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Odd Sentence Out Quiz

Directions: Five statements are given below, labelled A, B, C, D and E, among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the passage.

1.

A. The egregious practice that many Muslim men employ to divorce their wives instantaneously and without their consent, merely by uttering the word talaq thrice, was rendered legally invalid by the Shamim Ara vs State of UP judgment of 2002 and subsequent orders from various High Courts.

B. This practice has been either explicitly derecognised in Muslim-majority countries such as Indonesia, Iran and Tunisia or implicitly in countries such as Pakistan, which provides for a mandatory arbitration procedure after the pronouncement of talaq.

C. Shayara Bano, one such victim of this arbitrary custom — not to speak of years of domestic violence — has filed a public interest litigation in the Supreme Court seeking a ban on the practice.

D. But this has not stopped the practice; many Muslim women are unaware of the judgments or have had to accept such pronouncements owing to pressure from conservative sections.

E. The conservative All India Muslim Personal Law Board that seeks to wield influence on questions of Muslim personal law has, predictably, found it an occasion to air its regressive views on the issue.

Option: A Option: B Option: C Option: D Option: E

2.

A. But a premature lowering of the guard and growing resistance to DDT led to rising incidence in the 1980s.

B. Some of the major challenges the country had to face before it interrupted local transmission were the Plasmodium falciparum parasite becoming resistant to the chloroquine drug, behavioural changes in the vector, asymptomatic carriers and vector reintroduction.

C. Sri Lanka was close to eliminating malaria in 1963, when it reported just 17 cases.

D. But the tide turned from 2000 when a steady reduction in the number of cases was recorded.

E. The public sector and the private sector were oriented to the common goal of eliminating malaria by enhancing case notification and achieving 100 per cent detection and confirmation through tests.

Option: A Option: B Option: C Option: D Option: E

3.

A. The science of central banking is still evolving.

B. The concept of an independent central bank evolved in advanced economies and finds its roots in the successful anti-inflationary policy of Paul Volcker in the U.S. between 1979 and '82.

C. The need is to recognise that there is a clear distinction in the functioning of central banks in advanced and emerging market economies.

D. In 1900, there were hardly a dozen central banks and each had been initially created to dispense some specific function of the government, mainly to issue currency and coinage or manage foreign exchange reserves.

E. The evolution, as always, has not been easy and has had its share of challenges.

Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

4.

A. India should use the interdependency and pressure-compromise strategies to leverage its interest to isolate Pakistan.

B. India has to fix its domestic issues to further social cohesion and make special efforts to build bridges between communities.

C. India needs to move on in the international system.

D. In some ways it has, but in other ways it is moving backwards. Its foreign policy is only an extension of its domestic politics.

E. This will give it an edge in the international system.

Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

5.

A. Like most criminal laws, foetal protection laws also show large class- and race-based disparity in their targets.

B. Apart from the demographic disparity in their targets, these laws are also instruments for societies to impose their subjective conceptions of inappropriate maternal behaviour on women.

C. These laws further legitimise extensive surveillance and policing of women's conduct before and during pregnancy.

Women belonging to lower socio-economic backgrounds, minorities, and immigrants are overwhelmingly more vulnerable to the effect of these laws.

D. Factors such as age, use of assisted reproductive technologies, and history of genetic disorders, which also have an impact of foetal health, are not affected by these laws.

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Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

6.

A. The Centre has empowered the Reserve Bank of India to get banks to take tougher steps, including insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings against defaulters, to address the growing volume of bad loans on their books.

B. Currently such committees exist only for loans brought into a scheme for sustainable structuring of stressed assets, also known as S4A.

C. Now the RBI can bring in such panels to monitor the alphabet soup of other mechanisms for tackling non-performing assets (NPAs) such as SDR (strategic debt restructuring) through the JLFs, or joint lenders' forums.

D. This is a clear signal that the NDA government is losing its patience with bankers persisting with a status quoist approach.

E. The RBI has also been vested with the power to form oversight committees wherever it deems fit.

Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

7.

A. For starters, India is the defending champion, having won the last edition in England in 2013.

B. The ICC Champions Trophy may not have the allure of the World Cup or the ICC World Twenty20, but it has its own charm, especially for Indians.

C. Seen in that context, it is a travesty that the Board of Control for Cricket in India is now using the Champions Trophy as a bargaining tool with the ICC (International Cricket Council) in a bid to retrieve its earlier proposed governance and revenue model with the parent body.

D. And for nostalgia-seekers, there are those riveting images of Yuvraj Singh and Zaheer Khan's stunning individual acts against Australia in the quarter-final at the Gymkhana Club Ground at Nairobi in 2000.

E. They have let down the cricketers, who are busy with the Indian Premier League but also have an eye on the Champions Trophy as it kick-starts their international season besides giving them an opportunity to defend their title.

Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

8.

A. One peril of a 'materialist' explanation about how society evolves is that it internalises the idea that ideas of modernity can only flow from capital-rich centres to capital-poor peripheries.

