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MOCK CLAT 16

ANSWER KEY & EXPLANATIONS

SECTION-A : ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1. (a) Option (a) is the right answer. The entire passage revolves around narrating the protagonist Tom Jones's situation and thought process. Option (b) is not the right answer. The passage didn't mention whether every teenager of the prairie was poverty-stricken or not. Option (c) is not the right answer as the passage didn't keep its focus on the subject of hardships of farming. Option (d) is not the right answer. The author did not mention the friendship between Tom and the squatter's son explicitly enough to make it the central theme of the passage. Hence, the correct option is (a).
2. (b) Option (a) is not the right answer. The passage does not narrate the life of a farmer. It revolves more around the protagonist's experience. Option (b) is the right answer. The protagonist of the passage is Tom Jones and the last paragraph of the passage sets the tone for his thoughts and hope for the future. Option (c) is not the right answer. The passage did not give a scope to explore the friendship between Tom and the squatter's son. Option (d) is not the right answer. The title suggests a positive environment full of comfort which is the absolute opposite of the scenario described in the passage. Hence, the correct option is (b)
3. (a) Option (a) is the right answer as it means an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or

regardless of any hearers, especially by a character in a play. Option (b) is not the right answer as it means, a person who settles on land or occupies property without title, right, or payment of rent. Option (c) is not the right answer as it means, the state of being unhappy with something. Option (d) is not the right answer as it means, the upper edge of anything hollow; rim; brink.

4. (b) The lines represent the boy's destitution by an exaggeration of the conditions of his pants. The author wants to make a point that the boy was living in an impoverished state, and to drive home the point clearly, the author hypes the condition of his pants. Therefore, 'hyperbole', which is a figure of speech used to exaggerate something for emphasis or effect has been used by the author. Therefore, option B is the correct answer.
5. (c) Option (a) is not the right answer as 'litotes' is a form of understatement in which a sentiment is expressed ironically by negating its contrary. Option (c) is not the right answer as 'Allegory' is a story or picture with a hidden meaning. It uses abstract ideas into characters, figures and speeches. Option (d) is not the correct answer as 'Oxymoron' is a literary device where two contradictory words are placed next to each other. For example. 'bitter-sweet'.
- (c) The correct sentence is I believe we were made for something better; and, as the minister told us Sunday, we ought to try and be somebody, and not float along as the stick on the stream. The sentence interprets as, the narrator believes that they were destined (made for) for better life, and must (ought

to) try to be known, and not live a passive life (float along). Hence the correct option is (c). The rest of the options are not suitable as prepositional fillers.

6. (b) It describes what type of hair someone has. Hence, frowzy just gives an additional feature to the type of hair, thus signifying the quality of it. An adjective is a word that describes or defines a noun or noun phrase. Its semantic role is to change information given by the noun.

7. (a) Option (a) is the right answer as the passage states, 'As a result, nothing is known about the Custer campaign of 1868, which led to the Battle of the Washita and forced the southern tribes to establish their first reservation; conversely, little is known about the outbreak of 1874, which culminated in their ultimate subjugation.' Option (b) is not the right answer as the passage states, 'But it's important to keep in mind that an Indian tribe is essentially a big family, with every member being related to the others; this is especially true of the Kiowa, who are a small group of only 1,100 people.' Option (c) is not the right answer as the passage states, 'Furthermore, an event may be recorded more for its usefulness as a tally date than for its inherent significance if it is well-known within the tribe.' Option (d) is not the right answer as the passage states that Genuine history dates back thousands of years in Asia, the cradle of civilization; it starts much later in Europe; and it encompasses a millennium in America for the aboriginal narrative, which is largely regarded as authentic.

8. (c) Option (c) is the right answer. It encapsulates the passage in brief without distorting the central idea. Option (a) is incorrect as it distorts the fact that Asians were the earliest recorders of historical events, followed by Europe, and the America. It mentions that genuine history is the most recent authentic records from Asia. Option (b) is incorrect as it does not take into consideration the main point that the author leads to in the last passage, which is Indian tribes, especially Kiowa. It is too narrow to be considered a summary. Option (d) is incorrect as it distorts information given in the passage with respect to the veracity of the recorder. The option mentions shrewdness, which can alter the meaning. And has partial information.

9. (b) Option (a) is not the right answer. Subjugation means the action of bringing someone or something under domination or control. Option (b) is the right answer. Reminiscence means a story told about a past event remembered by the narrator. 'Recollection is similar in meaning to the word 'reminiscence' in the passage.' Option (c) is not the right answer. It means a member of a race of people who were the first people to live in a country, before any colonists arrived.

