user engagement, regardless of how inflammatory the content may be.

**Q11. Which one of the following statements best reflects the central idea of the above passage?**

- (a) Constructed as a marketplace of views, social media ensures instant access to information.
- (b) Social media are not ideal or moral institutions but the products built by companies to make profits.
- (c) Social media have been created to strengthen democracies.
- (d) In today's world, social media are inevitable for well-informed social life.

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The passage critiques the capitalist logic and algorithmic nature of social media that amplifies paid or inflammatory content. It shows that social media is more commercial than democratic, matching option (b).

**Q12. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. Internet is not inclusive enough.
2. Internet can adversely affect the quality of politics in a country.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** Only statement 2 is directly supported — the passage clearly says political discourse suffers due to paid amplification and inflammatory content. The first is not a clear assumption of the passage.

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### Passage 7

In a robust democracy, reality, howsoever inconvenient it may be, finds its expression both in the speech of political leaders and other social forms of assertion. The existence of the real has to be transparent, both through its circulation in and by the media as well as its argumentative articulation in deliberative democracy. A normatively responsible media through its communication effect has the responsibility to circulate the content of reality without distortion.

**Q13. Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage?**

- (a) Responsible media should not distort the real in an ideal democracy.
- (b) Fake news seems inherent in the life of an ideal democracy.
- (c) There should not be any kind of restrictions on the freedom of expression in an ideal democracy.
- (d) Irresponsible media and political leaders cannot be effectively controlled in an ideal democracy.

**Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:** The focus is on the media's normative responsibility to present "reality without distortion." This is directly conveyed in option (a), making it the most accurate.

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### Passage 8

Nowadays there is a growing trend to use interconnected home devices. As consumers increasingly network their homes, the connected home device manufacturers and service providers will seek to overcome "thin profit margins" by gathering more of our personal data—with or without our agreement—turning the home into a corporate storefront. Corporate marketers will have powerful incentives to observe consumer behaviour to understand the buying needs and preferences of the device owners.

**Q14. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational and practical message implied by the passage?**

- (a) Knowledge of consumer behaviour leads to more capital expenditure in manufacturing sector.
- (b) Knowledge of consumer behaviour stimulates the growth of commerce and trade and thus helps in the overall economic development of the country.
- (c) Interconnected devices give a lot of comfort to home users and improve the overall quality of life.
- (d) Interconnected devices can be at security risk and home users may have privacy risk.

**Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The key warning in the passage is about how personal data is harvested — often without consent — to turn homes into data-driven marketing spaces. This clearly points to privacy risks, matching (d).

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### Passage 9

Green growth involves rethinking growth strategies with regard to the impacts on environmental sustainability and the environmental resources available to poor and vulnerable groups. In rethinking growth, we need to focus on the current reality of a resource-constrained world. Resource-intensive and, in particular energy-intensive processes



will need to make way for more efficient and resource-frugal development strategies if we are to avoid an economic dead-end or a world in which only a small elite is able to enjoy affluence in the midst of a sea of poverty.

**Q15. Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage?**

- (a) Environmental sustainability is inimical to our objective of achieving a high rate of GDP growth.
- (b) Poverty eradication is not possible without a rapid economic growth and the consequent environmental degradation.
- (c) Maintaining high environmental standards is now a prerequisite for achieving a steady, sufficient and inclusive growth.
- (d) With large populations, rampant poverty and limited resources of today's world, environmental degradation cannot be prevented and inequalities are inevitable.

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The passage supports a shift from energy/resource-intensive growth to more sustainable and inclusive strategies. (c) captures this balance between sustainability and inclusive development.

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### Passage 10

Conventional classrooms, by emphasizing fixed duration over learning effectiveness, resign themselves to variable outcomes. The tyranny of the classroom is that every learner is subjected to the same set of lectures in the same way for the same duration. In the end, a few learners shine, some survive, and the rest are left behind. After the fixed duration, the classroom model moves on, with not a thought spared for those left behind. This is how we end up with 10 percent employability in our graduates after a decade and half of formal education. Repeating the same ineffectual script in the realm of skill education will not produce different results.

