

ALL INDIA LAW ENTRANCE TEST (AILET) 2027 Mock 202703: ANSWER KEY AND SOLUTION



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Section A: English

1. Correct Answer: (b) Theyyams assign performance by community, whereas the domestic rite uses symbolic household actions.

Reference Lines: "These are usually performed by children from the designated communities." "The practice [involves] taking turmeric, charcoal, coconut shell, coconut fibre, broom, taro plant and soil... and discarding them while chanting 'Chetta po... Sheevothivaa...'"

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Family seniority is mentioned only in relation to the narrator's household observance. The Theyyams are associated with designated communities rather than senior family members. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Particular communities perform specified Theyyams, while the domestic rite enacts its meaning through the collection, disposal and arrangement of household objects. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) Both ritual forms are associated with the removal of negativity and the arrival of prosperity. The domestic rite is not confined to harvest symbolism alone. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The passage records regional variation in both performance and timing. It does not present Theyyams as following one uniform calendar or age as the only basis of variation. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

2. Correct Answer: (d) Performer selection varies by age but not by community identity.

Reference Lines: "These are usually performed by children from the designated communities." "The Aadi Galinchan [is] performed by the Nalkadaya community, the Karkkadothi Theyyam [is] performed by the Vannan community and the Aadi Vedan Theyyam [is] performed by the Malaya community." "Families offer rice and money to the performers."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The association of particular Theyyams with designated communities suggests that inherited community roles influence ritual participation. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Rice and money are offered by families to the performers, indicating an acknowledged exchange between the household and those conducting the ritual. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Children are selected because their innocence is believed to bring prosperity. The passage therefore stresses symbolic value rather than superior ritual expertise. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Community identity is expressly connected with the performance of particular Theyyams. The option incorrectly treats age as relevant while excluding community affiliation. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

3. Correct Answer: (a) Prescribed action translates belief into a visible symbolic sequence.

Reference Lines: "The entire process resembles a performance of sorts." "The practice [involves] taking turmeric, charcoal, coconut shell, coconut fibre, broom, taro plant and soil... and discarding them while chanting 'Chetta po... Sheevothivaa...'"

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The prescribed collection and disposal of objects, accompanied by chanting, visibly enacts the departure of chetta and the arrival of Sheevothi. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) The passage does not state that spectators are necessary for the ritual's symbolic force. Its performative quality arises from the enacted sequence itself. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Although both observances possess performative qualities, the household rite is not said to reproduce Theyyam's music, performers or ceremonial structure. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Seniority identifies who carried out the rite in the narrator's family but does not create its performance-like quality. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

4. Correct Answer: (c) Communities ritualised seasonal adversity as a passage from danger to renewal.

Reference Lines: "They relied on belief and built rituals around them to help cope with the harshness of the season." "This is both a call for the bad to leave and an invocation of the good."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Regional variation is presented as part of the continuing tradition rather than evidence that a formerly uniform practice disappeared. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Household rituals and community Theyyams coexist in the passage. One is not described as replacing the other. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) The passage connects sickness, scarcity and seasonal gloom with rituals that symbolically remove negativity and invite prosperity. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

(d) Harvest symbolism appears in certain regional observances, but it does not replace the older concern with illness, death and scarcity. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

5. Correct Answer: (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) does not fully explain (A).

Reference Lines: "On Karkkadam eve, Chetta... is asked to leave and... Sheevothi... is welcomed in." "In parts of central and southern Kerala, warding off chetta is done on the last day of Karkkadam... to welcome the month of Chingam."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The Reason establishes variation in timing but does not by itself prove that the symbolic movement remains common. That conclusion also requires the descriptions of expelling negativity and welcoming prosperity. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Both statements are supported, but the Reason explains only the temporal variation. It does not fully explain the shared symbolism included in the Assertion. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) The passage clearly places related rites at different points in the seasonal calendar. The Reason is therefore true. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Despite differences in timing, the rites continue to express movement from misfortune towards prosperity. The Assertion is therefore true. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

6. Correct Answer: (a) Ritual eligibility can rest on attributed symbolic qualities rather than expertise.

Reference Line: "The reason why children are chosen is that their innocence is believed to bring in prosperity."

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

(a) Children are chosen because innocence is symbolically associated with prosperity. Their suitability therefore rests on an attributed quality rather than superior skill. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) The passage does not suggest that children possess greater knowledge of chants or ritual procedure. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Senior family members perform other Karkkadam observances, showing that adults are not generally excluded. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) No physical requirement is identified as the reason for selecting children. The relevant quality is innocence. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

7. Correct Answer: (d) Expulsion of negativity is followed by an auspicious invitation.

Reference Lines: "This is both a call for the bad to leave and an invocation of the good." "Families perform Sheevothi vakkal, where a traditional lamp is lit and objects such as valkkannadi and dashapushpam are arranged."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The two acts form complementary stages within the chetta-Sheevothi symbolism rather than unrelated customs. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Chanting remains part of the first act, so material objects do not replace verbal invocation. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) The sequence first removes chetta and associated negativity before welcoming Sheevothi and prosperity. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Disposal and chanting enact the departure of negativity, while the auspicious arrangement welcomes prosperity. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

8. Correct Answer: (b) It remained neglected even though the narrator knew it was there.

Reference Line: "It had been languishing in a pile by the dresser for a while, and I'd left it there because of an unarticulated belief that actors should stick to acting."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) "Waiting" could suggest deliberate postponement, but the narrator had not set the book aside for a chosen future occasion. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) She remained aware of the collection but allowed it to stay unread because of a profession-based prejudice. "Languishing" therefore conveys prolonged, conscious neglect. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

- (c) She had not sampled the stories before neglecting the book. Her judgment concerned Hanks's identity as an actor rather than the collection's literary quality. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) The passage does not indicate that the book was inaccessible or buried beyond retrieval. It was lying near the dresser and remained known to her. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

9. Correct Answer: (c) High literary quality was necessary for the later sequence to develop.

Reference Line: "In case you haven't read it, Uncommon Type is a very good book. It would have to be for this story to continue." "Had it been a bad book... I would have put it down."

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

- (a) The book's merit disproved her earlier assumption but did not justify that assumption. Her reluctance arose before she knew anything about its quality. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The passage does not connect the endorsement with commercial performance. Her decision was based upon literary evaluation rather than sales or popularity. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Had the collection been poor or merely adequate, the narrator would not have finished or endorsed it. The invitation that followed therefore depended upon the book being sufficiently good. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) The collection repeatedly surprised her, suggesting that conformity with familiar preferences was not the condition that sustained her interest. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

10. Correct Answer: (a) Engagement with the work displaced an assumption based on professional identity.

Reference Lines: "I'd left it there because of an unarticulated belief that actors should stick to acting." "Page after page it surprised me." "Two days later, I sent an endorsement."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Her initial dismissal arose from categorising Hanks as an actor. Reading the stories supplied evidence that displaced this identity-based assumption and justified literary approval. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) Hanks's fame initially contributed to her hesitation rather than making her more lenient. The endorsement followed the quality of the work. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The passage records surprise followed by an unqualified description of the book as "very good." It does not preserve continuing scepticism. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) She states that she would have abandoned a bad or merely adequate book. Courtesy therefore cannot explain the endorsement. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

11. Correct Answer: (d) Without reading and endorsing it, the later invitation would probably not have arisen in that form.

Reference Lines: "Off we went to bed, the book and I, and in doing so put the chain of events into motion." "Two days later, I sent an endorsement." "I got a call from Tom Hanks's publicist a few weeks later."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) If the publicist's call were independent of the narrator's reading and endorsement, the first choice would not meaningfully initiate the later sequence. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Her participation concerned one event within an existing tour. The tour itself did not depend upon her agreement. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The passage says advance copies routinely arrived in the hope of receiving jacket quotations. It does not establish a plan to secure an interview. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) The metaphor treats reading as the first link leading to endorsement and then to the publicist's invitation. Removing that first link would probably alter or prevent the later sequence. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

12. Correct Answer: (b) Later developments allow an earlier moment to be recognised as a beginning.

Reference Lines: "The story has started without my realizing it." "But any story that starts will also end. This is the way novelists think: beginning, middle, and end."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The narrator did not recognise the moment as a beginning when it occurred. Its significance emerged retrospectively. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) The subsequent endorsement and invitation transform an ordinary bedtime choice into the opening of a larger narrative. Her novelist's consciousness identifies the beginning after later consequences give it meaning. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) The passage concerns the organisation of lived experience as a story, not a decision to fictionalise every encounter. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The sequence began without foresight, so its meaning does not depend on the ending having been predictable from the start. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

13. Correct Answer: (c) literary insider whose exceptional access has become professionally familiar

Reference Lines: "I've written plenty of jacket quotes in my day." "As the co-owner of a bookstore, I do this sort of thing." "Do you even realize your life isn't normal?"

