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#POST_1

Some good cooks are gourmet cooks who pride themselves on always using extravagantly rich ingredients in elaborate recipes. Some good cooks can be characterized as fast-food cooks. They may use rich ingredients as long as the recipes are easy to follow and take little time. Other good cooks are health food enthusiasts, who are concerned primarily with the nutritional value of food. But even though not all good cooks are big eaters, they all enjoy preparing and serving food.

If the information in the passage is true, which one of the following CANNOT be true?

- A] Most good cooks do not use extravagantly rich ingredients.
- B] Everyone who enjoys preparing and serving food is a good cook.
- C] There are fewer good cooks who enjoy serving and preparing food than there are good cooks who are big eaters.
- D] Only those cooks who enjoy preparing and serving food are good cooks.

#POST_2

Neuroscientists are making progress in discovering more about the cause of Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease patients suffer from dementia and severe memory loss. Autopsies performed on such patients have revealed the presence of brain lesions caused by abnormal protein deposits. Similar deposits are also found in the brains of elderly patients who do not suffer from Alzheimer's disease. It follows that everyone who lives long enough will eventually develop Alzheimer's disease.

Which one of the following statements, if true, most seriously undermines the conclusion that everyone who lives long enough will eventually develop Alzheimer's disease?

- A] The lesions found in the brains of non-Alzheimer's disease patients are far less extensive than those found in the brains of Alzheimer's disease patients.
- B] The procedure that allows scientists to discover the presence of protein deposits during an autopsy is not yet refined enough to ensure detection of the lesions in all patients.
- C] Research has shown that some people lack the chemical necessary for protein deposits to cause brain lesions.
- D] A research conducted in California states that brain lesions may be caused by other lifestyle disorders such as stress, smoking etc.

#POST_3

He _____ the entire scene with a kind of tortured intensity, gesturing wildly, trying to express to me the _____ of what had happened.

- A] pantomimed, wrongness
- B] relayed, details
- C] invented, ferocity
- D] explained, facts

#POST_4

45. In Japan, everybody makes everything. Nobody builds a, everybody sells on therefore, nobody makes any money.

- (1) focus, discount (2) product, quality
- (3) factory, pavements (4) brand, price

#POST_5

#PJ Arrange A,B,C,D in correct order

1. Why do we so often evaluate good quality or success against either Western or foreign measures?

A. This manifests itself in many ways.

B. Nor am I suggesting that we close our minds and hearts to the wide and wonderful world across the seas.

C. And it is not just in evaluation; we also sadly and desperately reveal our insecurities by seeking to be foreign.

D. I am not suggesting that we should adopt chauvinist postures or deride what is foreign.

6. What I am suggesting is that we should do away with our slavish and servile attitude while projecting or depicting values.

#POST_6 #CORRECT_USE-Only one is correct

Cast

- (1) He was cast out of our group
- (2) He cast the net far and wide in search of evidence.
- (3) The cat cast furiously at the vanished rat.
- (4) Witch cast belongs to a spell.

#POST_7

The manufacturers are reported to have a of complaints from dissatisfied customers.

- (1) got, list
- (2) achieved, mouthful
- (3) received, bagful
- (4) received, litany

#POST_8

The survey report did not allude to all this because little information was

- (1) neglect, desired (2) presumably, available
- (3) arguably, sought (4) obviously, altered

#POST_9_RC_1

Firstly, two opposed forces have to exist, so that progress of something takes place. One is the creative force and the other one, the destructive force of what was created. Let's consider the biological evolution as example. When one species is reproduced, we are in presence of the creative or asserting force.

