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# Logical Reasoning Questions for CLAT Exam

## Logical Reasoning Quiz 2

**Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.**  
**[A Set of 2 Questions]**

A pregnant wild elephant in Kerala's Silent Valley Forest fell in victim to an act of human cruelty after a pineapple filled with powerful crackers offered by a man exploded in her mouth when she chomped on it. Her jaw was broken and she was unable to eat after she chewed the pineapple and it exploded in her mouth. The incident took place in the fringe areas of the Silent Valley in Attappadi, Kerala. The post-mortem revealed that the pachyderm was pregnant. The issue of the pachyderm's tragic death came to light after Mohan Krishnan, a forest officer, posted an emotional note on his Facebook page, narrating the death of the elephant in the waters of the Velliyar River.

**1. In which of the following cases the reason is same as in case of the killing of the elephant mentioned in the paragraph?**

- A. Tens of thousands of pangolins are poached every year, killed for their scales for use in traditional Chinese medicine and for their meat, a delicacy among some ultra-wealthy in China and Vietnam.
- B. In 2010, a study led by the World Wide Fund for Nature projected that a sea level rise of 11 inches could reduce the number of tigers in the Sundarbans, by 96 per cent within a few decades.
- C. While the government did not provide any numbers for deaths caused by other big cats, conflicts with leopards have become so common that villagers regularly mount hunting parties when one ventures near their homes, threatening children and livestock.
- D. As the human population in China continues to grow, pandas' habitat gets taken over by development, pushing them into smaller and less liveable areas which lead to food shortages and it's the main reason that panda populations have declined.

**2. What is the reason for growing number of man wild animal conflict?**

- I. Wild animals visiting nearby villages in search of food leading to stone pelting causing death of the animal.
- II. Man is the only species which kills animals even when it is not hungry.
- III. Loss of free corridors for wild animal roaming due to building of train lines and factories.

- A. All of the above                      B. Only I                      C. Only II                      D. Only I and III



**Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.**  
**[A Set of 2 Questions]**

Many people are of the opinion that prostitution should be legalized as it would reduce crime, improve public health, increase tax revenue, help people out of poverty, get prostitutes off the streets, and allow consenting adults to make their own choices. They contend that prostitution is a victimless crime as has been witnessed in places it has already been made legal.

**3. Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the given argument?**

- A. Many sex workers are fighting the legal status quo, social mores and also mainstream feminism, which has typically focused on saving women from the sex trade rather than supporting sex workers who demand greater rights.
- B. Legalizing prostitution would lead to increases in sexually transmitted diseases such as AIDS, global human trafficking, and violent crime including rape and homicide.
- C. Studies show that legalized and regulated flesh trade brings lower rates of rape and sexual assault and also sex workers are better protected against abuse, exploitation and trafficking.
- D. Prostitution is inherently immoral, commercially exploitative, empowers the criminal underworld, and promotes the repression of women by men.

**4. In which of the following arguments “allow consenting adults to make their own choices” does not follow?**

- A. Thushara, a 20-year-old Kerala woman, whose marriage had been annulled, chose to live with NandaKumar, a 21 year old man.
- B. The fact “to take contraceptive pills or not” is the right of an individual married or unmarried.
- C. Self-harm, which is practised by many adults, has been described as a way of dealing with severe mental suffering and is often referred to as a coping strategy.
- D. Alex left home at the age of 16, though his parents’ were against his decision.

**Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.**  
**[A Set of 2 Questions]**

There are plenty of debates on whether a college education is worth it or not. People who argue that college is worth it contend that college graduates have higher employment rates, bigger salaries, and more work benefits than high school graduates. They say college graduates also have better interpersonal skills, live longer, have healthier children, and have proven their ability to achieve a major milestone.



**5. Which of the following statements, if true, most strongly supports the view that college education is worth it?**

- A. Student loan debt is crippling for college graduates.
- B. Many successful people never graduated from college and that many jobs, especially trades jobs, do not require college degrees.
- C. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, of the 30 projected fastest growing jobs between 2010 and 2020, five do not require a high school diploma, nine require a high school diploma, four require an associate's degree, six require a bachelor's degree, and six require graduate degrees.
- D. The 2017 poverty rate for bachelor's degree holders was 4%, compared to a 12% poverty rate for high school graduates.