10. (b) The correct sentence is option B as in the passage, the author laments the fact that white men's account of historical events resulted in trivialising important events such as Custer campaign of 1868, which resulted in battle of the Washita and compelled the southern tribes for the first time to go on reservation, while the outbreak of 1874, which terminated in their final subjugation. Refer to the lines, 'Many events that we consider to be significant turning points in the history of the plain's tribes are completely missing from these Aboriginal histories, and many other things would appear to be of the most insignificant importance to white people. As a result, nothing is known about the Custer campaign of 1868, which led to the Battle of the Washita and forced the southern tribes to establish their first reservation; conversely, little is known about the outbreak of 1874, which culminated in their ultimate subjugation'. Option (a) is incorrect as the author does not discuss inconsistencies in various historical events. Neither does he emphasize for the need for an authentic recording of the event; in fact, the author bases his arguments on the authenticity of the records, making option C, incorrect. Option (d) is contrary to what the author believes. It is based on the records by the Indian Tribes. The author knows the difference in how the white men treated events to how the Indians perceived the events.

11. (a) Option (a) is the right answer. The passage states, 'An analysis of the indigenous American calendars provides a useful understanding of the relative significance that the Indian and the white man ascribe to the same event. Many events that we consider to be significant turning points in the history of the plain's tribes are completely missing from these Aboriginal histories, and many other things would appear to be of the most insignificant importance to white people.' Option (b) is not the right answer. The passage states, 'Many events that we consider to be significant turning points in the history of the plain's tribes are completely missing from these Aboriginal histories, and many other things would appear to be of the most insignificant importance to white people.' Option (c) is not the right answer. The passage states, 'But it's important to keep in mind that an Indian tribe is essentially a big family, with every member being related to the others; this is especially true of the Kiowa, who are a small group of only 1,100 people. An incident that affects one gets elevated to a topic of tribal importance when it

becomes a topic of rumors and common knowledge among all the camps.'

Option (d) is not the right answer. The passage states, 'Genuine history dates back thousands of years in Asia, the cradle of civilization; it starts much later in Europe; and it encompasses a millennium in America for the aboriginal narrative, which is largely regarded as authentic'.

12. (a) Essentially is an adverb, which means basically. It qualifies the word big, which is an adjective; hence, it provides a quality to the word "big", it tells us how the family is; it is big.

An adverb is a part of speech that modifies a verb, an adjective or an adverb. An adjective modifies a noun or a pronoun. It is incorrect in the context. Adjectives usually tell what kind, how many, or which about nouns or pronouns.

A verb is a word that in syntax generally conveys an action, an occurrence, or a state of being. In the usual description of English, the basic form, with or without the particle to, is the infinitive. In many languages, verbs are inflected to encode tense, aspect, mood, and voice.

A noun is a word that represents a person, thing, concept, or place (e.g., "John," "house," "affinity," "river"). Most sentences contain at least one noun or pronoun. Nouns are often, but not always, preceded by an article ("the," "a," or "an") and/or another determiner such as an adjective.

13. (b) Option (a) Incorrect. This option is incorrect as it is not the prime message that the author wishes to pass to the readers. The leadership which is being talked about is the leadership of Lord Ram and not general leadership.

Option (b) CORRECT. The author, by elucidating the purpose of building the Ram Janmabhoomi temple and India's fascination for Lord Ram conveys a broader message of an what an ideal ruler and leader should imbibe as an ideology, that of putting the nation above everything else.

Option (c) Incorrect. This option is incorrect as this is not what the passage is talking about. It also mention putting nation first which is the core idea of the author.

Option (d) Incorrect. This is a misrepresentation of the message, as nowhere in the passage has the author mentioned showcasing the ideologies of Lord Ram to the world by imbibing them.

14. (b) Option (a) Incorrect. Lord Ram does not only talk about being the epitome of leadership and bravery, he signifies something more, he signifies more qualities which are simply not restricted to this from the passage.

Option (b) CORRECT. This option is correct as Lord Ram was indeed an ideal leader as he had all the qualities of the ideal leader to which different countries also took note; he was also an ideal leader because he put his nation and family first which every leader in his country wants to. The author explains the reason why the nation still is devoted to the ideologies of Lord Ram, and if the nation imbibes those leadership qualities, it will rise.

Option (c) Incorrect. The passage is more than ancient culture, and instead depicts the qualities of Lord Ram. The passage is more tilted towards how nation first was always in Ram's mind and not anything else.

Option (d) Incorrect. This is vague as what barriers are being talked about cannot be inferred, this does not relate to the title of the passage as well as the passage does not mention per se any barriers.

15. (d) Archetype is something belonging to an earlier time from which something else was later developed. It also means a paradigm or an example. Options (a), (b) and (c) are the synonyms of the word 'archetype', but option (d) is unrelated to the word. Mortal means lethal, or something or someone that would eventually die.

16. (c) Option (a) Incorrect. No such comparison has been drawn in the passage. It is a complete distortion to what the author wishes to communicate through the passage.

Option (b) Incorrect. This option is incorrect as indeed leadership can acquire different roles, but what after that, this answers only half of the question posed to us, leaving the rest to interpretation.

Option (c) CORRECT. This option is correct as indeed leadership could acquire different roles and thus, what the author says is that one ideology cannot be judged over the other, but one must choose an ideology that encompasses true qualities of leadership, which Lord Ram represented.

