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DIRECTIONS:

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. Certain words/phrases are printed in bold to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

PASSAGE

The stunning Baltimore Oriole is a common summer visitor to eastern and mid western deciduous woodlands, neighbourhoods, and gardens. Baltimore Orioles winter in the tropics. About 7 inches in length, the male Baltimore Oriole has a black head, throat, back and wings. Its breast, stomach, and rump are bright orange. It also has an orange patch on the top of each wing and white wing bars. The tail is mostly black with orange fringes. The female is dull orange throughout.

Baltimore Orioles range throughout the eastern and mid western United States, and can be found as far west as the Dakotas. At the western edge of their range, Baltimore Orioles may breed with the Bullock's Oriole (They were once considered the same species under the name Northern Oriole).

Baltimore Orioles build unusual pouch like nests that hang down from branches. They usually nest high in the trees, but often come down to lower heights, flashing bright orange and black feathers to delighted observers. Active and acrobatic by nature, Baltimore Orioles may even feed upside down at time.

Baltimore Orioles eat insects and berries. They can easily be attracted to gardens by nailing orange wedges to tree branches. Baltimore Orioles are also known to feed at hummingbird feeders and sapsucker wells.

1) The author has appreciated the Japanese for their:

- a) future expectations.
- b) perseverance in raising quality of products.
- c) passing through an ordeal.
- d) quality of products manufactured in the fifties.

The meaning is implied in the last sentence.

2) According to the Japanese Ambassador, which of the following motivates the foreign investors to invest in Indian manufacturing industry?

- a) high productivity levels
- b) assurance of continuity of the liberalisation policy
- c) overseas remittance of profit in foreign exchange
- d) very large scope of Indian market

3) The purpose of the author in writing this passage seems to be to:

- a) criticize government's liberalization policy.
- b) paint a rosy picture of India's trade and commerce.
- c) critically examine Indian investment environment.
- d) discourage foreign investment in India.

4) According to the Japanese Ambassador, India offers a comparative advantage to foreign investors in terms of:

- a) None of these
- b) higher productivity
- c) abysmally low wage levels
- d) inexpensive labour

5) For seeking more and more foreign investment, the author suggests that we should:

- a) raise the quality of product to match international standards.
- b) link profit repatriations to exports.
- c) dismiss all critical comments on Indian conditions.
- d) satisfy fully the whims of our foreign collaborators.

6) From the passage it can be inferred that the author is:

- a) an Indian investor.
- b) a Japanese investor.
- c) a secretary of the Japanese Ambassador.
- d) a political commentator.





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7) The author attributes Japan's emergence as an economic superpower to:
their ability to overcome any ordeal.
their tenacity and perseverance despite unfavourable circumstances.
their ability to improvise and adapt to globally acceptable quality levels.

- a) All the three b) A & C only
c) B & C only d) A & B only

8) Which of the following statement(s) is/are true about the critical comments on investment conditions in India?

These comments are difficult to be countered.

These comments are received from various international quarters.

These comments are based more on biases than on facts.

- a) A & B only b) Only A
c) Only B d) Only C

9) Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning to the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

ASSIDUOUSLY

- a) diligently b) feebly
c) hastily d) persistently

10) Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning to the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

IDIOSYNCRASIES

- a) characteristics b) deviations
c) needs d) demands

11) Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

INDUCEMENT

- a) temptation b) impediment
c) motive d) incentive

12) Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

JUSTIFIABLE

- a) inevitable b) temptation
c) formidable d) unreasonable

DIRECTIONS:

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words in the passage are printed in bold to help you to locate them easily while answering some of the questions.

PASSAGE

The University Grants Commissions directive to college and university lecturers to spend a minimum of 22 hours a week in direct teaching is the product Of budgetary cutbacks rather than pedagogic wisdom. It may seem odd, at first blush, that teachers should protest about teaching a mere 22 hours. However, If one considers the amount of time academics require to prepare lectures of good quality as well as the time they need to spend doing research, It is clear that most conscientious teacher's work more than 40 hours a week. In university systems around the world, lecturers rarely spend more than 12 to 15 hours In direct teaching activities a week. The average college lecturer in India does not have any office space.

If computers are available, internet connectivity is unlikely. Libraries are poorly stocked. Now the UGC says universities must implement a complete freeze on all permanent recruitment, abolish all posts which have been vacant for more than a year, and cut staff strength by 10 percent. And it is in order to ensure that these cutbacks do not affect the quantum of teaching that existing lecturers are being asked to work longer. Obviously, the quality of teaching and academic work in general will decline. While it is true that some college teachers do not take their classes regularly, the UGC and the Institutions concerned must find a proper way to hold them accountable. An absentee teacher will





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continue to play truant even if the number of hours he is required to teach goes up.