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The narrator revises her judgment once the book proves its merit. She does not remain guarded after reading it. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) She could have refused the invitation and accepts it with amused enthusiasm rather than a reluctant obligation. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Endorsements, advance copies and author interviews form part of her working life. Niki's remark nevertheless shows that such access remains exceptional outside that professional environment. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

(d) Her understated tone and initial neglect of Hanks's book do not support a desire to display celebrity connections. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

14. Correct Answer: (a) A genuine commitment seemed trivial beside the unusual invitation.

Reference Line: "I could have said I was busy writing a novel, and that would have been both ridiculous and true." "Tom Hanks needs a favor? Happy to help."

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

(a) Writing the novel was a genuine professional responsibility, making the excuse true. Yet invoking it to reject an exceptional invitation from Tom Hanks would have seemed comically disproportionate. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) The narrator says she was busy writing, not merely planning to write. The truth of the excuse does not depend upon an unstarted project. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) She regularly conducts literary interviews and responds enthusiastically to this request. No concealed dislike is indicated. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Bookstore ownership explains why interviews are familiar to her, but it does not make her writing obligations implausible. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

15. Correct Answer: (d) The star-like outline resulted from defensive projections serving practical needs.

Reference Lines: "The resulting star forts, so called because of their multiple fortified extrusions..." "Their snowflake-like beauty was unintended."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The passage applies the term to functioning military structures and does not connect its origin with later preservation. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Symmetry and radial balance were present in the design, although engineers pursued them for practical rather than artistic reasons. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) The passage compares the forts visually with mandalas but does not attribute their design to celestial or sacred symbolism. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Multiple angular bastions produced a star-like plan because they reduced defensive blind spots. The descriptive name therefore arose from functional geometry, not an artistic aim. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

16. Correct Answer: (b) Aesthetic value was irrelevant to purpose, though produced by the same design logic.

Reference Lines: "The star fort's aesthetic appeal is immaterial to its (erstwhile) military purpose, [but] its beauty is not mysterious or accidental: It arises precisely from its strict adherence to geometric logic."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The forts possessed symmetry and visual harmony while they remained military structures; later obsolescence merely made that value easier to appreciate. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Beauty did not help the forts defeat artillery, yet the same geometric discipline used for defence predictably generated their aesthetic form. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) The author traces beauty to successful geometric logic rather than to flaws in the defensive design. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Function and beauty coexisted in the original structures even though beauty was not part of the military objective. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

17. Correct Answer: (c) Both are true, but Statement 2 explains only the need for change.

Reference Lines: "Errard... used geometry to formalize military architecture." "Medieval fortresses... were no match for gunpowder-powered artillery."

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

- (a) Artillery explains why redesign became necessary but not why Errard's particular response took a formal mathematical form. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Medieval walls are expressly described as vulnerable to cannon fire. Hence, Statement 2 is true. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Both statements are true. The second supplies the technological crisis, while the first identifies the distinctive intellectual method applied to it. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Errard's work is expressly credited with mathematically formalising fort-building. Hence, Statement 1 is true. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

18. Correct Answer: (a) Strategic value could decline even before every rampart became physically useless.

Reference Line: "Military strategy shifted away from static defenses toward highly mobile field armies."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) A fort may remain physically standing yet lose strategic importance when warfare no longer centres on holding fixed defensive positions. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) The passage describes a general movement away from static defence rather than preserving its necessity under certain artillery conditions. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Mobility concerns the organisation of armies and does not restore the resistance of ramparts to improved weapons. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Traditional siege engines belonged to the period against which medieval fortresses were designed. They did not become the new function of star forts. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

19. Correct Answer: (d) Preservation reflected renewed confidence in the forts' defensive adequacy.

Reference Lines: "Many were dismantled to let the cities they once protected grow beyond their historic walls." "Many of these geometric landscape features were eventually preserved as monuments or converted into parks."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Once the forts lost military purpose, their visual and historical value could support conversion into monuments or parks. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Some were dismantled because cities needed space to expand, showing that urban priorities affected survival. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The passage explicitly links the clearer recognition of aesthetic value with release from military duties. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Improved artillery and mobile strategy had already made the forts ineffective. Preservation arose from aesthetic or civic value, not restored military confidence. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

20. Correct Answer: (b) Cannon vulnerability → reduced vertical exposure → massed earth-backed defence.

Reference Lines: "A cannon could easily take out vertical masonry walls." "Military engineers resorted to building lower, thicker ramparts, backed by earth."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Taller walls were precisely the form made vulnerable by gunpowder artillery. Siege ladders were associated with the older defensive problem. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Cannon fire exposed the weakness of vertical masonry, leading engineers to lower the target profile and increase resistance through thickness and earth backing. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
(c) Urban expansion explains why some obsolete forts were later dismantled, not why their original defensive architecture changed. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
(d) The move towards mobile armies contributed to later obsolescence. It did not produce the initial star-fort design. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

21. Correct Answer: (c) Medieval fortresses, built for earlier sieges, failed against cannon fire.

Reference Line: "Medieval fortresses, built to withstand ladders, catapults, and siege engines, were no match for gunpowder-powered artillery."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) "That improved rapidly" is a finite active relative clause rather than a reduced passive clause. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
(b) "Because cannon fire had intensified" is a finite adverbial clause expressing cause. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
(c) "Built for earlier sieges" is equivalent to "which were built for earlier sieges." It is a reduced passive relative clause modifying "fortresses." Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
(d) "Which later encouraged preservation" is a full finite relative clause and has not been reduced. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

22. Correct Answer: (a) Engineers did not seek beauty, but geometric requirements predictably produced it.

Reference Lines: "Their snowflake-like beauty was unintended." "Its beauty is not mysterious or accidental: It arises precisely from its strict adherence to geometric logic."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Beauty was not an intended objective, yet symmetry, repetition and radial balance made it a systematic consequence of functional geometry. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
(b) The beauty existed in the structures before obsolescence, although their later uses made it more visible as an independent value. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
(c) Preservation retained the structures but did not generate their original geometric harmony. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
(d) The author expressly grounds aesthetic appeal in geometric organisation. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

23. Correct Answer: (d) Aerodynamic optimisation gives an aircraft an elegant form without that being the aim.

Reference Lines: "Accidental beauty still emerges from rational design, be it airplanes, designed to be aerodynamic..." "When we optimize structures for functionality, the resulting forms often exhibit unexpected elegance."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Added decoration makes beauty an explicit later objective and therefore differs from elegance emerging through functional optimisation. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
(b) Designing primarily for skyline impact makes aesthetic effect intentional rather than incidental to function. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
(c) Redrawing solely for symmetry again makes appearance the purpose of the intervention. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
(d) The aircraft's form emerges from solving an aerodynamic problem, while elegance appears as an unintended consequence of efficient design. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

24. Correct Answer: (c) Moral narratives recast domination as legitimate hierarchy.

Reference Line: "It succeeds in passing off injustice as order, domination as hierarchy, suffering as something meritorious."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The expression refers to ideological legitimization rather than a literal ceremony required to validate political power. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Religious authority reinforces force, taxation and law instead of replacing them. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Power becomes “blessed” when injustice and suffering are presented as proper, meaningful or morally justified features of social order. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

(d) The passage explains how obedience may be encouraged, not that legitimating narratives eliminate every possibility of resistance. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

25. Correct Answer: (a) Legal withdrawal enabled the monarchy to police religious conscience.

Reference Line: “By revoking the Edict of Nantes... the monarchy revived forced conversions of non-Catholics, deportations, condemnations and the policing of conscience.”