B. Out of this melange of forces that denies many 'peripheral' enterprises their expected due, a backlash is born as a politics of envy, emulation, and exaggerated self-regard.

C. When such a view of unidirectional flow of progress is repeated, legitimised as pedagogy and institutionalised as the sole historic reality, what is little noticed in these moments of triumphalist self-

congratulation is that these narratives often rebel with the historic self-image of those at the receiving ends.

D. This would mean recognising a post-feudal society, understanding institutions like the postal services or newspapers, and the idea that a “respectable” single woman could make life choices on her own.

E. These voices invert the ‘materialist’ logic of cultural dissemination: they adopt modern technologies while assiduously cultivating anti-modern mentalities.

Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

9.

A. As a country, we never were much disposed to questioning people in positions of power very strongly.

B. The Indian cricket team’s captain, for instance, arguably enjoys more power than his counterpart in any other cricket-playing country.

C. While we are a functioning democracy, with an electorate which regularly exercises its right to pitch anyone it deems unfit out of office, the fact is that till such a point is reached — like elections actually being announced — the chosen leader faces little or no public scrutiny or questioning of his or her actions.

D. But regardless of whether they have de jure control or not, de facto, their authority is pretty much untrammelled.

E. From business to sports, the situation is pretty much the same.

Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

10.

A. When people look only to private media for factual information and news, chances are that a lie doing the rounds eventually establishes itself as truth.

B. Without digitisation, the lies they perpetuated would never have appeared in public forums, and would have perhaps died off in a few years.

C. North-east Germany is home to a number of neo-Nazi groups.

D. However, for the last decade or so, their hateful presence is being felt not just in a country inundated with Syrian refugees, but on a host of websites too.

E. That they have lived in relative obscurity for half a century is due thankfully to the absence of the Internet.

Option: A

Option: B

Option: C

Option: D

Option: E

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

All the sentences, except sentence B centre around the egregious practice of triple talaq, the women affected by it and how the conservative AIMPL Board sees an opportunity to air its regressive views on the issue.

Sentence B on the other hand quotes the names of the countries where this severe practice has already been derecognized. The sentence, though, must have been an integral part of the whole write-up, is not required in the given paragraph as it breaks the chain of thoughts.

Clearly, option B is the correct answer.

2.

Clearly, sentence C sets the tone of the paragraph by quoting how close Sri Lanka was in 1963 to eliminating malaria. Sentence A then depicts how lowering of the guard led to rising incidence of malaria in 1980s. Sentence B follows with instances of challenges the country had to face and sentence D connects to the flow by stating how the tide (or the problem) from 2000 has been turned.

Clearly, sentence E is a misfit here.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

3.

Except sentence C, all others centre around the evolution of independent central banks whereas the sentence C specifies the need to recognize a distinction between the functioning of central banks in advanced and emerging market economies and hence is a misfit here in the sequence of sentences.

Clearly, option C is the correct answer.

4.

While all the four sentences B, C, D and E centre around the need for India to move on in the international system which is a broader perspective, sentence A specifically points towards the strategies that India should use to leverage its interest to isolate Pakistan.

Clearly, sentence A is a misfit here in the context being discussed.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

5.

Except sentence C, all other sentences centre around the disparities that exist concerning the foetal protection laws. The sentence C on the other hand discusses the actions that are permitted as per the foetal protection laws.

Clearly, option C is the correct answer here.

6.

Clearly, the sentence A sets the tone of the passage by announcing that the Centre has empowered the RBI to get banks to take stricter action to bring the growing levels of NPAs down.

E-B-C in sequence do seem in line with the context.

However, sentence D is quite intense and doesn't fit in the given context of the paragraph.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

7.

Clearly, the sentence B sets the tone of the passage by introducing the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy. Sentences A and D in the same sequence immediately follow.

Next comes the sentence C in which the writer talks about how the BCCI is now using the Champions Trophy as a bargaining tool with the ICC in a bid to retrieve its earlier proposed governance and revenue model with the parent body.

Sentence E, however, is a misfit as the usage of the pronoun 'they' does not seem to align to any of the previous statement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

8.

If we read the sentences carefully, we can observe that except sentence D, all others centre around how a 'materialist' and unidirectional explanation of the evolution of society leads to backlash of viewpoints.

Sentence D seems to be a part of an earlier or a latter paragraph and thus, does not fit in the context.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

9.

We can easily pick the odd sentence among the given ones here. If we read the sentences carefully we can deduce that all the sentences centre around the idea of power at top level, be it politics, business or sports. But in the sentence D, usage of the pronoun 'they' is not in line with the noun used in any other sentence.

Clearly, option D is a misfit here.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

10.

If we read the sentences carefully, we can deduce that except the sentence A, all other sentences are referring to 'Neo-Nazi groups' and the presence of the third person plural pronoun 'they', 'them' or 'their' confirms it.

Sentence A on the other hand seems to be a part of a latter paragraph and hence is a misfit here.

Option A is hence the correct answer.



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