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Direction: Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions.

The eight-lane highway is part of the “Bharatmala Pariyojana”, a centrally sponsored highways programme, aimed chiefly as a corridor for more **(A) efficient** freight movement. The intended highway between Chennai and Salem **(I)** 250 km, and, once constructed, **(II)** a slew of agricultural and reserve forest lands **(III)**. Although the High Court **(B)** _____ a series of questions that required answering, the ultimate controversy in the case came down to this: was an environmental impact assessment (EIA) required before efforts were made to acquire land for the highway project? If not, at what stage of the project was such an assessment required? *According to the petitioners, many of them landowners, the state had failed to obtain an environmental clearance for the project before acquiring land and had thereby violated its responsibilities. What is more, in any event, such permission, they argued, (C) _____ since it was clear that the project would have a deleterious impact on the forests, the surrounding water bodies and the wildlife of the region.* The government denied this. It argued that its power to acquire land under the National Highways Act, 1956, was unconditional. There was, it said, no law mandating an EIA before efforts are made to acquire private land. **(D)** *In its belief, a notification in the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, which required an EIA for the construction of a new highway, did not decree such an assessment for the purpose of securing the land.*

1. Which of the following words can replace the word given in bold in (A) without changing the meaning of the sentence?

- A. Tactful B. Potent C. Valuable D. Decisive E. Effective

2. In the Question below three phrases are given which must be filled in the positions given in I, II and III in the passage. From the options given below, choose the correct order of phrases that should be filled in the positions given.

- A. Situated within the intervening areas
B. Will cover more than
C. Will cut its way through

- A. ACB B. BAC C. BCA D. CAB E. CBA

3. Which of the following words should fill in the blank in (B) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

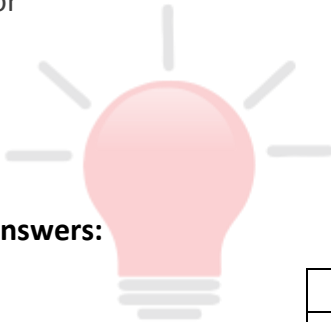
- A. Functioned B. Framed C. Derided D. Accounted E. None of the above

4. Two sentences are given in italics on both sides of C. Which of the following statements can come in between the two sentences in place of C so as to maintain the continuity of the paragraph?

- A. Is the ability to stitch together parties which are not coming together
- B. Will make sure that something takes place there
- C. could hardly be obtained
- D. can be ascertained with conviction that nothing is better
- E. None of the above

5. In the passage given, a sentence D is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer.

- A. In its belief, a notification in the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, which
- B. required an EIA for the construction of a new highway,
- C. did not decree such an assessment for
- D. the purpose of securing the land.
- E. No error



Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
E	C	B	C	A

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Explanations:

1. According to the given context, it is observed that we are talking about smoother freight movement due to the new highway being constructed as the part of the government initiative to improve the road network of the country. That is why *efficient* has been used here which implies that the movement of goods will be easier and faster now.

Among the given words, *tactful* means a person who is thoughtful and careful whereas *potent* can be used as the synonym in the normal course of the word used in the passage but not here. We cannot use *valuable* and *decisive* also in this context thereby ruling out these two also. Only *effective* is there that will properly replace the bold word in (A).

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

2. According to the given context it is regarding the highway being built by the government in Tamil Nadu and the way it is going to affect the trees and forest areas in the areas through which the highway will be built.

Now, coming to the given phrases, B should come first since it is regarding the distance of the highway and it will fall perfectly in place of (I) whereas C will come after this since it fills perfectly the blank in (II) which is regarding the highway cutting through forests and trees in the state. Only A is left that will be placed at the end of the sentence to fill the blank in (III).

Hence the correct sequence of the phrases is **BCA**.

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

3. According to the given context, we are saying that the High Court has asked the questions for which the government has to answer so that all the concerns of the litigants are addressed. This will make sure that there will be no problem with the construction of the highway in the future.

Among the given words, we can only use *framed* to indicate that the HC put forward certain questions of which the answers have to be found so that all the issues are sorted. All the other words are out of context and they can be eliminated from consideration. *Derided* means *insulted or made fun of*.

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

4. According to the given context, the preceding sentence is regarding the failure of the government to obtain environmental clearance in order to go ahead with the highway project under its road construction scheme. The succeeding sentence is regarding the effect of the project on the forests and the environment in general in the areas that fall within the range of the highway.

Coming to the given options, Option A can be ruled out for the fact that it is not making any sense whereas Options B and D can also be eliminated without much thought. We can use Option C in this context to make the sentence meaningfully and contextually correct.

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

5. The error lies in the Part A of the given sentence since we imply to say that a notification has been published by the government that is regarding the EIA required for construction of highway projects in the country. A notification cannot be contained in a legislation of the government. It can be utilized to notify something as per the provisions of an act by the government. Therefore, we should have used *under* here instead of the preposition *in*.

There is no error in any other part of the sentence.

The correct sentence would have been:

In its belief, a notification **under** the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, which required an EIA for the construction of a new highway, did not decree such an assessment for the purpose of securing the land.

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



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