All of us are well aware of the unsound state that the Indian higher education system is in today. Thanks to years of sustained financial neglect most Indian universities and colleges do no research worth the name. Even as the number of students entering colleges has increased dramatically, public investment in higher education has actually declined in relative terms. Between 1985 and 1997, when public expenditure on higher education as a percentage of outlays on all levels of education grew by more than 60 percent in Malaysia and 20 percent in Thailand, India showed a decline of more than 10 percent. Throughout the world, the number of teachers in higher education per million population grew by more than 10 percent. In the same period in India it fell by one percent. Instead of transferring the burden of government apathy on to the backs of the teachers, the UGC should insist that the needs of the country's university system are adequately catered for.

13) Why does the UGC want to increase the direct teaching hours of university teachers ?

- a) UGC wants teachers to spend more time in their department merits.
- b) UGC does not have money to appoint additional teachers.
- c) UGC feels that the duration of contact between teacher and the taught should be more.
- d) UGC wants teachers to devote some time to improve university administration.
- e) None of these

14) Which of the following is the reason for the sorry state of affairs of the Indian Universities as mentioned in the passage ?

- a) Involvement of teachers in extracurricular activities
- b) Heavy burden of teaching hours on the teachers
- c) The poor quality of teachers
- d) Politics within and outside the departments

e) Not getting enough financial assistance

15) Which of the following statements/s/are TRUE in the context of the passage?

Most colleges do not carry out research worth the name.

UGC wants lecturers to spend a minimum of 22 hours a week in direct teaching.

Indian higher education system is in an unsound state.

- a) All (A), (B) and (C)
- b) Only (B)
- c) Only (A) and (C)
- d) Only (A)
- e) Only (B) and (C)

16) Besides direct teaching University teachers spend considerable time in/on

- a) supervising examinations and correction of answer papers
- b) maintaining research equipment and libraries
- c) administrative activities such as admissions
- d) carrying out research in the area of their interest
- e) developing liaison with the user organizations B.

17) Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE in the context of the passage?

- a) Some college teachers do not engage their classes regularly
- b) UGC wants universities to abolish all posts which have been vacant for more than a year
- c) UGC wants teachers to spend minimum 40 hours in a week in teaching
- d) The average college teacher in India does not have any office space
- e) All are true

18) Between 1985-1997, the number of teachers in higher education per million population, in India.

- a) Increased by 20%
- b) decreased by 10%
- c) Increased by 60%
- d) decreased by 22%
- e) decreased by 1%

19) Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE in the context of the passage?





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- a) All over the world, the university lecturers hardly spend more than 12 to 15 hours a week in direct teaching.
- b) Public investment in higher education has increased in India.
- c) Indian universities are financially neglected.
- d) Indian Universities are asked to reduce staff strength by 10%.
- e) Malaysia spends more money on education than Thailand.

20) What is the UGC directive to the universities?

- a) Spend time on research activities
- b) Provide computer and internet facilities.
- c) Improve the quality of teaching.
- d) Do not appoint any permanent teacher.
- e) Do not spend money on counselling services to the students.

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PASSAGE

In the second week of August 1998, just a few days after the incidents of bombing the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar-esSalaam, a high-powered, brainstorming session was held near Washington D.C., to discuss various aspects of terrorism. The meeting was attended by ten of America's leading experts in various fields such as germ and chemical warfare, public health, disease control and also by the doctors and the law-enforcing officers. Being asked to describe the horror of possible bio-attack, one of the experts narrated the following gloomy scenario.

A culprit in a crowded business centre or in a busy shopping mall of a town empties a test tube containing some fluid, which in turn creates an unseen cloud of germ of a dreaded disease like anthrax capable of

inflicting a horrible death within 5 days on any one who inhales it. At first 500, or so victims feel that they have mild influenza which may recede after a day or two. Then the symptoms return again and their lungs start filling with fluid. They rush to local hospitals for treatment, but the panic-stricken people may find that the medicare services run quickly out of drugs due to excessive demand. But no one would be able to realise that a terrorist attack has occurred. One cannot deny the possibility that the germ involved would be of contagious variety capable of causing an epidemic. The meeting concluded that such attacks, apart from causing immediate human tragedy, would have dire long-term effects on the political and social fabric of a country by way of ending people's trust on the competence of the government. The experts also said that the bombs used in Kenya and Tanzania were of the old-fashion variety and involved quantities of high explosives, but new terrorism will prove to be more deadly and probably more elusive than hijacking an aeroplane or a gelignite of previous decades. According to Bruce Hoffman, an American specialist on political violence, old terrorism generally had a specific manifesto - to overthrow a colonial power or the capitalist system and so on. These terrorists were not shy about planting a bomb or hijacking an aircraft and they set some limit to their brutality. Killing so many innocent people might turn their natural supporters off. Political terrorists want a lot of people watching but not a lot of people dead. "Old terrorism sought to change the world while the new sort is often practised by those who believe that the world has gone beyond redemption", he added.