On the other hand, the adversity of nature constitutes the destructive or denier force that tends to eradicate those new

individuals. However it does not eradicate all, but only the worst, while the best trained, thanks to their appropriate aptitudes, defy the denier force and are able to survive. The best, unique survivors establish the new starting point from where the following reproduction or similar individuals' generalization will be originated; that is to say, the creative force has now a higher starting point. The new descendants will be in their

entirety, of better adaptation quality than in the former reproduction. But once again, the renewed destructive or denier force of nature tends to eradicate these individuals; but it will only eradicate the worst. Those that were born with some advantages will be able to defy adversity, surviving and reproducing their gender. Again, out of the multiple children, some will inherit features superior than their own parents, others will have inferior quality features and most will be of a similar level than the starting point. Thus, the destructive force will eradicate everybody as time passes by, except the most qualified ones, who will mark the new and highest starting point, and so on.

1. A suitable title for the passage would be

- (1) Life Goes On (2) Hegemony of the Denier Force
- (3) The Universal Law of Progression (4) The Philosophy of Life

2. The passage above can be represented in a sequence. Arrange the following steps of the sequence in correct order.

- (a) New point of departure from what survives.
 - (b) Action of creative or asserting force.
 - (c) Point of departure.
 - (d) Result of the varied and of the chance reproduction encouraged by the creative or asserting force.
 - (e) Destructive or denier force that eliminates what is bad and medium.
- (1) a, b, d, c and e (2) c, e, b, d and a
(3) b, a, d, e and c (4) c, b, d, e and a

3. What can be attributed to there being a new and highest starting point, as given in the last line of the passage?

- (1) The fittest and the finest are the ones to survive.
- (2) Those with inferior quality features are eradicated.
- (3) Evolution is all about survival of the fittest.
- (4) This is the effect of the phenomenon of 'progress of techniques'.

[#POST_10_CR](#)

Positive thinking or optimistic outlook is a powerful and potent force to lift you to success and happiness in life. Fundamentally, it is a matter of believing in a favorable future and being convinced of your ultimate success in your chosen enterprise or undertaking. It is having faith in yourself and forcing your ways to the goal by your sheer will power and concentration. By changing consciously your thought pattern from generally negative to positive ideas, you will

develop the habit of thinking and acting in a positive way.

For example, consider words like "no, cannot, cry, bad, nasty, doubt, difficult, dull, sour, suffer, afraid, cold, tired, tears unwell" etc. you can see that these and other such words have negative and depressing flavor. Now let us turn to the bright and positive groups of words like "yes, can, will, laugh, good, nice, bold, belief, faith, easy, cheerful, sweet, enjoy, confident, happy, warm, energetic love, affectionate" and so on. These words at once cheer you up. You are keyed up and ready for action. Learn the habit of using only such positive expressions.

Which of the following statements best captures the essence of the text?

- (1) Hard work can lead you to the path of success and happiness.
- (2) Our habits contribute to personality.
- (3) Thoughts in the mind of a person evolve out of his condition of mind.
- (4) Optimistic attitude and faith in oneself is the ladder of happiness in life.

#POST_11_CR

This workshop of Edison's was an astonishingly busy centre of industry as far as activity and hours of labour were concerned. Edison never asked his men to do anything that he would not do himself; his one order was 'follow me' and that meant working with him through endless hours. It is said that on one occasion, he even locked himself and his men in, until a difficult piece of work was done sixty hours on end. Generally, the men were employed on piecework and the longer and the more skilfully they worked, the more they earned. Which of the following best conveys the sense of the passage?

- (1) Following Edison would mean working by fits and starts.
- (2) Edison once locked himself and others in, because he wanted to get a certain job completed.
- (3) The men earned more when they were regular in their work.
- (4) Edison's workshop was a scene of intense activity and following Edison would mean working without interruption.

#POST_12

Choose the option which shows the relation between words similar to that shown in the given pair.