**Q16. Which of the following statements best reflect(s) the most logical and rational inference(s) that can be made from the passage?**

1. In conventional classroom learning, the central goal is duration of learning rather than attainment of competency.
2. Conventional classrooms encourage one-size-fits-all approach and stamp out all differentiation.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The passage criticizes both fixed-duration (→ statement 1) and uniformity of method (→ statement 2). Hence, both inferences are valid.

**Q17. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. As a large number of workers in our country are employed in unorganized sector, India does not need to change its present conventional classroom system of education.
2. Even with its present conventional classroom system of education, India produces sufficient number of skilled workers to fully realize the benefits of demographic dividend.

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The passage actually argues against the current classroom system by showing its ineffectiveness. Neither of these assumptions is valid or supported.

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### Passage 11

When a child reaches adolescence, there is apt to be a conflict between the parents and the child, since the latter considers himself to be by now quite capable of managing his own affairs, while the former are filled with parental solicitude, which is often a disguise for love of power. Parents consider, usually, that the various moral problems which arise in adolescence are peculiarly their province. The options they express, however, are so dogmatic that the young seldom confide in them, and usually go their own way in secret.

**Q18. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. The adolescent does not feel comfortable with his parents because they tend to be dominating and assertive.
2. The adolescent of modern times does not have much respect for parents.

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:** The passage clearly describes parental control as a form of power that alienates adolescents. However, it doesn't suggest that adolescents lack respect — that's an overreach.

**Q19. Which one of the following statements best reflects the central idea of the above passage?**

- (a) Parents in general may not be of much help when children are on their way to becoming adults.  
(b) When children reach adolescence, involvement of parents in their lives is unnecessary.  
(c) Modern-day nuclear families are not capable of bringing up children properly.  
(d) In modern societies, adolescents tend to be stubborn, disobedient and careless.

**Answer: (a)**

**Explanation:** The central theme is that parental control, under the guise of concern, hinders adolescent openness. This matches the idea in (a) best.

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### Passage 12

Unlike religion and science, poetry does not posit or expect any belief in absolute truths. Those forces or individuals who claim to have absolute truths in their grasp tend to turn dictatorial and tyrannical. Truth usually does not admit any contradictions or imperfections. It is unitarian. It is, therefore, not of much use for poetry. Poetry abides by the plurality of life and existence. Perhaps poetry follows reality which is plural, anachronistic, full of contradictions. Against the tyranny of truth, poetry remains a partisan of democratic reality. Against the arrogance of power, wealth and hierarchy, poetry proposes both humility and defiance.

**Q20. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational message conveyed by the above passage?**

- (a) It is the poetry, not science or religion, which recognizes and accepts imperfections in humans.
- (b) Truth is revealed through science or religion and poetry is anathema to truth.
- (c) Poetry is romantic, imaginary and is about feeling whereas science and religion are about truth.
- (d) In a world of violence, tyranny and bigotry, poetry is a form of dynamic resistance.

**Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The passage stresses that poetry defies the idea of absolute truths and stands against power, wealth, and hierarchy. It serves as a dynamic form of resistance, which corresponds to (d).

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### Passage 13

The flower was not invented to please us. It flaunted its petals and spread its perfume to attract an insect. The insect carries the pollen from flower to flower so that pollen is not carried away by wind and thus not wasted. What we call a flower's beauty is merely a by-product and a human invention. The perfume is not there to please us, it pleases us because it is there and we have been conditioned to it.

**Q21. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. The author of the passage believes that flowers are creations of Nature's luxury.
2. The author of the passage does not believe in the usefulness of flowers except as things of beauty.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: (d)**

**Explanation:** The passage does not support the idea that flowers are mere luxuries, nor does it suggest that flowers are useless aside from their beauty. It explains that beauty is a by-product of the flower's actual function, which is attracting insects. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

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### Passage 14

When an international team of scientists pumped a carbon dioxide and water mix into underground basalt rocks, basic chemistry took over. The acidic mixture dissolved rocks' calcium and magnesium and formed limestone. Basically, carbon dioxide is converted into stone, exclaimed the scientists.

