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DIRECTIONS:

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

PASSAGE

In the second week of August 1998, just a few days after the incidents of bombing the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam, 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 are simply intent on inflicting the maximum amount of pain on the victim."

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

- a) a natural calamity
- b) panic created by an imaginary event
- c) an epidemic of a dreaded disease
- d) a terrorist attack
- e) None of these

2) 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) A and B only
- b) All the three
- c) B and C only
- d) A and C only
- e) None of these



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

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

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

several deaths
political turmoil
social unrest

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

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

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

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

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

- a) attack aimed at damaging the reputation of the government
- b) bio-attack manoeuvred by unscrupulous elements
- c) bio-attack on political people in the government
- d) the onslaught of an epidemic as a natural calamity
- e) None of these

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

- a) make people realise the incompetence of the government
- b) give a setback to socio-political order
- c) remove colonial power or capitalist system
- d) plant bombs to kill innocent people
- e) None of these

9) Which of the following statements is true about new terrorism?

- a) It can differentiate between the innocent people and the guilty.
- b) It is free from any political ideology.
- c) It has far-sighted goals to achieve.
- d) Its immediate objectives are quite tragic.
- e) It advocates people in changing the sociopolitical order

10) Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in bold as used in the passage

gloomy

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

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

cacophonous

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

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

intolerance

- a) adaptability
- b) acceptance
- c) permissiveness
- d) forbearance
- e) faithfulness





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13) Choose the word which is most nearly **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

perpetrators

- a) sympathisers b) leaders c) followers
d) opponents e) manoeuvrers

14) Choose the word which is most nearly **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

elusive

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

15) Choose the word which is most nearly **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

inflicting

- a) alleviating b) reflecting c) imposing
d) elevating e) soothing

DIRECTIONS:

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

My coat's pretty warm, even though it cost £9.99 and came from the flea market. It had a label on it, CHRISTIN BIOR, but I cut it out as soon as I got home. You can't work where I work and have CHRISTIN BIOR in your coat. You could have a genuine vintage Christian Dior label. Or something Japanese. Or maybe no label because you make your clothes yourself out of retro fabrics that you source at Alfies Antiques. But not CHRISTIN BIOR.

As I get near Catford Bridge, I start to feel a knot of tension. I really don't want to be late today. My boss has started throwing all sorts of hissy fits about people "swanning in at all times," so I left an extra twenty minutes early, in case it was a bad day. I can already

see: It's a god-awful day. They've been having a lot of problems on our line recently and keep cancelling trains with no warning. Trouble is, in London rush hour, you can't just cancel trains. What are all the people who were planning to get on that train supposed to do? Evaporate?

16) What aspect of the coat she wanted to hide?

- a) That it was a cheap copy.
b) That it was from a luxury market.
c) That it was too warm.
d) That it was expensive.

17) The author would prefer to be seen wearing all of the following types of clothes, except?

- a) Any Japanese brand.
b) Those with the CHRISTIN BIOR label.
c) Those with the Christian Dior label.
d) Clothes stitched by herself.

18) Why is her boss angry?

- a) Because it is a bad day.
b) Because employees are coming late to work
c) Because he has started suffering from fits.
d) Because she was late the day before.

19) What has been the problem with London trains lately?

- a) There are more trains during rush hour.
b) Trains are cancelled without prior intimation
c) The trains have become awful.
d) People are late to work because of train delays.

20) Which of the following situations creates a 'bad day' for the author?

- a) Cancelled trains during London rush hour.
b) Having to spend money on expensive clothes
c) Being caught wearing a cheap brand coat.
d) When other employees are on time but she is late.

DIRECTIONS:





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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

Capitalism is a great slave, but a pathetic master. This truth, unfortunately, gets lost in our chase for the elusive dream especially in the West, the land that has been marketed as the land of dreams the great Western dream. Its the dream of being independent masters of our lives, of making big bucks and of being happy even if that happiness is being bought by money which all of them chase out there. No doubt, the West, on its part, has been fairly successful in creating material comforts aplenty. It has improved the living standard of its average citizen.