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

(a) Removing legal protection for Protestant worship enabled the monarchy to regulate belief through conversion, punishment and surveillance. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) The coercive policy remained an act of the monarchy; no transfer of authority to the lower clergy is described. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Sedan illustrates the policy, but the revocation was not confined to militarised border regions. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The revocation increased coercive intervention rather than making such intervention unnecessary. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

26. Correct Answer: (d) They recognise resemblance but mislocate his distinctive insight.

Reference Lines: “These comparisons are not entirely absurd.” “Meslier’s real singularity lies not in having ‘anticipated’ later doctrines.”

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The passage does not evaluate whether Meslier directly influenced later movements. Its concern is how his originality is interpreted. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Doctrinal inconsistency is not presented as the problem with the comparisons. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) The labels concern Marxism, anarchism and evolution rather than merely reducing Meslier to atheism. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The comparisons capture his apparent foresight but obscure his deeper analysis of how institutional and emotional domination sustains an old order. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

27. Correct Answer: (b) Institutions impose hierarchy while organised emotions sustain it.

Reference Line: “Domination is built in layers: by lords, by kings, by the Church, but also by the feelings these institutions organise—fear, guilt, hope, resignation.”

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Religious legitimisation operates alongside legal, military and material coercion rather than replacing them. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) External institutions establish hierarchy, while fear, guilt, hope and resignation encourage people to accept or endure it. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) Lords, kings and the Church remain distinguishable layers of power rather than being absorbed into one authority. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Organised emotions help sustain acceptance of hardship; they do not make material hardship politically irrelevant. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

28. Correct Answer: (c) Regional location insulated villagers from confessional coercion.

Reference Lines: “Troops quartered in private homes, requisitions of food and fodder, convoys, pillage, devastated villages.” “To this military brutality there was added... confessional brutality.”

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The Ardennes’ position exposed its communities to military movement, requisition and pillage. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

- (b) Quartering troops in private homes brought royal warfare into ordinary domestic life. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Confessional brutality was added to military hardship, so the region was not insulated from religious coercion. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) The burdens included confiscation, destroyed villages and policing of conscience, extending beyond direct combat. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

29. Correct Answer: (d) Their number and coercion evoked collective religious persecution.

Reference Line: "Young girls were pushed into the convent of the Daughters of the Propagation of the Faith; Vauban... remarked that there were enough there 'to fill a martyrology'."

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

- (a) The convent is presented as part of the coercive policy rather than a refuge from royal punishment. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The word "pushed" indicates compulsion rather than a voluntary religious choice. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Vauban's comparison conveys suffering and criticism rather than approval of the confinement. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) A martyrology records those who suffer for their faith, so the remark evokes a large body of victims of religious persecution. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

30. Correct Answer: (a) Institutions can shape emotions that influence political obedience.

Reference Lines: "Domination is built... by the feelings these institutions organise." "He understood why the old one endured."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The claim assumes that emotions can be socially produced and can affect whether people accept or resist an unequal order. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) The passage treats emotional and coercive mechanisms as simultaneous and reinforcing. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Fear or resignation may secure obedience without conscious moral approval of hierarchy. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Hope may alter the interpretation of suffering but does not eliminate its material causes. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

31. Correct Answer: (c) To ground his insight in the lived machinery of absolutism.

Reference Line: "To understand how radical that intuition was, we need to return to the France in which Meslier grew up and wrote."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Warfare was only one element alongside religious coercion, clerical hierarchy and rural deprivation. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The passage explains the formation of Meslier's thought rather than tracing its direct influence on later movements. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The historical setting shows how military, religious and social authority became everyday realities from which his analysis developed. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) The lower clergy partly shared peasant life, but no organised clerical resistance is described. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

32. Correct Answer: (b) Sovereign power became intelligible through recurring intrusions into ordinary life.

Reference Lines: "Troops quartered in private homes, requisitions of food and fodder, convoys, pillage, devastated villages." "In such a world, absolutism did not first appear as a theory: it was lived as a daily pressure."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The passage does not state that villagers learned absolutist doctrine through formal clerical instruction. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

- (b) Quartering, requisitions, devastation and religious policing made monarchical authority a repeated practical experience rather than an abstract concept. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) Non-Catholics faced particular religious persecution, but military extraction and devastation affected the broader population. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Military burdens were manifestations of royal power rather than interruptions of it. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

33. Correct Answer: (d) Their dual location exposed him to authority and rural suffering.

Reference Lines: "The lower country clergy baptised, buried, kept registers, acted as public scribes, settled disputes, and partly shared the life of the peasants." "It was in this zone of friction... that Meslier's thought was formed."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Their practical duties placed them within village life rather than insulating them from its hardships. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) They remained institutionally part of the Church, and no organised resistance led by them is described. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Their position created friction among the altar, lordship and the rural poor instead of removing social tension. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) They served an authoritative religious institution while sharing aspects of peasant life, exposing Meslier to both domination and its effects. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

34. Correct Answer: (b) Foreknowledge, continuation and concealment make the harms potentially culpable.

Reference Lines: "These companies were predicting that their fossil fuels would cause... 'globally catastrophic' climate harms." "They orchestrated fraudulent campaigns of climate denial and deception."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The scale of potential harm explains demands for accountability but does not by itself establish criminal wrongdoing. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Prior knowledge, continued engagement in dangerous activity and alleged deception allow the harms to be viewed as potentially culpable rather than accidental. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) The passage identifies possible offences but does not claim that all environmental damage automatically constitutes homicide. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Public anger may encourage prosecution but cannot independently establish the elements of an offence. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

35. Correct Answer: (c) Existing offences and analogous case law already provide a legal route.

Reference Lines: "There are already criminal laws on the books that describe and proscribe big oil's conduct." "Case law shows that these catastrophe laws... have been used to prosecute actors for exacerbating a danger by lying about it."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Public support does not establish the legal applicability of ordinary criminal offences. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The argument relies on domestic statutes and case law, not automatic incorporation of international precedent. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The author identifies existing risk offences and a precedent involving concealment of known danger, showing that a legal framework already exists. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Serious harm does not remove the need to establish the elements of an applicable criminal offence. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

36. Correct Answer: (a) Awareness of substantial danger accompanied continued conduct.

Reference Line: "Recklessness means knowing something is dangerous... and engaging in that conduct anyway."

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

- (a) The author's theory requires proof that the companies appreciated the danger yet continued the conduct associated with that danger. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

- (b) Recklessness does not require an intention to injure particular identified victims. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Other contributors may exist without eliminating the companies' alleged conscious creation of risk. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Reckless endangerment concerns the creation of substantial risk and does not require that injuries had already occurred when knowledge arose. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

37. Correct Answer: (d) It shows informed actors prolonged exposure to a known danger.

Reference Lines: "Case law shows that these catastrophe laws... have been used to prosecute actors for exacerbating a danger by lying about it." "They took affirmative steps that exposed others to the risk."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Concealment may demonstrate knowledge but does not necessarily establish an intention to cause every resulting injury. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) A sufficiently serious underlying danger must still be established; deception does not substitute for that element. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The passage does not describe strict liability based merely on false statements. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) The pier precedent makes concealment relevant because informed actors maintained or aggravated others' exposure to an existing danger. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

38. Correct Answer: (c) Between defining conduct and legally forbidding it.

Reference Line: "There are already criminal laws on the books that describe and proscribe big oil's conduct."