**6. “The debt from college loans is too high and delays graduates from saving for retirement, buying a house, or getting married”.**

**Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?**

- A. The ones who take loans during college days do not get married as after completing repayment they reach an age where getting married gets impossible.
- B. The ones who do not take up college education do not have to take the burden of any loan so they can live a happy life.
- C. A good savings in the bank or a house as a property is always good to have after retirement for a secure old age.
- D. People who do not have their own house or do not have any bank balance are not regarded highly in our society.

**Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.  
[A Set of 2 Questions]**

Recreational marijuana should be legalized as it will not only add billions to the economy but also create thousands of jobs and free up scarce police resources. Proponents of this theory believe that regulating marijuana will lower street crime, take business away from the drug cartels, and make marijuana use safer through required testing, labelling, and child-proof packaging. They say marijuana is less harmful than alcohol, and that adults should have a right to use it if they wish.

**7. Which of the following statements, if true, best supports the argument given above?**

- A. The percentage of teenagers using marijuana is higher in every legal marijuana state.
- B. Marijuana is addictive, and dependence on the drug will increase with legalization.
- C. Law enforcement says that legal marijuana will enhance opportunities for the black market and organized crime.
- D. Studies have indicated that licensed cannabis dispensaries have been linked to either decreased crime rates or no changes in crime rate in a given area.

8. **“A study from Britain found that while marijuana use has risen significantly between 1996 and 2005, the number of schizophrenia cases – a type of psychosis – remained stable”.**

**Which of the following statement makes this argument stronger?**

- A. The risk of marijuana-induced psychosis remains the highest for people who already have a high risk of psychosis.
- B. If fewer people have access to marijuana, the lower the risk of marijuana-induced psychosis.
- C. Since marijuana is illegal, there is a greater chance people addicted to marijuana will end up with psychosis.
- D. Many weed addicts may switch to opium, patent medicines, cocaine, and other dangerous substances that they would have been unlikely to encounter in the absence of Prohibition.

**Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.  
[A Set of 2 Questions]**

Nearly 11 million American adults use e-cigarettes, more than half of whom are under age 35. One in five high school students use e-cigarettes to vape nicotine. E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that heat a liquid into an aerosol vapour for inhalation. The liquids often contain nicotine (which is derived from tobacco) and flavourings such as mint, mango, or tobacco. Vaping is the act of using e-cigarettes, which were first introduced in the United States around 2006. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have regulated e-cigarettes as a tobacco product since 2016. On Sep. 11, 2019, the US administration announced plans to have the FDA end sales of non-tobacco e-cigarette flavours such as mint or menthol.

9. **Which of the following statements, if true, most strongly supports the view that “E-cigarettes help adults quit smoking and decrease deaths and disease caused by traditional cigarettes”?**

- I. A study found that cigarettes smokers who picked up vaping were 67% more likely to quit smoking.
- II. A US Surgeon noted that there is a 900% increase in vaping by middle and high school students between 2011 and 2015.
- III. E-cigarettes caused a 50% increase in the rate of people using a product designed to help people quit smoking.

A. Only I

B. Both I and III

C. Both I and II

D. Both II and III



10. "The US administration announced plans to have the FDA end sales of non-tobacco e-cigarette flavours such as mint or menthol".

As per the passage what could be the possible reason behind the ban?

I. The tobacco and vaping industries and conservative allies intensively lobbied against a ban on popular flavoured e-cigarettes.

II. The US administration announced plans of the ban as those sweet flavours had drawn millions of children into nicotine addiction.

A. Only conclusion I follows

B. Only conclusion II follows

C. Both conclusion I and II follow

D. Either conclusion I or II follows

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	B	C	C	D	C	D	C	B	D



## Explanations :

### 1. Rationale:

The elephant possibly entered the village to find food. So the villager gave it the cracker-laden fruit to eat to eliminate it. In option C leopards are also killed by villagers when they venture their villages in search of food. So, the reason in both cases is same. Elephants are also killed by poachers. But they do not give them cracker-filled eateries as this could break their jaw and teeth and poachers kill them for teeth.

In option A pangolins are killed for scales and their meat by poachers. In option B tigers are getting reduced due to natural calamity. In option D panda population is getting decreased as humans are building homes. In none of these cases animals are getting killed because they stray and come in human locality in search of food.

Hence, option C is correct.

### 2. Rationale:

The reason given in I. is absolutely correct. Animals are getting hunted as they venture human vicinity. The statement in II. is rather a generic one. While it is true that "Man is the only species which kills even when it is not hungry" but there will be strong opposition from vegetarians. The statement given in III. Is also true but it cannot be the direct reason for man animal conflicts.