Hoffman says, "New terrorism has no long-term agenda but is ruthless in its short-term intentions. It is often just a cacophonous cry of protest or an outburst of religious intolerance or a protest against the West in general and the US in particular. Its perpetrators may be religious fanatics or diehard opponent of a government and see no reason to show restraint. They





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are simply intent on inflicting the maximum amount of pain on the victim."

21) In the context of the passage, the culprit's act of emptying a test tube containing some fluid can be classified as

- a) panic created by an imaginary event
- b) a natural calamity
- c) an epidemic of a dreaded disease
- d) a terrorist attack

22) In what way would the new terrorism be different from that of the earlier years?

More dangerous and less baffling
More hazardous for victims
Less complicated for terrorists

- a) All the three
- b) A and B only
- c) B and C only
- d) A and C only

23) What was the immediate provocation for the meeting held in August 1998?

- a) None of these
- b) a culprit's heinous act of spreading germs
- c) the horrors of possible bio-attacks
- d) the insistence of America's leading

24) What could be the probable consequences of bio-attacks, as mentioned in the passage?

Several deaths
Political turmoil
Social unrest

- a) All A, B and C
- b) C only
- c) B only
- d) A only

25) The author's purpose of writing the above passage seems to explain:

- a) reasons for killing innocent people
- b) the deadly strategies adopted by modern terrorists
- c) the socio-political turmoil in African countries
- d) the methods of containing terrorism

26) According to the author of the passage, the root cause of terrorism is:

religious fanaticism
socio-political changes in countries
the enormous population growth

- a) A and B only
- b) C only
- c) B only
- d) A only

27) The phrase "such attacks", as mentioned in the last sentence of the second paragraph, refers to:

- a) bio-attack monoeuvred by unscrupulous elements
- b) attack aimed at damaging the reputation of the government
- c) bio-attack on political people in the government
- d) the onslaught of an epidemic as a natural calamity

28) The sole objective of the old terrorism, according to Hoffman, was to:

- a) give a setback to socio-political order
- b) make people realise the incompetence of the government
- c) remove colonial power or capitalist system
- d) plant bombs to kill innocent people

29) Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

GLOOMY

- a) tragic
- b) bright
- c) disgusting
- d) discouraging

30) Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

CACOPHONOUS

- a) harsh
- b) sonorous
- c) melodious
- d) loud

31) Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning to the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

PERPETRATORS





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- a) monoeuvrers b) leaders
c) followers d) opponents

32) Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning to the word printed in capital as used in the passage.

ELUSIVE

- a) baffling b) destructive
c) fatal d) harmful

DIRECTIONS:

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PASSAGE

At one time it would have been impossible to imagine the integration of different religious thoughts, ideas and ideals. That is because of the closed society, the lack of any communication or interdependence on other nations. People were happy and content amongst themselves; they did not need any more. The physical distance and cultural barriers prevented any exchange of thought and beliefs. But such is not the case today. Today, the world has become a much smaller place, thanks to the adventures and miracles of science. Foreign nations have become our next-door neighbors. Mingling of population is bringing about an interchange of thought. We are slowly realizing that the world is a single cooperative group¹. Other religions have become forces with which we have to reckon and we are seeking for ways and means by which we can live together in peace and harmony.

We cannot have religious unity and peace so long as we assert that we are in possession of the light and all others are grouping in the darkness. That very assertion is a challenge to a fight. The political ideal of the world is not so much a single empire with a homogeneous, Civilization and single communal will a brotherhood of free nations differing profoundly in life and mind,

habits and institutions, existing side by side in peace and order, harmony and cooperation and each contributing to the world its own unique and specific best, which is irreducible to , the terms of the others. The cosmopolitanism of the eighteenth century, and the nationalism of , the nineteenth are combined in our ideal of a world commonwealth, which allows every branch of the human family to find freedom, security and selfrealization in the larger life of man , kind. I see no hope for the religious future of the world, if this ideal is not extended to the religious, sphere also?, When two or three different systems claim that they contain the revelation of the very core and center of truth and the acceptance of it is the exclusive pathway to heaven, conflicts are inevitable. In such conflicts one religion will not, allow others to steal a march over it and no one can gain ascendancy until the world is reduced to dust and ashes. To obliterate every other religion than, ones is a sort of Bolshevism in religion which we must try to prevent.