Difficulty Level: Easy

Explanation:

- (a) Neither term is used to contrast public and private forms of regulation. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) "Describe" concerns identifying the conduct covered by law, not proving causal responsibility for a specific injury. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The laws are said both to characterise the relevant behaviour and to prohibit it through criminal sanctions. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) The phrase does not concern victim compensation or the communication of warnings. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

39. Correct Answer: (b) One targets substantial personal risk; the other targets widespread harm.

Reference Lines: "Reckless conduct that creates a substantial risk of injuring another person." "Risk of catastrophe, meaning 'widespread injury or damage'."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Both offences are described as risk-based and do not require completed injury or specific intent to cause destruction. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Reckless endangerment concerns substantial risk to another person, whereas catastrophe offences focus on widespread injury or damage. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) The passage does not divide the offences according to whether the accused is an individual or corporation. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Knowledge and concealment may be relevant to both; they do not form the stated distinction between the offences. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

40. Correct Answer: (a) Self-protection, denial and expansion jointly support knowing risk creation.

Reference Lines: "Even as they used this knowledge to protect their own infrastructure, they orchestrated fraudulent campaigns of climate denial and deception." "Case law shows... actors [may be prosecuted] for exacerbating a danger by lying about it."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Protective action suggests belief in the warnings, public denial indicates concealment, and expansion shows continuation of the risk-producing activity. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) Recklessness does not require exact identification of all victims or the timing of every resulting injury. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) A widespread danger necessarily exposes individual members of the affected public as well. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The passage argues that generally framed risk offences can apply beyond the particular facts of the pier case. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

41. Correct Answer: (c) Internal forecasts were too tentative to establish awareness of danger.

Reference Line: "Recklessness means knowing something is dangerous... and engaging in that conduct anyway."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Shared contribution does not necessarily disprove that a particular actor knowingly created or increased substantial risk. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) The argument relies on generally worded risk offences rather than statutes specifically naming climate change. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) If the forecasts were too uncertain to establish awareness of serious danger, the mental element required for recklessness would be substantially weakened. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

(d) Difficulty attributing one event to one producer does not necessarily defeat the broader claim that the conduct created a substantial risk. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

42. Correct Answer: (a) Sovereign power can emerge from commercial instruments before formal state status.

Reference Lines: "The British East India Company expanded from a trading organization into a major political and military power in India." "A private corporation used warfare, diplomacy, and financial control to govern large territories."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The Company remained a private corporation while acquiring governing capacity through commercial, financial, diplomatic and military means. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) Profitability alone is not presented as sufficient. Warfare, diplomacy, financial control and a favourable political setting were also necessary. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Military and diplomatic action remained central to the transformation of commercial influence into territorial power. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Mughal decline and regional conflict formed part of the conditions enabling the Company's expansion. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

43. Correct Answer: (d) Human error converts structural pressures into escalating choices.

Reference Line: "Clark discusses alliances, nationalism, military planning..." "He shows how misunderstandings, fear, and poor judgment influenced political leaders."

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation:

(a) Limited awareness may complicate responsibility but does not erase responsibility for decisions contributing to escalation. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Psychological factors operate alongside alliances, nationalism and military planning rather than replacing them. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Clark's argument centres upon interconnected choices. It therefore rejects the idea that governments acted without influencing one another. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Clark combines structural conditions with the perceptions and judgments of leaders. Misunderstanding and fear explain how wider pressures became specific decisions that intensified the crisis. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

44. Correct Answer: (b) Acted without fully grasping where their combined decisions were leading.

Reference Lines: "He shows how misunderstandings, fear, and poor judgment influenced political leaders in 1914." "The book presents the war's beginning as the result of interconnected choices and failures."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Clark does not portray the governments as secretly coordinating a planned war while pretending to be confused. The passage instead stresses genuine misunderstanding, fear and poor judgment among leaders making separate but interconnected decisions. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) European leaders made active political, military and diplomatic choices, yet they did not fully appreciate how those choices interacted to produce catastrophe. The title captures this combination of agency, misjudgment and limited awareness. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) Leaders were influenced by wider pressures such as alliances and nationalism, but they were not merely passive victims of uncontrollable forces. Clark's emphasis on governmental decisions means that political actors retained agency in creating the crisis. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The title does not suggest that leaders clearly understood the full consequences of their plans. The metaphor of sleepwalking indicates movement and action accompanied by an inadequate awareness of the destination or cumulative danger. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

45. Correct Answer: (c) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) correctly explains (A).

Reference Lines: "MacGregor explains how each object reveals information about trade, belief, warfare, technology, and social life." "By focusing on physical evidence rather than only written accounts..."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The Reason explains precisely why written accounts are not treated as sufficient on their own: objects disclose additional historical dimensions. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) The passage expressly attributes historical value to objects across the domains named in the Reason. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) MacGregor does not reject texts; he expands the evidentiary base because material evidence can preserve information that written narratives may omit. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

(d) The word "only" shows that written accounts remain valid but are not exhaustive. The Assertion is therefore true. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

46. Correct Answer: (a) Particular subjects gain meaning through the wider systems they disclose.

Reference Lines: "Focusing mainly on the eighteenth century, he describes the decline of the Mughal Empire, regional conflicts, commercial ambitions, and the Company's growing influence." "The book presents the war's beginning as the result of interconnected choices and failures, offering a complex explanation of one of the most destructive conflicts in modern history." "MacGregor explains how each object reveals information about trade, belief, warfare, technology, and social life."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The Company, governmental decisions and individual objects acquire historical importance through the broader political, commercial and social relationships they reveal. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) Dalrymple examines a powerful corporation, but MacGregor also centres ordinary objects. The shared approach cannot therefore be restricted to formally powerful institutions. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) None of the descriptions states that evidence becomes reliable only when several source types produce the same conclusion. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Political conflict is important in the first two books, but MacGregor's work also encompasses belief, technology, trade and everyday social life. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

47. Correct Answer: (d) It reduces dependence on a single national or institutional vantage point.

Reference Line: "Drawing on Indian and British sources, the book presents a detailed account of colonial expansion."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Multiple source traditions do not necessarily reach identical judgments or distribute responsibility equally. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Using British sources alongside Indian ones does not imply that all corporate or British records are unreliable. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) The account explicitly relates Company expansion to Mughal decline, regional conflict and commercial ambition. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Drawing on sources from both the colonising institution's world and the society it affected broadens perspective and limits dependence on one viewpoint. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

48. Correct Answer: (b) Shared causation does not require identical blame or eliminate individual agency.

Reference Lines: "Rather than placing responsibility on a single nation..." "The war's beginning resulted from interconnected choices and failures."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Rejecting one exclusively responsible nation does not make all allocation of responsibility impossible. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Clark rejects exclusive blame but still treats governmental choices and failures as causally significant. Distributed responsibility need not be equal or nonexistent. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) Structural factors form part of the explanation, but leaders' judgments and decisions remain central. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Misunderstanding may explain conduct without automatically excusing it. The passage does not absolve the actors. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

49. Correct Answer: (c) Using a coin's material, circulation and imagery to reconstruct trade and power.

Reference Lines: "These objects include tools, coins, sculptures, religious items, scientific instruments, and everyday materials." "Each object reveals information about trade, belief, warfare, technology, and social life."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) MacGregor broadens the range of evidence rather than simply ranking written sources by authority. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Objects may acquire changing meanings across periods and regions; preservation alone does not establish a fixed interpretation. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Examining the material and social life of a coin to recover economic and political relationships exemplifies the use of an object as historical evidence. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Material evidence supplements written accounts and need not be restricted to societies lacking texts. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

50. Correct Answer: (a) Dalrymple centres a corporation, Clark interacting decisions, and MacGregor material objects.

Reference Lines: "A private corporation used warfare, diplomacy, and financial control to govern large territories." "The war's beginning [was] the result of interconnected choices and failures." "Neil MacGregor explores human history through one hundred objects..."