**Q22. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational and practical suggestion implied by the passage?**

- (a) It is a cheap and practical method to produce limestone at a commercial level for building purposes.
- (b) This can be used as one of the methods of carbon sequestration.
- (c) Basalt rock can be made a good source of calcium and magnesium minerals by this method.
- (d) Good rock-dissolving acid can be produced by mixing carbon dioxide and water.

**Answer: (b)**

**Explanation:** The passage discusses a method of converting carbon dioxide into stone (limestone), which is a process of carbon sequestration — a way to store carbon dioxide underground to reduce its atmospheric levels. This supports (b).

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### Passage 15

Geographers analyzed 175 satellite images of ocean colour, which is an indicator of phytoplankton productivity at the ocean's surface, and found that giant icebergs are responsible for storing up to 20 percent of carbon in the Southern Ocean. The researchers discovered that melting water from giant icebergs, which contains iron and other nutrients, supports hitherto unexpectedly high levels of phytoplankton growth.

**Q23. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

1. Giant icebergs have a bearing on primary productivity and food chains of the Southern Ocean.
2. Melting of giant icebergs can produce climate change effects and impact world fisheries.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The passage explains that melting icebergs affect phytoplankton growth (primary productivity) and that their melting could have broader environmental impacts, including affecting food chains and fisheries. Therefore, both assumptions (1 and 2) are valid.

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### Passage 16

Evolution has endowed caterpillars that feed on corn with a unique ability; they can induce the plant to turn off its defence against insect predators. This helps caterpillars to eat more and grow faster. The agent that causes this effect is the caterpillar's faeces or frass. The find

could throw new light on compounds associated with plant response to pathogens like fungi or bacteria.

**Q24. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational and practical message conveyed by the passage?**

- (a) Farmers can use caterpillars to feed on weeds in their crop fields/plantations.
- (b) This finding can help in the development of clinically useful antimicrobial compounds.
- (c) This finding can help in the development of organic, ecologically sustainable pesticides.
- (d) Caterpillars can be genetically modified to be predators of the other plant pests.

**Answer: (c)**

**Explanation:** The passage discusses how caterpillar faeces can suppress a plant's defence mechanisms, which could be leveraged for developing organic, eco-friendly pest control methods. Therefore, (c) is the most relevant answer.

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### **CSAT RC Practice Passages with Mixed Topics and Question Types (Advanced Set)**

#### **Passage 1: Science & Technology**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made tremendous progress in recent years, infiltrating sectors from healthcare and finance to creative industries and national security. While AI promises increased efficiency and new capabilities, it also raises deep ethical and regulatory concerns. Some experts worry that AI systems, trained on vast but biased datasets, may perpetuate social inequalities or make decisions that lack human nuance and empathy. Others highlight the potential for AI to displace large sections of the workforce and create new forms of dependence on opaque, algorithm-driven systems. Without robust oversight, the race for AI dominance may lead to short-sighted policies that prioritize technological advancement over long-term societal welfare.

#### **Question:**

Which of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the passage?

- (a) AI will inevitably replace humans in most professional fields, rendering human skills obsolete.
  - (b) AI development must be accompanied by strong ethical and regulatory frameworks to mitigate social and economic risks.
  - (c) The advancement of AI technology will resolve existing social inequalities by offering neutral decision-making.
  - (d) AI is inherently unethical and should be banned from sensitive sectors such as healthcare and national security.
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#### **Passage 2: Economy**

Globalization has significantly reshaped the economic landscapes of nations, facilitating unprecedented access to international markets, capital, and technologies. However, this

integration has produced asymmetric benefits. While multinational corporations have thrived, local industries, especially in developing countries, have often struggled to compete with the influx of cheaper, mass-produced goods. Critics argue that globalization, without proper safeguards, exacerbates income disparities and weakens the bargaining power of local labor. Supporters, however, point out that globalization has also lifted millions out of poverty and expanded consumer choices. Policymakers face the challenge of balancing the gains of globalization with protections for vulnerable domestic sectors.