Arbiter : Moderate

- (1) Fan : Jeer
- (2) Charlatan : Correct
- (3) President : Impeach
- (4) Cult figure : Drives

#POST_13_RC

While there is no blueprint for transforming a largely government-controlled economy into a free one, the experience of the United Kingdom since 1979 clearly shows one approach that works: privatization, in which state-owned industries are sold to private companies. By 1979, the total borrowings and losses of state-owned industries were running at about \$3 billion a year. By selling many of these industries, the government has decreased these borrowings and losses, gained over ten billion from the sales, and now receives tax revenues from the newly privatized companies. Along with a dramatically improved overall economy, the government has been able to repay 12.5 percent of the net national debt over a two-year period. In fact, privatization has not only rescued individual industries and a whole economy headed for disaster, but has also raised the level of performance in every area. At British Airways and British Gas, for example, productivity per employee has risen by 20 percent. At associated British Ports, labor disruptions common in the 1970's and early 1980's have now virtually disappeared. At British Telecom, there is no longer a waiting list—as there always was before privatization—to have a telephone installed. Part of this improved productivity has come about because the employees of privatized industries were given the opportunity to buy shares in their own companies. They responded enthusiastically to the offer of shares; at British Aerospace, 89 percent of the eligible work force bought shares; at Associated British Ports, 90 percent; and at British Telecom, 92 percent. When people have a personal stake in something, they think about it, care about it, and work to make it prosper. At the National Freight Consortium, the new employee owners grew so concerned about their company's profits that during wage negotiations they actually pressed their union to lower its wage demands. Some economists have suggested that giving away free shares would provide a needed acceleration of the privatization process. Yet they miss Thomas Paine's point that "what we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly." In order for the far-ranging benefits of individual ownership to be achieved by owners,

companies, and countries, employees and other individuals must make their own decisions to buy, and they must commit some of their own resources to the choice.

1. The passage supports which of the following statements about employees buying shares in their own companies?
- (1) At three different companies, approximately nine out of ten of the workers were eligible to buy shares in their companies.
 - (2) Approximately 90% of the eligible workers at three different companies chose to buy shares in their companies.
 - (3) Companies that demonstrated the highest productivity were the first to allow their employees the opportunity to buy shares.
 - (4) Eligibility to buy shares was contingent on employees' agreeing to increased work loads.
2. Which of the following statements is most consistent with the principle described in the passage?
- (1) A democratic government that decides it is inappropriate to own a particular industry has in no way abdicated its responsibilities as guardian of the public interest.
 - (2) The ideal way for a government to protect employee interests is to force companies to maintain their share of a competitive market without government subsidies.
 - (3) The failure to harness the power of self interest is an important reason that state owned industries perform poorly.
 - (4) Governments that want to implement privatization programs must try to eliminate all resistance to the free market system.
3. The quotation in the passage is most probably used to
- (1) Counter a position that the author of the passage believes is incorrect.
 - (2) State a solution to a problem described in the previous sentence.
 - (3) Show how opponents of the viewpoint of the author of the passage have supported their arguments.
 - (4) Point out a paradox contained in a controversial viewpoint.

#POST_14

At the of the problem is the monsterheaded evil of dowry and the lowly status upon women.

- (1) heart, conferred (2) centre, endowed
- (3) core, bestowed (4) essence, gifted

#POST_15

The Raja Ram Mohan Ray earned was the of his sincere concern for the welfare of Indian women.

- (1) popularity, prodigy (2) admiration, consequence
- (3) approval, affect (4) reverence, impact

Answers

1. [A] is not mentioned in the passage at all. If anything, the paragraph states that "some good cooks are gourmet cooks who pride themselves on always using extravagantly rich ingredients in elaborate recipes" thus implying almost the converse. Hence no definite conclusion can be drawn from this.

[B] is an example of circular reasoning: if X then Y does not imply if Y then X. While good cooks enjoy preparing food, the converse is not necessarily true (or false).

Every good cook enjoys preparing and serving food. Only a part of these may be big eaters.
Hence [C] is definitely false (a universal set is not always a subset of its subset).

Option D is true as all good cooks enjoy preparing and serving food on the lines of - Only graduates are MBAs, and this means all MBAs are graduates.

2. OA- C, The paragraph argues that the presence of abnormal protein deposits, which is common to the elderly patients as well those suffering from Alzheimer' s disease, causes brain lesions (which lead to

dementia and memory loss etc.).

If it can be demonstrated that the protein deposits do not always cause brain lesions, the conclusion would be most weakened. This is best done by [C].