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Each work has a different organising unit: corporate transformation, interacting governmental choices, and material artefacts, while still connecting that unit to wider systems. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) Dalrymple examines corporate agency, Clark combines structures with decisions, and MacGregor supplements rather than rejects written evidence. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) None of the works claims that one source type is sufficient for all historical explanations. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) MacGregor's objects include everyday materials, while Dalrymple and Clark also analyse commercial, social and psychological dimensions beyond formal institutions. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

Section B: Current Affairs including General Knowledge

51. Correct Answer: (b) 15 years 118 days; Zimbabwe

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi set the record at the age of 15 years and 118 days. He achieved the milestone against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club. He reached his half-century in 18 balls and was eventually dismissed for 50 from 19 deliveries. He surpassed the previous age record held by Gibraltar's Louis Bruce. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

52. Correct Answer: (c) Mahanadi – Sihawa Hills

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The Mahanadi originates in the Sihawa Hills in present-day Chhattisgarh before flowing through Odisha into the Bay of Bengal. The Godavari rises near Trimbakeshwar in Maharashtra. The Krishna originates near Mahabaleshwar, while the Narmada rises from the Amarkantak Plateau. Therefore, only the Mahanadi–Sihawa Hills pair is correctly matched. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

53. Correct Answer: (c) Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: Maharashtra approved the AI-enabled centre at the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary near Mumbai's Bhandup Pumping Station. It forms part of a ₹45-crore Eco-Nature Park project. The system will identify bird species, monitor migration and maintain digital biodiversity records. The sanctuary itself was notified in 2015, while the AI-based facility is the new component. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

54. Correct Answer: (d) Promotion of Regenerative Agriculture through Gender-inclusive Agri-entrepreneurship, Rural Transformation and Positive Impact

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: PRAGATI stands for Promotion of Regenerative Agriculture through Gender-inclusive Agri-entrepreneurship, Rural Transformation and Positive Impact. Launched in July 2026, the initiative seeks to establish a nationwide network of 20,000 additional agri-entrepreneurs. It is expected to benefit approximately 20 lakh smallholder farmers by promoting regenerative and climate-resilient agriculture. Village-level entrepreneurs will provide services such as agricultural advisory, soil-health support, mechanisation, credit linkages and market access. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

55. Correct Answer: (a) Meri Panchayat

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: DAANVEER enables voluntary contributions of computer equipment to eligible Gram Panchayats through the Meri Panchayat application. The application is integrated with the DigiHaat marketplace for selecting standardised and approved computer bundles. Contributors can track dispatch, delivery and installation digitally. The initiative was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with NIC and DigiHaat. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

56. Correct Answer: (c) Only I and II

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The Gujral Doctrine advocated non-reciprocity by India in its relations with smaller neighbours such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. It also stated that no South Asian country should allow its territory to be used against another country. The doctrine favoured bilateral and peaceful settlement of disputes rather than mandatory international arbitration. Therefore, Statements I and II are correct. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

57. Correct Answer: (d) All I, II and III

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: The North Eastern Council was established as a statutory regional body under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971. Sikkim was brought within the Council's regional coverage through the 2002 amendment. In 2018, the Union Home Minister was designated as its ex-officio Chairman. The Council supports regional planning, inter-State projects and coordinated development in the North-East. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

58. Correct Answer: (c) Geneva

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: Geneva will host the 2027 Global AI Summit at the Palexpo convention centre. The summit will take place alongside the International Telecommunication Union's AI for Good Global Summit. Earlier editions of the summit series were organised at Bletchley Park, Seoul, Paris and New Delhi. Its agenda will focus on inclusive, safe and trustworthy artificial intelligence. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

59. Correct Answer: (b) Seventh of eight vessels constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The approximately 78-metre vessel uses waterjet propulsion and can attain a speed of about 25 knots. The vessel is intended for coastal anti-submarine operations, subsurface surveillance and low-intensity maritime missions. It has a displacement of approximately 900 tonnes and can achieve a speed of about 25 knots. Its name honours the historic port city of Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

60. Correct Answer: (c) The Trusteeship Council was abolished through an amendment to the United Nations Charter.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The Trusteeship Council has not been formally abolished through an amendment to the UN Charter. It suspended its operations in 1994 after Palau, the last remaining trust territory, attained independence. It continues to exist as one of the six principal organs of the United Nations. The ICJ has fifteen judges, while ECOSOC has fifty-four elected members. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

61. Correct Answer: (a) Bamako - "Reinforcing Trade and Strategic Partnerships"

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The inaugural export-promotion forum was organised in Bamako, the capital of Mali. Its theme was "Reinforcing Trade and Strategic Partnerships." The event focused on textiles, mining, energy, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, health and education. India-Mali bilateral trade exceeded US\$326 million during 2025-26. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

62. Correct Answer: (c) A-i; B-ii; C-iii; D-iv

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: Wangala is a harvest festival celebrated by the Garo community, principally in Meghalaya. Mopin is associated with the Galo community of Arunachal Pradesh. Sekrenyi is an important purification festival of the Angami Nagas, while Lai Haraoba is a traditional religious festival of the Meitei community of Manipur. Therefore, all four pairs in Option (c) are correctly matched. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

63. Correct Answer: (d) K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: In K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India, a nine-judge Supreme Court Bench unanimously recognised privacy as a fundamental right. The Court held that privacy forms part of liberty and dignity protected under Part III of the Constitution. It is principally connected with Articles 14, 19 and 21. The ruling forms the constitutional foundation for informational privacy and has influenced subsequent judicial consideration of right-to-be-forgotten claims. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

64. Correct Answer: (b) Chavundaraya

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The Gommateshwara statue at Shravanabelagola was commissioned by Chavundaraya, a minister and military commander under the Western Ganga dynasty. It was completed around 981 CE and represents Bahubali, an important figure in Jain tradition. The statue is carved from a single block of granite and is one of the world's tallest monolithic statues. The Mahamastakabhisheka ceremony is periodically performed at the site. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

65. Correct Answer: (c) Ken basin to the Betwa basin

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The Ken-Betwa Link Project seeks to transfer water from the Ken River basin to the Betwa River basin. The principal infrastructure includes the proposed Daudhan Dam and a connecting canal. The project covers parts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in the Bundelkhand region. It has also generated debate concerning displacement, compensation, forests and wildlife habitats. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

66. Correct Answer: (b) Article 124(3)(b)

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: Article 124(3)(b) permits the appointment of a person who has been an advocate of one or more High Courts for at least ten years. This provision enables eligible advocates to be elevated from the Bar to the Supreme Court. The Constitution also permits the appointment of qualifying High Court judges and distinguished jurists. Article 217 separately deals with the appointment and qualifications of High Court judges. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

67. Correct Answer: (a) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit became the first woman President of the United Nations General Assembly in 1953. She presided over the eighth session of the General Assembly. She had previously represented India diplomatically in countries including the Soviet Union, the United States and the United Kingdom. Her election was also an important milestone for India's early role in multilateral diplomacy. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

68. Correct Answer: (d) K.D. Jadhav

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav won a bronze medal in freestyle wrestling at the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games. He became the first athlete representing independent India to win an individual Olympic medal. Norman Pritchard won medals at the 1900 Paris Olympics while India was under British rule. Leander Paes won a bronze medal in tennis much later at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

69. Correct Answer: (c) Jannik Sinner and Linda Noskova

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: Jannik Sinner retained the gentlemen's singles title by defeating Alexander Zverev. Linda Noskova won the ladies' singles title by defeating Karolina Muchova in an all-Czech final. The victory was Noskova's first Grand Slam singles championship. The Wimbledon tournament was conducted on outdoor grass courts at the All-England Club. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

70. Correct Answer: (d) Punjab Kesari - Lala Hardayal

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: The epithet Punjab Kesari is associated with Lala Lajpat Rai, not Lala Hardayal. Chittaranjan Das was popularly known as Deshbandhu for his contribution to the national movement. Gopal Hari Deshmukh wrote under the name Lokhitwadi and advocated social reform. Tanguturi Prakasam, a prominent freedom fighter and former Chief Minister, was called Andhra Kesari. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

71. Correct Answer: (a) Best Actress - Yami Gautam for Article 370

Explanation: Yami Gautam received the Best Actress in a Leading Role award for Article 370. The film also won the Best Feature Film award. Rajkumar Periasamy received Best Direction for the Tamil film Amaran, while Kalki 2898 AD won the award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment. Therefore, only the pair given in Option (a) is correctly matched. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

72. Correct Answer: (b) CRR - Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934; SLR - Banking Regulation Act, 1949

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: The Cash Reserve Ratio for scheduled banks is governed primarily by Section 42 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The Statutory Liquidity Ratio is prescribed under Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. CRR is maintained with the Reserve Bank of India, while SLR is maintained by banks themselves in specified liquid assets. The two requirements therefore have different statutory foundations. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

73. Correct Answer: (d) 90:10 between the Centre and the State

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The VB-G RAM G Act replaced the earlier rural employment framework with a centrally sponsored structure. The Centre and most States share expenditure in the ratio of 60:40. For North-Eastern and Himalayan States, the more favourable funding pattern is 90:10. The Act also raises the guaranteed employment entitlement from 100 to 125 days for eligible rural households. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