**Question:**

Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:

1. Globalization can deepen income inequality if left unregulated.
2. Local industries in developing countries are inherently less efficient than multinational corporations.
3. Policymakers can mitigate the negative effects of globalization through appropriate interventions.

Which of the assumptions given above is/are valid?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) 1, 2, and 3
  - (d) 3 only
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**Passage 3: Philosophy**

Philosophical traditions across the world have long debated the nature of happiness. While utilitarian thinkers like Bentham and Mill emphasized the maximization of pleasure and reduction of pain, Stoic philosophers advocated emotional detachment from external outcomes and the cultivation of inner virtue. In contrast, existentialists like Sartre and Camus argued that life has no inherent meaning, and it is the individual's responsibility to create purpose through authentic action. Despite their differences, these schools converge on one point: happiness cannot be externally guaranteed; it is shaped by how individuals interpret and engage with their experiences.

**Question:**

Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage?

- (a) Happiness is a subjective pursuit influenced by individual interpretation and philosophical perspective.
  - (b) Utilitarianism is the most effective framework to maximize human happiness.
  - (c) Stoicism and existentialism both reject the pursuit of happiness as a meaningful goal.
  - (d) Philosophical traditions provide universally accepted definitions of happiness.
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#### Passage 4: Social Issues / Sociology

Urbanization, often hailed as a sign of development, is paradoxically linked to the rise of social isolation and mental health issues. Despite greater access to communication technologies, individuals in large cities frequently report feelings of loneliness and disconnection. The elderly, in particular, are vulnerable due to fragmented family structures and the declining importance of community spaces. Additionally, the rise of "gig economy" jobs has contributed to precarious employment and weakened social bonds formed through stable, long-term workplaces. Sociologists caution that unless proactive steps are taken to strengthen social infrastructure, urban living may increasingly erode the very fabric of community life.

##### Question:

Which of the following is/are emphatically conveyed by the author of the passage?

1. Urbanization can inadvertently contribute to social isolation.
2. The elderly are especially at risk of loneliness in modern urban environments.
3. The gig economy enhances social cohesion by providing flexible work options.

- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 3 only  
(d) 1, 2, and 3
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#### Passage 5: Political Science / International Relations

In recent decades, climate change has emerged not only as an environmental issue but also as a significant factor in international security. Rising sea levels, resource scarcities, and extreme weather events have forced nations to re-evaluate their defense strategies. Countries now consider climate-induced migration, water conflicts, and food shortages as security threats. Military establishments worldwide are integrating climate scenarios into their risk assessments, recognizing that environmental instability can exacerbate geopolitical tensions. As climate impacts transcend national boundaries, multilateral cooperation is increasingly viewed as essential to manage these shared risks.

##### Question:

Which one of the following statements best reflects the central idea of the above passage?

- (a) Climate change primarily affects small island nations and is a limited security issue.  
(b) Environmental instability has become an integral consideration in modern security policies.  
(c) Military strategies should remain focused on traditional threats like armed conflict and terrorism.  
(d) Climate change can be addressed without international cooperation.



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**Passage 6: Environment / Ecology**

Tropical rainforests are among the most biologically diverse ecosystems on the planet, yet they face relentless deforestation driven by agriculture, logging, and mining. The loss of these forests not only threatens countless species but also significantly accelerates global carbon emissions. Forests act as vital carbon sinks, absorbing substantial amounts of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. Their destruction undermines global efforts to combat climate change. Reforestation, while helpful, cannot fully compensate for the complex ecological functions of old-growth forests. Sustainable land management and stringent conservation measures are imperative to prevent further irreversible damage.

**Question:**

Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational, and practical message implied by the passage?

- (a) Reforestation is sufficient to restore the full ecological functions of tropical rainforests.
- (b) Preventing deforestation of existing old-growth forests is crucial for climate and biodiversity protection.
- (c) Tropical rainforests can be easily replaced with man-made carbon absorption technologies.
- (d) Deforestation is an inevitable consequence of economic development and should be accepted.