Option (d) Incorrect. The option does not reflect the correct inference. It is a wrong inference drawn from the given context. The core revolves around Lord Ram's leadership, with a brief mention of King Dhritarashtra, and his leadership that came to be most associated with putramoha — an excessive affection for his child. There are no different rulers acquiring different forms of leadership in the passage.

17. (b) Option (a) Incorrect. This option is incorrect as Lord Ram was not only the epitome of leadership, but he put his nation first as compared to everything. What matters in the present case is that all countries would want to put their nation first and this is what Lord Ram did; hence, this is not actually about leadership but having the qualities of ideal leader and putting nation first.

Option (b) CORRECT. This option is correct as this is what the author is trying to convey through the passage. The author wants to tell us that an ideal ruler is one who puts his nation first regardless of everything such as gender, race, caste etc., thus every country would inspire from Lord Ram to become ideal.

Option (c) Incorrect. There is nothing mentioned of strategizing and fighting wars from the passage;

hence, this cannot be assumed to be the correct answer.

18. (a) The correct answer is option (a). One of the meanings of the word 'Stems' means originates. In the context, the meaning that can be drawn is that the fascination for Lord Ram in the Indians comes from his ideologies. Therefore, 'stems' is the correct word. Option (b), Holds is a misfit, for it means embraces. In the context, it does not make the sentence coherent. Option (c), 'supports' does not go with the flow of the context. The context is the root of the fascination, and not supporting the fascination. Option (d) is incorrect, for 'delves' means explores or rummages. Neither is the fascination being explored or hunted.

19. (b) Option (b) is the correct answer, encapsulating the author's contention well. Refer to the lines, 'In contrast to the 1950s, when India started its "population control" program, a number of metrics, including fertility and replacement rates, the sex ratio, the percentage of the country's population that is young and old, intra-regional disparities, and migration trends, allow for a far more nuanced understanding of demographic dynamics today. The use of such analytical tools has led to significant shifts in demographic studies — the discipline has outgrown its Malthusian moorings and population growth is regarded as a challenge, not an emergency'.

Option (a) renders a harsh understanding of the word 'sobering'. In this context, the word sobering means something serious enough to ponder, but not that it has far-reaching consequences.

Options (c) and (d) present a contradictory view of the contents given in paragraph one

20. (c) Refer to the lines, 'In contrast to the 1950s, when India started its "population control" program, a number of metrics, including fertility and replacement rates, the sex ratio, the percentage of the country's population that is young and old, intra-regional disparities, and migration trends, allow for a far more nuanced understanding of demographic dynamics today. The use of such analytical tools has led to significant shifts in demographic studies — the discipline has outgrown its Malthusian moorings and population growth is regarded as a challenge, not an emergency'.

The author disagrees with the Malthusian theory of population, making option (c) the correct answer.

The rest of the options are redundant because option (c) is the correct answer. The author does not continue or emphasize the previous theory; rather, rejects it. The author does not offer another theory, but stresses on having a better understanding of the demography in today's context.

21. (a) Option (a) is the correct answer. A conclusion must seamlessly progress from the passage. Refer to the last few lines of the passage where the author emphasizes the need for debate, discussion, and even dissension and requires that diverse voices are heard. It means that the Indian democratic structure is ideal for such an environment to thrive and to move ahead.

Option (b) is contradictory, for keeping the traditions and culture alive will not make any difference. Also, the option is disjointed with the preceding lines.

Option (c) is out of scope. India's role in the world has nothing to do with its internal policy decisions.

Option (d) is just a restatement of the previous lines of the last paragraph and does not contribute to the conclusion.

22. (b) When the author implies that an informed debate is needed, it means that a discussion must be made on solid knowledge and the latest developments based on which the think tanks can make sound decisions; therefore, the debate must carry enough weight to reach a conclusive and favourable decision, making, option (b) the correct answer.

Option (a) is ruled out, for it does not provide a deep insight into its meaning.

Option (c) is ruled out, for debates of such nature are intelligent because the experts have years of knowledge. Besides, intelligence alone does not make a debate informed.

Option (d) is written off, for the topics of discussion are the subject matters.

23. (b) Option (b) is the correct answer. It expands to include overall markers from opportunities to long term visions on tackling the expanding population in India.

Option (a) is contradictory, for it goes against the author's argument that the approach to solving the population issue is more profound than the alarmist and knee-jerk reflexes.

Options (c) and (d) are part of the arguments and do not provide a wholesome idea.

24. (d) Nuanced means having nuances : having or characterized by subtle and often appealingly complex qualities, aspects, or distinctions (as in character or tone) a nuanced performance. Whenever the movie focusses on Van Doren and Goodwin and Stempel, it treats them as nuanced human beings. Options A and B are synonyms.

However, coarse and vulgar are the antonyms of the word nuanced. Nuanced is something just very subtle.

SECTION -B : CURRENT AFFAIRS, INCLUDING GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

25. (d) AB-PMJAY offers a health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization, making it one of the world's largest health assurance schemes.

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