74. Correct Answer: (c) 94th position with a score of 68.3

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: India ranked 94th among 169 countries in the Sustainable Development Report 2026. Its SDG Index score was recorded at 68.3, representing the country's highest position in the index. Finland topped the ranking, followed by Sweden and Denmark. The report also noted that only about 16% of global SDG targets were projected to be achieved by 2030. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

75. Correct Answer: (d) A-i; B-ii; C-iii; D-iv

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: C.V. Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for the discovery of the Raman Effect. Har Gobind Khorana shared the 1968 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for research concerning the genetic code and protein synthesis. Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar received the 1983 Nobel Prize in Physics for his theoretical studies of stellar evolution. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan shared the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for studies on the structure and function of ribosomes. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

76. Correct Answer: (c) India–Malaysia–Singapore; NEC Corporation

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: The I-2SEA submarine cable will connect India with Malaysia and Singapore. NEC Corporation has been appointed as the system supplier for the approximately 3,600-kilometre cable. The consortium includes Lightstorm, Microsoft, Singtel and Tata Communications. Indian landing points include Machilipatnam and a new landing location in South Chennai. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

77. Correct Answer: (b) Unified Complex Radio Antenna

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Explanation: UNICORN stands for Unified Complex Radio Antenna. It integrates multiple communication antennas into a single mast structure fitted on naval vessels. The arrangement reduces exposed antenna structures and helps lower the radar signature of warships. Bharat Electronics Limited is involved in the Indian component of the co-development project with Japan. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

78. Correct Answer: (c) Bangladesh

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: The Mekong-Ganga Cooperation comprises India, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. It was established in 2000 through the Vientiane Declaration. Its cooperation primarily covers tourism, culture, education, transport and communication. Bangladesh is part of several regional arrangements involving India but is not a member of the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

79. Correct Answer: (d) India-125th; Sweden-first

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation: India was placed 125th in the Global Passport Index 2026. Sweden secured the first position, while several European countries dominated the top rankings. The index evaluates passports using mobility, investment and quality-of-life indicators. It differs from the Henley Passport Index, which focuses mainly on visa-free and visa-on-arrival access. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

80. Correct Answer: (b) Joint Protocol on Lunar Mineral Extraction

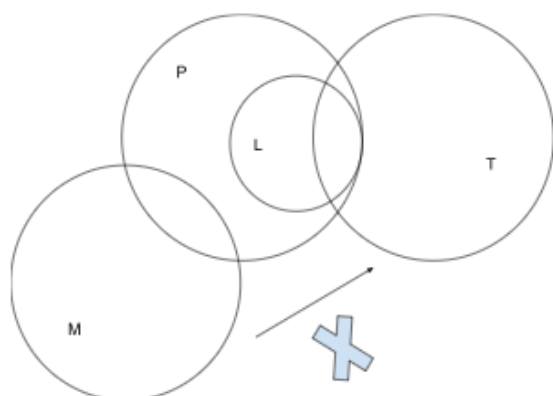
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Explanation: The 16th India-Japan Annual Summit produced important documents relating to economic security, artificial intelligence and energy resilience. Cooperation covered semiconductors, critical minerals, clean energy, strategic reserves and advanced technology. The summit also reviewed defence collaboration involving the UNICORN mast system. No joint protocol concerning lunar mineral extraction was announced as an outcome of the summit. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

Section C: Logical Reasoning

81. Correct Answer: (c) Both I and III follow

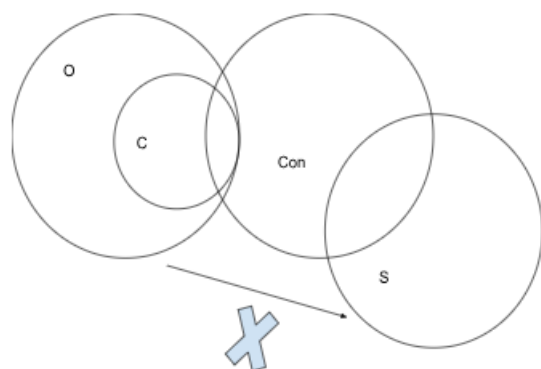
Explanation:



Some Pattern Analysts are Musicians, and no Musician is Taciturn. Therefore, some Pattern Analysts are not Taciturn. Some Linguists are Taciturn, and those Linguists cannot be Musicians. Other Linguists may still be Musicians, so Conclusion II does not follow.

82. Correct Answer: (a) Both I and II follow

Explanation:



Some Conservators are Sculptors, and no Sculptor is Impatient. Since every Curator is Impatient, those Conservators cannot be Curators. Some Conservators are Curators and therefore cannot be Sculptors. Conclusion III is false because some Conservators are Impatient.

83. Correct Answer: (d) Early Photograph

Explanation:

An incunabulum is a book produced during the earliest period of European printing. A daguerreotype is an image produced through one of the earliest photographic processes. Therefore, Early Photograph completes the analogy.

84. Correct Answer: (b) Area

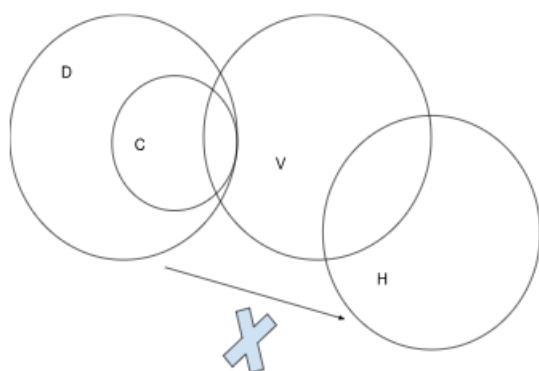
Explanation: A hydrometer measures the relative density of a liquid. A planimeter measures the area of a plane figure. Therefore, Area completes the analogy.

85. Correct Answer: (c) 246

Explanation: The differences are multiplied by 3 successively: 2, 6, 18 and 54. The next difference is 162. Therefore, the required term is $84 + 162 = 246$.

86. Correct Answer: (d) Only I, III and IV follow

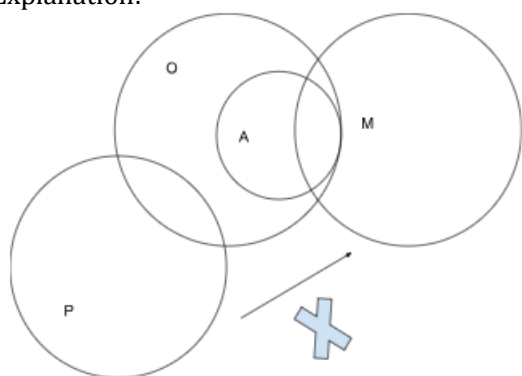
Explanation:



Ira is Hasty, whereas no Detail-oriented person is Hasty. Since every Conservator is Detail-oriented, Ira cannot be a Conservator or Detail-oriented. Some Volunteers are Conservators and are therefore not Hasty. Conclusion IV is expressly stated.

87. Correct Answer: (b) Both I and II follow

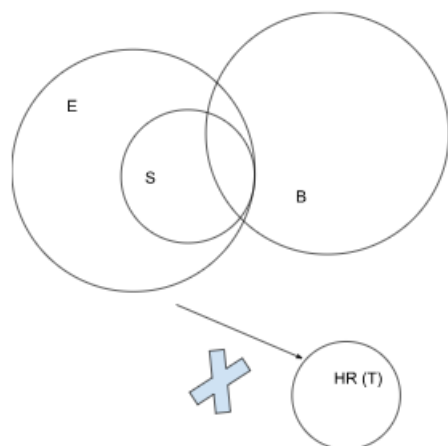
Explanation:



Some Astronomers are Methodical, and every Astronomer is an Observer. Therefore, some Observers are Methodical. No Poet is Methodical, so those Methodical Astronomers cannot be Poets. Conclusion III is contradicted by the statement that some Observers are Poets.