3. OA=A , Pantomimed means explaining with gestures; hence, it best fits the context.

"Tortured intensity" implies a negative word in the second blank thereby making either [A] or [C] as the correct choice.

The first blank makes [A] as the better choice.

4. OA=4 , The word 'brand' matches the context that 'everybody makes everything' and when there is no 'brand' building, sales are to be based on 'price'.

In option (1) a thing or commodity can be focused on (a 'focus' is not 'built) and 'discount' will be wrong factually.

In option (2) both the words will be wrong; a product is not 'built', it can be developed, manufactured, advertised etc. Besides, one can sell on brand, price etc. but not 'on' quality.

And in option (3) both the words will be wrong factually and contextually.

so option (4) is the correct option.

5. CADB

6. Option (2) is correct as it has the best phrasing.

Option (1) is incorrect with the usage of 'cast out of' instead of 'cast out from'.

Option (3) is incorrect with the usage of 'cast furiously at' instead of 'cast furiously for'.

Option (4) is incorrect with the usage of illogical sense, it does not make any sense.

so option (2) is the correct option.

7. OA=4, (4) is more appropriate than (3) because the dissatisfied customers have recited their complaints to many manufactures so 'a bagful' does not match with this context. The word 'litany' , however, matches, the word 'received' being already appropriate.

8. OA= 2, Option (2) rightly fills the blanks, the reason for no 'allusion' or reference to all this (certain issue or matter) is presumed to be that little information was available (on certain issue or matter), both the words ('presumably' , 'available') are right grammatically and contextually. In option (4) word 'altered' will be contextually wrong.

9.

1. Option (3) is correct. The passage talks of evolution and the undeniable course followed in progression.

Option (2) is incorrect as denier force is not the sole issue being discussed.

Option (4) is incorrect, as the author does not have a philosophical take on the matter.

Option (1) misses out on the theme of upward mobility.

2. OA- (4).

As per the passage, the sequence followed is that of creative forces leading to a new species, which combat the destructive forces, finally leading to a new starting point. Therefore Option (4) best describes this process.

3. OA=1

The highest starting point is due to destructive forces eradicating everybody as time passes by, except the most qualified ones (mentioned in the last line itself).

Option (2) is incorrect, as it is responsible for the higher starting point; it just ensures the lowest point does not fall too much.

Option (3) does not suggest a reason, while option (4) is out of context.

10. OA=4 , Option (4) best illustrates the essence of the text. Option (1) is an incomplete statement. Options (2) and (3) are not mentioned in the text.

11. OA-4

12. OA=4 , Just as an "Arbiter" "Moderates" , a "Cult figure" "Drives" .

13.

1. OA=2 It clearly states that approximately 90% of the eligible workforce opted for buying shares of their companies. Hence option (2) is correct.

2. OA=3

The passage deals with the increase in productivity that arose from employees having a personal stake in the performance of their companies. The lack of productivity shown in state owned industries is in a major way attributed to the lack of ownership and stakes of employees in their companies. Hence it is appropriate to state that option (3) is most consistent with this principle.

3. OA=4

The quotation alerts the reader to an inherent weakness in the seemingly perfect solution of privatization and thus carries the sense of a paradox. Thus only option (4) is the appropriate option.

14. OA=1, The words 'endowed' (2), 'bestowed' (3) and 'gifted' (4) are not the suitable words to be filled in the second blank as they are inappropriate in the context of 'upon women' following it.

So, the words 'heart, conferred' (1) are the only appropriate words to be filled in the blanks. Hence, option (1) is the correct option.

15. OA=2, The words 'affect' in option (3) and 'impact' in option (4) are ruled out as they are inappropriate in the given context of 'Ray earned was the' preceding it and 'of his sincere concern' following it. Also, the word 'popularity' in option (1) is inappropriate as the general phrase is 'popularity is gained' and not 'popularity is earned'.

So, the words 'admiration, consequence' in option (2) are the only appropriate words to be filled in the blanks. so option (2) is the correct option.