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**Passage 7: History**

The Industrial Revolution, beginning in 18th-century Europe, dramatically transformed human societies. While it ushered in unprecedented technological progress, mass production, and economic expansion, it also introduced exploitative labor conditions, child labor, and widespread urban pollution. The period revealed that technological advancement is not inherently benevolent and can produce severe social and environmental costs if unregulated. Historians argue that the lessons from the Industrial Revolution remain pertinent today as we navigate rapid technological changes, particularly in fields like artificial intelligence and biotechnology.

**Question:**

Which of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the passage?

- (a) Technological progress is always accompanied by social and environmental harm.
- (b) Lessons from the Industrial Revolution should inform contemporary regulation of emerging technologies.
- (c) Mass production is fundamentally exploitative and should be avoided in modern economies.
- (d) Economic expansion achieved through technology is inherently unsustainable.

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**Passage 8: Literature**

Literature has historically functioned as both a mirror and a critic of society, enabling readers to confront prevailing social norms and moral dilemmas. From Dickens' exposure of industrial-era poverty to contemporary novels addressing climate change and gender inequality, literature invites reflection and often challenges the status quo. However, not all literature carries an overt social message; some works primarily explore the human psyche or celebrate aesthetic beauty without direct commentary. The power of literature lies in its ability to foster empathy, provoke thought, and occasionally, inspire social transformation.

**Question:**

Which of the following is/are emphatically conveyed by the author of the passage?

1. Literature can challenge societal norms and stimulate social awareness.
2. All literary works aim to produce social change.
3. Literature contributes to the development of empathy in readers.

- (a) 1 and 3 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1 and 2 only  
(d) 1, 2, and 3
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**Passage 9: Public Policy**

Public health campaigns promoting vaccination are critical not only for individual protection but also for achieving herd immunity, which safeguards vulnerable populations. However, the spread of misinformation, especially via social media, has led to vaccine hesitancy and declining immunization rates in some regions. This hesitancy undermines decades of public health progress and increases the risk of disease outbreaks. Effective public policy must therefore combine robust vaccination drives with sustained efforts to counteract misinformation and build public trust in scientific authorities.

**Question:**

Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage?

- (a) Vaccination policies should focus solely on maximizing immunization coverage.  
(b) Combating misinformation is as essential as ensuring access to vaccines for public health success.  
(c) Vaccine hesitancy is unavoidable in modern, pluralistic societies.  
(d) Social media platforms should be banned from health communication to prevent misinformation.
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## Passage 10: Psychology

Recent research in positive psychology indicates that cultivating gratitude can significantly improve mental health outcomes, including reductions in stress, anxiety, and depressive symptoms. Gratitude practices, such as maintaining gratitude journals or expressing appreciation to others, appear to rewire neural pathways associated with emotional regulation. However, gratitude is not a panacea; it functions best as part of a holistic approach to well-being that may also involve social support, physical exercise, and professional therapy when necessary.

### Question:

Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the passage?

- (a) Practicing gratitude guarantees complete immunity from mental health disorders.
- (b) Gratitude is beneficial for mental health but should be integrated with other well-being strategies.
- (c) Gratitude practices are ineffective without medical intervention.
- (d) Mental health can only be improved through formal psychological therapy.

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### Answer Key with Explanations

1. (b) AI development must be accompanied by strong ethical and regulatory frameworks to mitigate social and economic risks.
  - ✓ Explanation: The passage emphasizes ethical concerns and regulatory gaps. Options (a), (c), and (d) are either extreme, not supported, or factually inaccurate.
2. (a) 1 and 3 only
  - ✓ Explanation: The passage indicates that globalization can increase inequality (1) and that policymakers can intervene (3). Assumption (2) is not stated or implied.
3. (a) Happiness is a subjective pursuit influenced by individual interpretation and philosophical perspective.
  - ✓ Explanation: The passage focuses on differing philosophical views but agrees happiness is subjectively shaped. Options (b), (c), and (d) misrepresent the nuanced view.
4. (a) 1 and 2 only
  - ✓ Explanation: The gig economy is described as contributing to social isolation, not enhancing social cohesion. Options involving statement 3 are incorrect.
5. (b) Environmental instability has become an integral consideration in modern security policies.
  - ✓ Explanation: The passage focuses on how climate change is now a core security concern. Other options misinterpret or minimize the issue.