However, it has been achieved as a result of more than 200 years of unbridled growth and exploitation. And that is what has made the rest of the world mindlessly chase Westernism, not necessarily happiness or an ideal form of society. All because the shop window looks very impressive and it has been marketed very well. But a deep look inside the shop tells a different tale. A different world lies behind, a world that is not quite visible to the starry-eyed millions for whom the Western way of life seems to be the ultimate dream. Thus, we have Indians dreaming to become or to get married to an NRI and Indian middle-class fathers dreaming of their sons reaching the Bay area and landing tech jobs, unmindful of the second class life they end up leading in the West. What goes unseen and almost unheard is that the West also happens to be the land that is rich amongst the top in terms of the number of divorces per thousand, the number of single parent families per thousand, the number of old people in old age homes, the number of suicides, homicides, and of course, the number of colleges school shortcuts. And why not After all, such societies are constantly driven towards higher profits and

materialism. Expectedly, this materialism comes at a cost that the world is paying today.

This is the reason why we have Milionis dying of curable diseases in Africa and other underdeveloped countries, while the rich grow richer. Their growth will be reduced if they were to start thinking of the poor. So what do they do to justify their greed for more? They most shrewdly propagate and market a ridiculously primitive law of the jungle for our 21st century civilian, the Law of Survival of the Fittest The interesting thing about material things is that they only give an illusion of happiness however such happiness is always momentary in nature. Ergo, at this juncture, you feel you are the happiest person in the world, after buying your new car or flat-screen TV, and just a few days later, these are the very possessions that cease to make you happy. While you chase the bigger car and spend that extra bit of the wealth, you intercept someone's share of the daily bread and also sacrifice those who have the maximum power to make you happy family, emotions and love. Prolonged abstinence in feeling emotions finally destroys bliss and you don't even realize when you have become a dry-eyed cripple., and then you land up in a sermon workshop to find out the real meaning of life or whatever these workshops are capable of explaining. The truth is that such workshops are also driven by merchants who cash in on the dejected state of the people, a state created by their own fictional dreams.

But by then its really too late. By then, you have made profits out of arms, and engineered wars to keep that industry alive. You've sold guns across counters at supermarkets and made more profits. You've lobbied that guns should be made accessible to the common man, and all for the sake of profits. This makes you realize one day that they are your own children who are in the line of fire against the school goes who opens fire at his schoolmates. This is the society that finally creates an emotionless monster, who gets satisfaction in killing innocent adults and children alike for no





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cause, no reason and for none, for himself It is the utter destruction of spiritualism and the total focus on endless self-gratification. Where so many single parent families and divorces exist, it is impossible to bring up children or influence dies killers, any better.

21) Who does the author hold responsible for the shooting spree in schools and colleges?

Lack of love and emotion in society in general.

Increased focus on self-gratification even when it comes to the cost of innocent lives.

Deteriorating social structure leading to the break up of families resulting in a lack of moral development in children.

- a) Only C b) All of these c) Only A
d) Only B and C e) None of these

22) Why does the author refer to the law of survival of the fittest as ridiculous ?

- a) This primitive yards often I used to justify the Cumulating of wealth by a selected few
b) It does not lead to any material profits and material wealth
c) This law is primitive mid holds good for developed illations
d) People from developing countries use it to rationalize their immigration to the Western , countries
e) None of these

23) According to the passage, which of the following is a reason for poverty and hunger in underdeveloped countries?

Mindlessly chasing the West way of living.

They have fallen prey to the j idea of happiness through material comforts rather than love and emotional bond.

They do not have marketing techniques as good as western countries.

- a) Only (C) b) Only (B) and (C)
c) Only (B) d) Only (A)
e) Non mentioned in the passage

24) Why do the starry-eyed millions harbour a wish to become an NRI?

They are driven towards higher profits and materialism.

They appreciate the western way of life as it appears to them.

They have become emotionless and have lost any attachment to the motherland.

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

25) Why does the author disregard the Western way of living even though an average citizen in the West enjoys better living standards ?