88. Correct Answer: (a) Both I and II follow

Explanation:



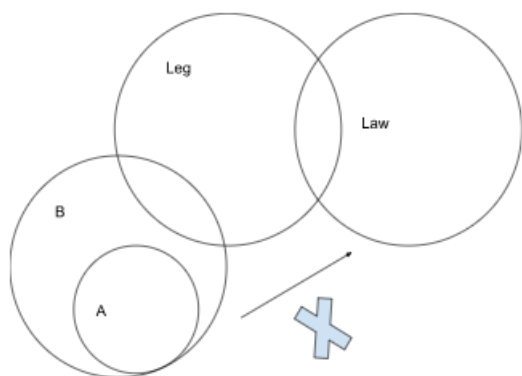
Every Security Token is Encoded, and no Encoded Item is Human-readable. Since Token T is Human-readable, it cannot be a Security Token. Some Backup Keys are Security Tokens and are consequently not Human-readable. The premises concern only some Backup Keys, so Conclusion III does not follow.

89. Correct Answer: (c) Twelve Sides

Explanation: A quatrain is composed of four lines. A dodecagon is a polygon composed of twelve sides. Therefore, Twelve Sides completes the analogy.

90. Correct Answer: (d) Both I and III follow

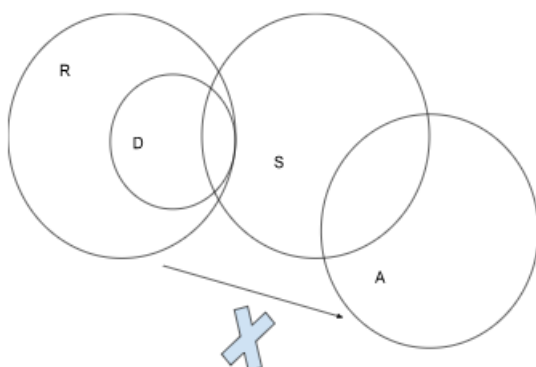
Explanation:



Some Legislators are Lawyers, and no Lawyer is Apolitical. Therefore, some Legislators are not Apolitical. Some Bureaucrats are expressly stated to be Legislators, so Conclusion III follows. No premise establishes whether those Bureaucrats are Lawyers.

91. Correct Answer: (b) Both I and II follow

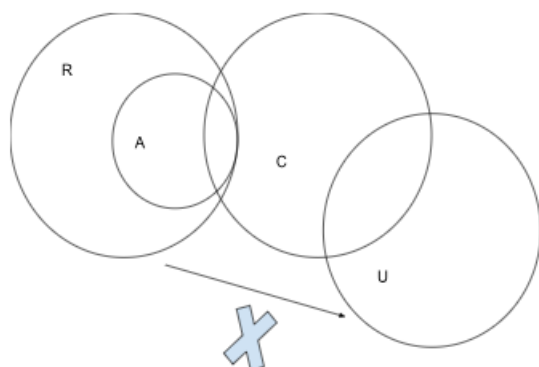
Explanation:



Some Survey Devices are Drones, and every Drone is Remotely Operated. Since no Remotely Operated Machine is Autonomous, some Survey Devices are not Autonomous. The Autonomous Survey Devices cannot be Drones. Conclusion III is false because some Survey Devices are Remotely Operated.

92. Correct Answer: (a) Only I, III and IV follow

Explanation:



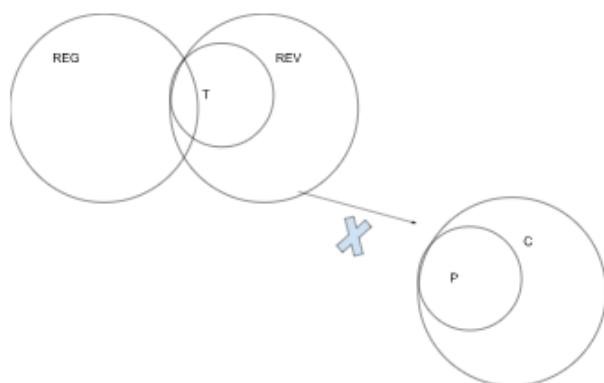
Nikhil is Untrained, whereas no Researcher is Untrained. Therefore, Nikhil cannot be a Researcher or Archaeologist. Some Curators are Archaeologists and therefore Researchers who are not Untrained. The same relationship establishes that some Researchers are Curators.

93. Correct Answer: (c) HS

Explanation: The first letters move backwards by 3, 4, 5 and 6 positions: Z, W, S, N and H. The second letters advance by 3, 4, 5 and 6 positions: A, D, H, M and S. Therefore, the missing group is HS.

94. Correct Answer: (d) Both I and II follow

Explanation:



Some Regulations are Temporary, every Temporary Regulation is Reviewable and no Reviewable Instrument is Permanent. Therefore, some Regulations are not Permanent. Constitutional Provisions are Permanent and consequently cannot be Temporary Regulations. Conclusion III is unsupported.

95. Correct Answer: (b) 252

Explanation: The next term is $6^3 + 6^2 = 216 + 36 = 252$.

96. Correct Answer: (a) 275

Explanation: Each term is multiplied by 3, after which consecutive powers of 2 are subtracted: 1, 2, 4, 8 and 16. Therefore, the next term is $97 \times 3 - 16 = 275$.

97. Correct Answer: (d) L47

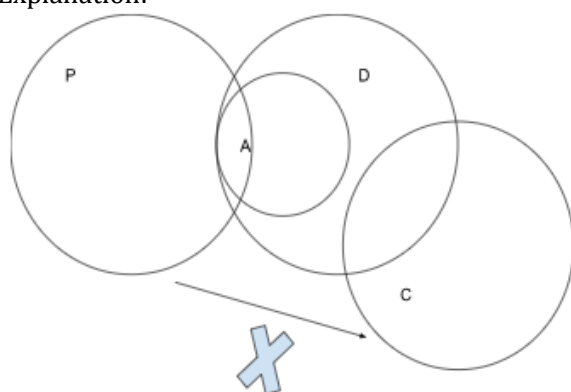
Explanation: The alphabetic position of each letter is doubled cyclically: D(4), H(8), P(16), F(32-26) and L(12). The numbers follow $\times 2 + 1$: 2, 5, 11, 23 and 47. Therefore, L47 is the missing term.

98. Correct Answer: (c) Both I and II follow

Explanation: Some Access Credentials are Public and all Access Credentials are Digital Objects. Since no Cryptographic Key is Public, those Public Digital Objects cannot be Cryptographic Keys. Some Digital Objects are Cryptographic Keys and are therefore not Public. Conclusion III does not cover every Access Credential.

99. Correct Answer: (b) Both I and II follow

Explanation:



Some Non-fiction Works are Controversial, and no Controversial Work is Unreviewed. Therefore, some Non-fiction Works are not Unreviewed. The Unreviewed Biographies cannot be Controversial. Other Biographies may still be Controversial, so Conclusion III does not follow.

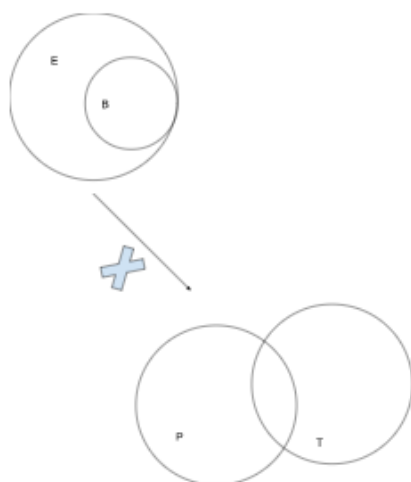
100. Correct Answer: (a) Criminal Law, Human Rights, Intellectual Property, Public International Law, Civil Procedure, Company Law

Explanation: Intellectual Property is third. Public International Law is later than Human Rights and immediately precedes Civil Procedure. Criminal Law is before Human Rights, Company Law is not adjacent to Intellectual Property,

and exactly two examinations lie between Human Rights and Civil Procedure. Hence, Option (a) satisfies every condition.

101. Correct Answer: (d) All I, II and III follow

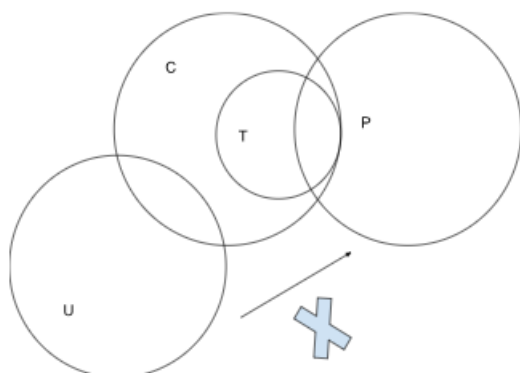
Explanation:



Every Biodegradable Material is Eco-friendly, and no Eco-friendly Material is Toxic. Therefore, no Biodegradable Material is Toxic. Packaging Materials that are not Eco-friendly cannot be Biodegradable. The Toxic Packaging Materials also cannot be Biodegradable. Hence, all three conclusions follow.