6. (b) Preventing deforestation of existing old-growth forests is crucial for climate and biodiversity protection.
- ✓ Explanation: The passage clearly warns that old-growth forests cannot be replaced. Options (a) and (c) are factually wrong. Option (d) is defeatist and unsupported.
7. (b) Lessons from the Industrial Revolution should inform contemporary regulation of emerging technologies.
- ✓ Explanation: The passage calls for learning from history to guide regulation. Options (a), (c), and (d) are overgeneralizations or false.
8. (a) 1 and 3 only
- ✓ Explanation: Literature can challenge social norms and build empathy. Not all literature pursues social change, making statement 2 incorrect.
9. (b) Combating misinformation is as essential as ensuring access to vaccines for public health success.
- ✓ Explanation: The passage equally stresses vaccine drives and addressing misinformation. Other options either oversimplify or misrepresent the solution.
10. (b) Gratitude is beneficial for mental health but should be integrated with other well-being strategies.
- ✓ Explanation: The passage acknowledges gratitude's benefits but notes it should be part of a holistic approach. Other options are extreme or unsupported.
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## Some More Tips & Hacks

### 1. Read the Options *Before* Reading the Passage (Selective Use)

- ✓ For passages with a **clear question type like central idea or assumption**, previewing the options can prime your brain to read the passage with a sharper focus.
  - ✓ Caution: Use this only if you're comfortable filtering bias. Otherwise, read the passage first.
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### 2. The 'Author's Investment' Trick

- ✓ Ask yourself: **Where has the author spent the most words, emotions, or examples?**
  - ✓ The part where the author shows the greatest investment often carries the **crux or key inference**.
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### 3. Spot Absolutes and Extremes

- ✓ In UPSC RCs, options with words like **"always," "never," "guarantees," "must,"** or **"completely"** are often wrong unless directly backed by the passage.
  - ✓ UPSC favors **moderate, balanced, and nuanced options**.
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### 4. Beware of the 'Tempting but Twisted' Trap

- ✓ UPSC often gives one option that feels **factually correct but is either too specific, too broad, or misses the logical link**.
  - ✓ Always verify whether the option answers the **exact question type** (assumption, inference, central idea, etc.).
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### 5. Visual Mapping Technique

- ✓ For complex passages, quickly **visualize the flow**:
    - Para 1 → Problem
    - Para 2 → Analysis
    - Para 3 → Author's view/solution
  - ✓ This mapping helps quickly zero in on the author's stand and the flow of arguments.
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### 6. Option Elimination by Method of Conflict

- ✓ Compare two options **head-to-head**:
    - Ask: Can *both* be true at the same time? If not, one is a distractor.
  - ✓ This is crucial when two options appear equally attractive.
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### 7. Pay Attention to Tone Shifts

- ✓ A subtle shift from neutral to critical, or from factual to persuasive, usually signals the author's **core message or conclusion**.
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#### 8. Practice with Harder Material

- ✓ Read **The Economist, Aeon Essays, and Scientific American**. Their writing style is **closest to UPSC RC passages**.
  - ✓ This improves your stamina for complex RCs.
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#### 9. Don't Obsess Over Unknown Words

- ✓ UPSC rarely frames questions that require knowledge of a tough word.
  - ✓ Focus on the sentence structure and flow. Context usually reveals enough to answer.
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#### 10. Trust the Passage, Not Your Worldview

- ✓ Even if you know something factually outside the passage, **the passage is the only truth in CSAT RCs**.
  - ✓ Ignore real-world knowledge if it conflicts with the passage.
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#### 11. Reverse Solving

- ✓ Read the **question and options first, then quickly skim the passage** to find support or rejection points.
  - ✓ Helps save time, but only after considerable practice.
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**All the Best!**

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