- a) The West hands failed to market, their lifestyle in an appropriate way
b) It only looks forward to material comfort rather than happiness within
c) Many Indians want to ape their lifestyle leading to a cultural dilution of their own traditions
d) According to him the law of survival of the fittest is now obsolete
e) None of these

26) What does the author mean by intercepting some ones share of daily bread ?

- a) Denying material comfort to the Western world
b) Excess of wealth in western world while people in poorer nations struggle for survival
c) Hindering the process of marketing in underdeveloped countries by the developed countries
d) Affecting the social life of those working toward material comforts only
e) None of these

27) What does the author mean by shop window of the West when he suggests looking Inside the shop?

The sprawling supermarkets have been making profits out of inhuman activities.

To look closely at the existing societal structure rather than superficially appreciating the delusive dazzle.

To study their marketing techniques closely.





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

28) The authors main objective in writing the passage is

- a) to explain how too many material Comforts have improved the living standard of common man in the west
- b) All NRI is are leading unmindful, second class lives abroad
- c) to explain that consumerist societies have their own drawbacks which are overlooked by those who are blinded by its material glare
- d) that young children should not be given access to guns and other ammunitions
- e) None of these

29) Which of the following is not TRUE according to the passage?

- a) People should visit the sermons more often since this is the only way to achieve peace and happiness
- b) There are plenty of material comforts in the Western countries.
- c) Over indulgence in accumulating material wealth has led to many problems on the social and emotional fronts
- d) For the sake of making profits people have taken decisions which have proved to be harmful to the society.
- e) None of these

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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

Stuck with the development dilemma? Stay away from management courses. Seriously, one of the biggest complaints that organisations have about management courses is that they fail to impact the participants' on-the-job behaviour. Some management trainers stress the need for follow-up and reinforcement on the job. Some go so far as briefing the participants' managers on what behaviour they should be reinforcing back on the job. Other include a follow-up training day to review the progress of the participants. None of this is really going far enough.

The real problem is that course promoters view development as something which primarily, takes place in a classroom. A course is an event and events are, by definition limited in time. When you talk about follow-up after a course, it is seen as a nice idea, but not as an essential part of the participants' development programme. Any rational, empowered individual should be able to take what has been learnt in a course and transfer it to the work place - or so the argument goes. Another negative aspect of the course mindset is that, primarily, development is thought to be about skill-acquisition.

So, it is felt that the distinction between taking the course and behaving differently in the work place parallels the distinction between skill-acquisition and skill-application. But can such a sharp distinction be maintained? Skills are really acquired only in the context of applying them on the job, finding them effective and, therefore, reinforcing them.

The problem with courses is that they are events, while development is an on-going process which, involves within a complex environment, continual interaction, regular feedback and adjustment. As we tend to equate development with a one-off event, it is difficult to get seriously motivated about the followup. Anyone paying for a course tends to look at follow-up as an unnecessary and rather costly frill.





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30) What is the passage about?

- a) course promoters' attitude
- b) management course
- c) development dilemma
- d) personal management

31) Which of the following statements is false?

- a) The real problem is that course promoters view development as something which does not take place during a course.
- b) Some go to the extent of briefing the participants' managers on what behaviour they should be reinforcing back on the job
- c) Some suggest a follow-up training day to review the progress of the participants
- d) Some management trainers stress the need for followup and reinforcement on the job

32) The writer's attitude, as reflected in the passage, is

- a) philosophical
- b) sympathetic
- c) ironic
- d) critical

33) The course promoters' attitude is

- a) unprogressive
- b) easy-going
- c) indifferent
- d) self-righteous

34) The word 'mindset' here means

- a) mindful
- b) an open mind
- c) a (fixed) attitude of mind
- d) a determined mind

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PASSAGE

An independent, able and upright judiciary is the hallmark of a free democratic country. Therefore, the process of judicial appointments is of vital importance.

At present, on account of the Supreme Court's last advisory opinion, the role of the executive and its interference in the appointment of judges is minimal, which, in light of our previous experience, is most welcome. However, there is a strong demand for a National Judicial Commission on the ground of wider participation in the appointment process and for greater transparency. The composition, the role and the procedures of the proposed National Judicial Commission, must be clearly spelt out, lest it be a case of jumping from the frying-pan into the fire.