Hence, option B is correct.

### 3. Rationale:

The argument states that legalizing prostitution will not only help reduce crime rates and improve public health but also will increase tax revenues and allow consenting adults make their own choices. Option C strengthens the argument by showing the study report that says legalized prostitution reduces number of rapes and other sex related crime also. All the other options weaken the argument by pointing out reasons why prostitution should not be legalized.

Hence, option C is correct.

### 4. Rationale:

Option C weakens the argument as self-harm or suicide is not permissible to adults also. It is not legal. All the other options are legal. Hence, strengthens the argument.

Hence, option C is correct.

**5. Rationale:**

The given argument states that some people believe college education is worth all the money and time spent on it. People who graduate with a bachelor's degree get better salaries, have higher employment rates and get more work benefits than high school graduates. Option (d) strengthens the argument by stating the statistics for 2017 whereby the poverty rate for bachelor's degree holder was much lesser than high school graduates, clearly indicating that it is beneficial to get a college education.

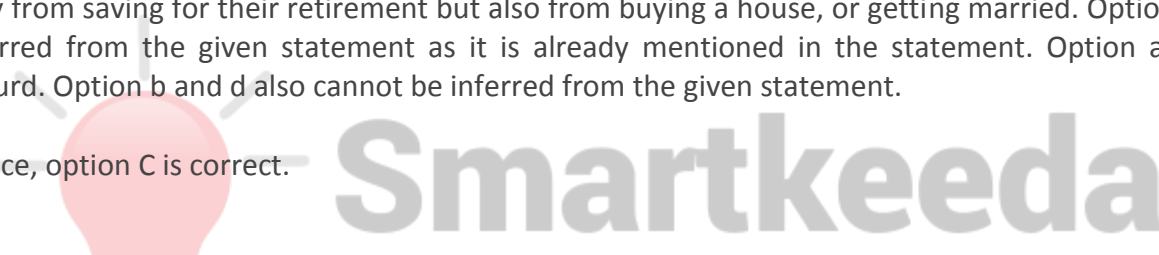
The rest of the options state reasons why college education is not worth the time and money spent on it.

Hence, option D is correct.

**6. Rationale:**

The given statement states that as the debt from college loan is too high it restricts the graduates not only from saving for their retirement but also from buying a house, or getting married. Option c can be inferred from the given statement as it is already mentioned in the statement. Option a is rather absurd. Option b and d also cannot be inferred from the given statement.

Hence, option C is correct.



**7. Rationale:**

The given argument states that recreational marijuana should be legalized and the benefits of doing so would be plenty. It will not only boost the economy but also create a lot of jobs, and lower street crime. Option d strengthens the argument by giving us another reason why legalizing medical marijuana would be advantageous – because according to studies conducted, dispensaries that sell medical marijuana actually decrease crime or make it stable.

The rest of the options weaken the argument by giving reasons as to why medical marijuana shouldn't be legalized.

Hence, option D is correct.

**8. Rationale:**

The given argument states that according to a study as the use of marijuana has increased over the years the number of schizophrenia cases which is a type of psychosis remained stable. Option c strengthens the argument by giving us another reason why legalizing medical marijuana would be advantageous. It can help in reducing the number of schizophrenia cases. All the other options make the argument weaker.

Hence, option C is correct.



**9. Rationale:**

The statement states that instead of smoking traditional cigarettes E-cigarettes help adults quit smoking. The argument I strengthens the statement as according to study E-cigarette smokers are very much likely to quit smoking.

The argument II weakens the statement as middle and high school students are not adults so a 900% increase in vaping in them is not what intended.

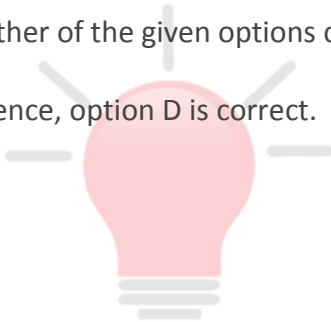
The argument III strengthens the statement as an increase in the rate of people using a product designed to help people quit smoking, caused by E-cigarettes is highly appreciated according to the given argument.

Hence, option B is correct.

**10. Rationale:**

Either of the given options can be possible reason behind the ban.

Hence, option D is correct.



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