We can do so only if we accept something like the Indian solution, which seeks the unity of religion not in a common creed but in a common quest. Let us believe in a unity of spirit and not of organization, a unity which secures ample liberty not only for every individual but for every type of organized life which has proved itself effective. For almost all historical forms of life and thought can claim the sanction of experience and so the authority of God. The world would be a much poorer thing if one creed absorbed the rest. God wills a rich harmony and not a colorless uniformity. The comprehensive and synthetic spirit of Indianism had made it a mighty forest with a thousand waving aims each fulfilling its function and all directed by the spirit of God. Each thing in its place and all associated in the divine concert making with their various voices and even dissonance, as Heraclitus would say, the most exquisite harmony should be our ideal.

33) According to the passage, religious unity and peace can be obtained if





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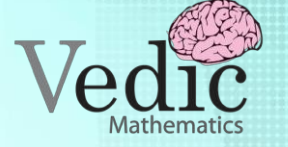
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- a) We do not assert that we alone are in possession of the real knowledge
b) We believe that truth does matter and will prevail
c) We believe that the world is a single cooperative group
d) We believe in a unity of spirit and not of organization.
e) None of these

34) Which of the following, according to the passage, is the Indian solution ? Unity of religions in a common

- a) Organization b) Search
c) Belief d) Creed
e) None of these

35) According to the author, which of the following is NOT TRUE?

- a) We should not assert that other religions have no definite pathway or goal
b) People interacting with each other is bringing about a change in their attitude.
c) Acceptance of Indianism is the exclusive pathway to heaven
d) God wants a genuine similarity in thoughts, ideals and values rather than an artificial appearance
e) None of these

36) According to the passage, the political ideal of the contemporary world is to create a single empire with a homogeneous civilization

- a) create a world common wealth preserving religious diversity of all the nations
b) None of these.
c) foster the unity of all the religions of the world
d) create brotherhood of free nations who believe in one religion
e) All of these

37) According to the passage, the world would be a much poorer thing if

- a) one religion accepts the supremacy of other religions

- b) we do not achieve the ideal of brotherhood of free nations
c) one religion swallows all other religions
d) religions adopt toleration as a principle of spiritual life
e) None of these

38) Which of the following statements is/are stated or implied in the above passage?

People today are happy and content amongst themselves.

There is no freedom and security in the religious sphere in the world today.

Indianism is directed by the spirit of God.

- a) Only (B) b) Only (A)
c) Only (A) & (C) d) Only (C)
e) None of these

39) According to the passage, what is Bolshevism in the religion ?

- a) To accept others religious beliefs and doctrines as authentic as ours
b) To make change in a religion so that it becomes more acceptable
c) To ridicule the views sincerely held by others
d) To adhere to rigid dogmatism in religion
e) None of these

40) According to the passage, the conflict of religions is inevitable mainly because each religion

- a) wants to steal a march over others
b) believes that the view held Strongly by many need not be a correct view
c) believes that anyone who disagrees with it ought to be silenced
d) claims to possess a complete and exclusive understanding of truth
e) None of these

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A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

PASSAGE

Due to poor rainfall over the past few months, the vadu mangai season is expected to be short this year. There are two distinct varieties available in the vicinity of Coimbatore. The closest to Coimbatore, and the one that appears in the markets first, is the Thadagam variety. The second and more popular variety is the one from the Thirumoorthy Hills, near Udumalpet. Representatives from commercial pickle brands whisk these mangais away in big lots directly from the wholesalers.

Only a small portion of the year's harvest trickles down to the local markets. Small vendors bring sacks full of these tiny tender mangoes to one particular street corner in Ram Nagar during the season. The corner of Rajaji Road and Sathyamurthy Road plays host to these vendors from as early as 7.00 am every day. Depending on the quantity they have, the mangais are available until around 11.00 am. If the vendors have a good day and their produce is sold quickly, they pack up and leave even as early as 9.00 am

- a) The vadu mangai season will be longer that year.
- b) Vendors will be able to sell quickly.
- c) Local vendors will get fewer mangoes.
- d) Commercial pickle companies will buy in smaller quantities.

44) The more popular vadu mangai mangoes are from:

- a) Coimbatore
- b) Ram Nagar
- c) Udumalpet
- d) Thirumoorthy Hills

45) Which of the following best describes the vadu mangai mangoes?

- a) Orange but raw
- b) Sour and sweet
- c) Big and juicy
- d) Tiny and tender

41) What do you think 'Thadagam' is from the passage?

- a) A variety of vadu mangai mangoes.
- b) A variety of mango pickle.
- c) A Festival celebrated in Coimbatore.
- d) A word for 'monsoon' in the local language.

42) Why do local markets get only a small portion of the mango produce?

- a) The mangoes get sold as quickly as 9.00 am.
- b) The sellers of the local market are just small vendors.
- c) Commercial pickle companies buy the mangoes in huge quantities.
- d) There are only three vendors in the local market.

43) What may happen if there is adequate rainfall?

