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**Direction:** In the following passage, some words/ phrases/ idioms have been highlighted in bold. Choose the correct combination of words/ phrases/ idioms that can fit in the passage to make grammatical and contextual sense.

A decision on Bt brinjal has been **(A) hanging fire / advancing / suspending** for nearly a decade. The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee cleared Bt brinjal in October 2009, but the Ministry of Environment held back its clearance, citing a lack of scientific **(B) accord / dissension / consensus**. In the meantime, Bt brinjal grown in Bangladesh in particular has found its way into the Indian market. Such uncertainty has encouraged farmers to take the law into their own hands. Activists and academics in the anti-GM camp have alleged that 'quasi-official' leaks of GM varieties are **(C) engineered / doctored / planned** to ensure that approval becomes a fait accompli. The Centre should adopt an open, consultative process so that producers and consumers' interests are well served. The climate of suspicion needs to be **(D) cancelled / expelled / dispelled**. The issue of conserving traditional varieties as well as monitoring carcinogenic effects, if any, should be entrusted to public agencies. There can be no dismissing the concerns worldwide over the health effects of glyphosate. However, in trying to **(E) abbreviate / expand / curtail** its use, farmers' issues of rising pest attacks, in a context of drought and climate change, too need to be addressed.

1. **(A)**

- I. Hanging fire
- II. Advancing
- III. Suspending

A. Both II and III      B. Only I      C. Both I and III      D. Both I and II      E. All I, II and III

2. **(B)**

- I. Accord
- II. Dissension
- III. Consensus

A. Both II and III      B. Both I and III      C. Only II      D. None of I, II and III      E. All I, II and III

3. **(C)**

- I. Engineered
- II. Doctored
- III. Planned

A. Only II      B. Only III      C. Only I      D. Both I and II      E. All I, II and III

4. (D)

- I. Cancelled
- II. Expelled
- III. Dispelled

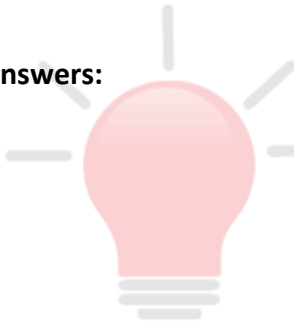
A. Only II      B. Only III      C. Both I and III      D. Both I and II      E. None of I, II and III

5. (E)

- I. Abbreviate
- II. Expand
- III. Curtail

A. Both II and III      B. Both I and III      C. Both I and II      D. Only II      E. Only III

Correct Answers:



1	2	3	4	5
B	B	D	B	E

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## Explanations:

1. According to the given context we are here talking about the issue that the government is not doing anything to legalize the usage of genetic crops in India. It is confusing the farmers also making illegal use of such seeds too much prevalent in the country.

*Hanging fire* refers to *getting delayed for some reason* whereas rest of the two words are not correct as per the given context. Hence only I can be used to fill this blank in the passage whereas the other two should be eliminated from consideration.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

2. According to the given context the main problem with the genetic seeds in India is that the scientific community of the country is divided over the usage of such crops in the country. It will take place only when there is go-ahead from the technical community so that the government can go ahead with the decision regarding these seeds to be used in the country.

Among the given words, both *accord* and *consensus* can be used to fill the given blank whereas *dissension* is just the opposite of the words we have just chosen making it unfit for this blank. Hence this word should be eliminated from consideration.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

3. According to the given context, it is being said that the whole episode of giving approval to the genetically designed seeds by the government. The whole thing is like something that has already been decided even before those affected by it will hear it. It is the reason that nothing is happening regarding this.

Among the given words, *engineered* and *doctored* may be used to fill the blank but *planned* cannot be used to fill the blank though it is the synonym of the two words already mentioned before. So, this should be eliminated from consideration.

This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

4. In the given context we mean to imply that the air of suspicion regarding the genetic seeds should be done away with so that there is approval for the same from the government. It will make sure that such seeds are utilized properly in the country and no illegal use takes place of such seeds by the farmers.

Among the given words, both *cancelled* and *expelled* are not correct since both of these words will not go with the context in which we are talking about suspicion. *Dispelled* may be used here to fill the blank so that it will imply that the confusion and suspicion are not there in the whole episode of approval for the GE seeds.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

5. According to the given context we are saying that the farmers should be assured of the rising pest attacks during farming so that nothing of that sort brings down the morale of the farmers. It will make sure that such seeds are utilized properly in the country and more utilization can be done using these high yielding seeds once proper approval is provided by the government.

Among the given options, *abbreviate* should be eliminated since it may mean something similar to what may be placed, it is not going with the context at all. *Expand* is not going with the context whereas *curtail* is the right choice for the blank.

This makes Option E the correct choice among the given options.



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