Recently, there has been a lively debate in England on the subject. A judicial commission has been proposed but there are not many takers for that proposal. In the paper issued this month by the Lord Chancellor's Department on judicial appointments, the Lord Chancellor has said, "I want every vacancy on the Bench to be filled by the best person available. Appointments must and will be made on merit, irrespective of ethnic origin, gender, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, religion or disability. These are not mere words. They are firm principles. I will not tolerate any form of discrimination."

At present, there are hardly any persons from the ethnic minorities manning the higher judiciary and so far not a single woman has made it to the House of Lords. The most significant part of Lord Chancellor's paper is the requirement that "allegations of professional misconduct made in the course of consultations about a candidate for judicial office must be specific and subject to disclosure to the candidate". This should go a long way in ensuring that principles of natural justice and fair play are not jettisoned in the appointment process, which is not an uncommon phenomenon.

35) What, according to the passage should go a long way in judicial appointments?





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- a) Candidate must know the charge of professional misconduct levelled against him.
b) There should be strong reason for discrimination.
c) Candidate's qualifications and seniority are considered.
d) Decision that all sections of the society are represented.
e) None of these

36) According to the passage, there has been a demand for a National Judicial Commission to

- a) wipe out corruption at the highest places.
b) make the appointment process of judges more broad-based and clear.
c) make judiciary see eye to eye with executive.
d) clear the backlog of court cases.
e) safeguard the interest of natural justice and fair play in judicial pronouncement.

37) Which of the following could be in the author's mind when he says 'in the light of our previous experience'?

- a) Professional misconduct of judges.
b) Delay that occurred in the judicial appointments.
c) Interference of the executive in the appointment of judges.
d) Not having enough judges from backward communities.
e) None of these

38) The role and procedure of the National Commission must be spelt out clearly

- a) it will be represented by a cross-section of the society.
b) it will bring a qualitative change in the interpretation of law.
c) because judges will take judicial decisions on the basis of it.
d) because executive wing will depend on it heavily.
e) None of these

39) What has been the subject of lively debate in England?

- a) Seniority as the basis of appointment of judges
b) Appointment of judicial posts
c) Appointment of judicial commission
d) Role of judiciary in free and democratic nations
e) None of these

40) What, according to the author, is the typical characteristic of an independent democratic country?

- a) Responsible, free and fair judiciary.
b) Lively and frank debate in the society on the role of judiciary.
c) Supreme Court's advisory opinion on legal matters.
d) Objective process of judicial appointments.
e) None of these

41) Which, according to the passage, is not an uncommon phenomenon?

- a) Justice being denied to poor people
b) Partiality and subjectivity in judicial appointments
c) Delays taking place in legal pronouncements
d) An independent and upright judiciary
e) None of these

42) Which of the following words is SIMILAR in meaning as the word jettison as used in the passage?

- a) modify b) destroy c) accept
d) sacrifice e) advocate

43) Which of the following forms part of what the Lord Chancellor has said?

- a) Merit should be the sole criterion for judicial appointments.
b) Selective discrimination may be preached and also practised.
c) Vacancies in the judiciary must not remain unfilled.
d) Appointments to judicial posts must take into consideration the aspirations of the weaker sections of the society
e) None of these





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44) Which of the following according to the author is the most welcome thing?

- a) The appointment of judges from the ethnic minority classes
- b) Appointment of judges purely on the basis of merit
- c) Coordinating role played by the executive in the appointment of judges
- d) The negligible role to be played by the executive in the appointment of judges.
- e) None of these

45) Which of the following groups of words is SIMILAR in meaning as the word lest as used in the passage?

- a) for want of
- b) in order to
- c) for fear that
- d) in spite of
- e) None of these

46) What does the expression "from the frying-pan into the fire" mean?

- a) Crossing one hurdle after the other
- b) Jumping from one high place to another
- c) Making plan after plan
- d) Seeing one dream after the other
- e) None of these

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