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Passage No. 126

Directions: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given beside.

Paragraph 1: It is difficult to recognise the new generation of terrorists as a mere extension of the earlier lot of radical Islamist terrorists who were influenced by the teachings of Islamist preachers and theologians. There is less theology today and the new age terrorist seems to belong to an altogether different genre of terrorism.

Paragraph 2: A large number of terror attacks in the past three years have been attributed to the handiwork of the Islamic State (IS), and reveal its leaning towards the “nihilism” of Sayyid Qutb. It is this which distinguishes the IS from many of the other radical Islamist groups such as al-Qaeda and its affiliates. The IS’s recruitment techniques, especially its ability to **proselytize** over the Internet, including “direct to home jihad” as also its more **sanguinary** brand of violence, set it apart from earlier variants of radical Islamist terror.

Paragraph 3: Even while the IS has gained a great deal of prominence due to its brand of violence, other terror networks have continued to be no less active. For example, Al-Qaeda and its affiliates. The Boko Haram in Africa has been responsible for more killings than most people would realise. Closer home, the Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani network have carried out several spectacular attacks inside Afghanistan. The Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi have carried out several attacks inside Pakistan. Pakistan provides the wherewithal and the support to terror outfits such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Jaish-e-Mohammad to launch well-planned attacks on Indian targets.

Paragraph 4: Most of these outfits continue to adopt earlier methodologies. These have proved no less effective than those followed by the IS. The terror attack on a mosque in North Sinai, Egypt in November this year, which killed over 230 persons, is one such example. In December, the TTP was responsible for a terror attack on an agricultural training institute in Peshawar, Pakistan. Differences among terror outfits, do not, however, preclude a complicated pattern of relationships when it comes to operational aspects.

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Questions:

1. Which of the following is/are synonyms of 'sanguinary' ?

- I. Murderous
- II. Gory
- III. Barbaric
- IV. Ruthless

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

2. Which of the following is/are synonyms of 'Nihilism' ?

- I. Anarchy
- II. Atheism
- III. Ratification
- IV. Optimism

- A. Only II
- B. Only II and IV
- C. Only II and III
- D. Only I and III
- E. Only I, II and III

3. Which of the following is/are synonyms of 'proselytize' ?

- I. Accept
- II. Attack
- III. Uphold
- IV. Espouse

- A. Only I and III
- B. Only II and IV
- C. Only I, II and IV
- D. Only I, III and IV
- E. Only II, III and IV

4. Which of the following is/are true with respect to the passage?

- I. Islamic State leans towards "nihilism" of Sayyid Qutb.
- II. Pakistan provides support to terror outfits such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba.
- III. The terror attack on a mosque in North Sinai, Egypt in November this year, which killed over 230 persons, is an example of new radicalism.

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

5. As per paragraph 4, which of the following is true with respect to earlier methodologies adopted by terror outfits?

- I. Such methods are no longer followed.
- II. Such methods are as effective as the newer ones.
- III. Such methods are followed by upcoming groups in various countries

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

6. As per paragraph 1, which of the following is true about the new generation of terrorists?

- A. They are an extension of the earlier radical Islamist terrorists influenced by preachers.
- B. They believe a lot more in ideology.
- C. They do not believe so much in ideology.
- D. They are more violent and aggressive than the earlier radical Islamist terrorists.
- E. None of the above

7. As per paragraph 3, which of the terror networks are matched correctly with the countries they're most active in?

- I. Haqqani network – Afghanistan
- II. Lashkar-e-Jhangvi – Bangladesh
- III. Boko Haram – Africa

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

8. As per paragraph 2, what are the distinguishing features of IS which differentiate it from other radical Islamist groups?

- I. Extreme violence
- II. Nihilism
- III. Online recruitment

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

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1. Sanguinary means *bloody*.

All the words mentioned are synonyms of sanguinary.

Hence, option E is correct.

2. *Nihilism* means 'refusal to believe'.

Anarchy means lawlessness.

Atheism means nonbelief.

Ratification means approval.

Optimism means hopefulness.

Only *Atheism* is correct.

Hence, option A is correct.

3. Proselytize means to convert/espouse/accept/adopt/uphold.

Attack is incorrect.

Only I, III and IV are correct.

Hence, option D is correct

4. Refer to:

'A large number of terror attacks in the past three years have been attributed to the handiwork of the Islamic State (IS), and reveal its leaning towards the "nihilism" of Sayyid Qutb.'

Statement I is true.

'Pakistan provides the wherewithal and the support to terror outfits such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Jaish-e-Mohammad to launch well-planned attacks on Indian targets.'

Statement II is true.

'Most of these outfits continue to adopt earlier methodologies. These have proved no less effective than those followed by the IS. The terror attack on a mosque in North Sinai, Egypt in November this year, which killed over 230 persons, is one such example.'

Statement III is incorrect.

Hence, option B is correct.



5. Refer to:
'Most of these outfits continue to adopt earlier methodologies. These have proved no less effective than those followed by the IS. The terror attack on a mosque in North Sinai, Egypt in November this year, which killed over 230 persons, is one such example. In December, the TTP was responsible for a terror attack on an agricultural training institute in Peshawar, Pakistan. Differences among terror outfits, do not, however, preclude a complicated pattern of relationships when it comes to operational aspects.'

As per the highlighted fragments, statement I is incorrect.

Statement II is correct.

Statement III is nowhere mentioned in the passage.

Hence, option A is correct.

6. Refer to:
'It is difficult to recognise the new generation of terrorists as a mere extension of the earlier lot of radical Islamist terrorists who were influenced by the teachings of Islamist preachers and theologians. There is less theology today and the new age terrorist seems to belong to an altogether different genre of terrorism.'

Only Option C fits in and is correct.

7. Refer to:
'The Boko Haram in Africa has been responsible for more killings than most people would realise. Closer home, the Afghan Taliban and the Hagqani network have carried out several spectacular attacks inside Afghanistan. The Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi have carried out several attacks inside Pakistan.'

As per the highlighted fragments, only statements I and III are correct.

Hence, option D is correct.

8. Refer to:
'A large number of terror attacks in the past three years have been attributed to the handiwork of the Islamic State (IS), and reveal its leaning towards the "nihilism" of Sayyid Qutb. It is this which distinguishes the IS from many of the other radical Islamist groups such as al-Qaeda and its affiliates. The IS's recruitment techniques, especially its ability to **proselytise** over the Internet, including "direct to home jihad" as also its more **sanguinary** brand of violence, set it apart from earlier variants of radical Islamist terror.'

All the statements are correct.

Hence, option E is correct.



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