102. Correct Answer: (c) Both I and III follow

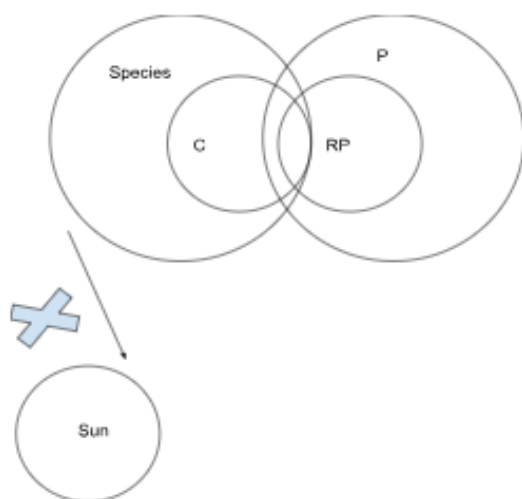
Explanation:



Some Teachers are Philosophers, no Philosopher is Unreflective, and every Teacher is a Communicator. Therefore, some Communicators are not Unreflective and some Philosophers are Communicators. The Unreflective Communicators may still be Teachers who are not Philosophers.

103. Correct Answer: (b) All I, II and III follow

Explanation:



Some Rare Plants are Cave Orchids, every Cave Orchid is Subterranean, and no Subterranean Species requires Sunlight. All Rare Plants are Protected. Therefore, some Protected Plants do not require Sunlight, no Cave Orchid requires Sunlight, and some Subterranean Species are Protected.

104. Correct Answer: (a) H1

Explanation: The letters move backwards by 3, 4, 5 and 6 positions: Z, W, S, N and H. The numbers are successively divided by 3: 81, 27, 9, 3 and 1. Therefore, the missing term is H1.

105. Correct Answer: (c) JDIQSF

Explanation: The letters in each adjacent pair are interchanged, after which every letter moves one position forward. CIPHER becomes ICHPRE after interchanging the pairs. Moving each letter forward gives JDIQSF.

106. Correct Answer: (d) O8L

Explanation: The first letters advance by 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions. The numbers decrease by 3, 4, 5 and 6. The final letters move backwards by 2, 3, 4 and 5 positions. Therefore, O8L is the missing term.

107. Correct Answer: (b) NGEADR

Explanation: The letters are arranged in the order last, first, second-last, second, third-last and third. Applying this arrangement to GARDEN gives NGEADR.

108. Correct Answer: (a) Y162

Explanation: The letters occupy consecutive square-numbered positions: 1, 4, 9, 16 and 25. The numbers are multiplied successively by 3. Therefore, the missing term is Y162.

109. Correct Answer: (c) Papyri

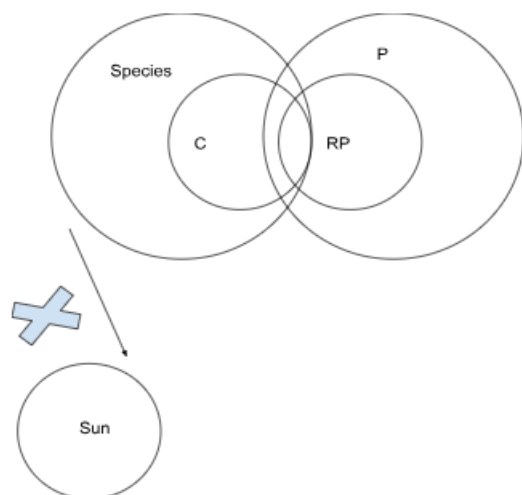
Explanation: Dendrochronology studies events through Tree Rings. Papyrology is the study of ancient texts written on Papyri. Therefore, Papyri completes the analogy.

110. Correct Answer: (d) 4626

Explanation: Each term is multiplied by the next integer, and the square of that integer is added. Therefore, the next term is $765 \times 6 + 6^2 = 4590 + 36 = 4626$.

111. Correct Answer: (b) Both I and II follow

Explanation:



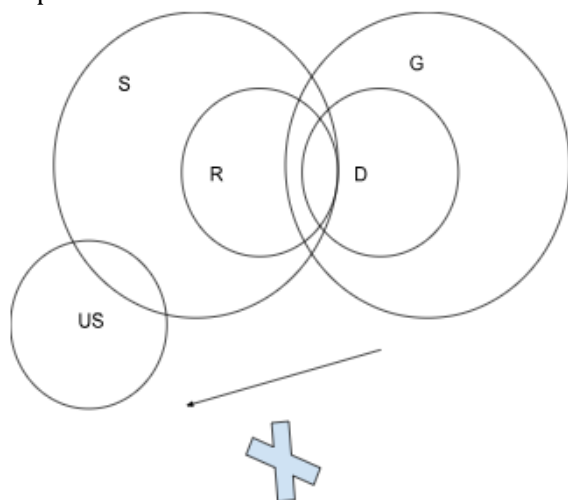
Some Reformers are Constitutionalists, all Constitutionalists are Institutionalists and no Institutionalist is an Anarchist. Therefore, some Reformers are not Anarchists. Reformers who are not Institutionalists cannot be Constitutionalists. Conclusion III does not cover every Reformer.

112. Correct Answer: (a) Paternal uncle

Explanation: D is the sister of C, and E is their father. F is another son of E and is therefore C's brother. Since G is F's daughter, C is the Paternal Uncle of G.

113. Correct Answer: (c) Both I and II follow

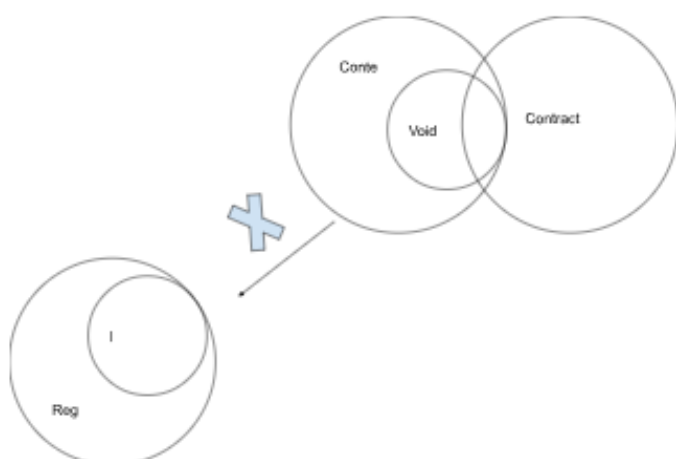
Explanation:



Some Renewable Sources are Decentralized, every Decentralized System is Grid-compatible and all Renewable Sources are Sustainable. Therefore, some Sustainable Systems are Grid-compatible. Some Sustainable Systems are Unstable and therefore not Grid-compatible. Conclusion III does not cover every Renewable Source.

114. Correct Answer: (d) Both I and II follow

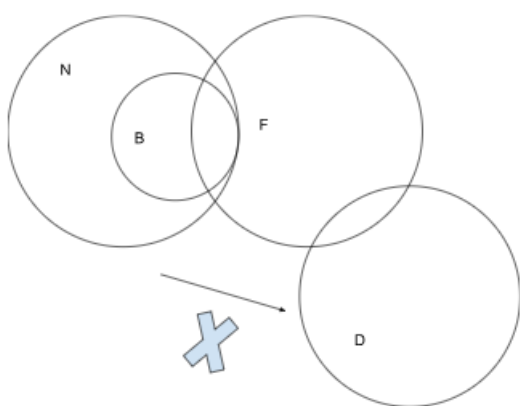
Explanation:



Some Contracts are Voidable, every Voidable Contract is Contestable and no Contestable Contract is Irrevocable. Therefore, some Contracts are not Irrevocable. Registered Contracts are Irrevocable and consequently cannot be Voidable. The existence of a Registered Contract is not established, so Conclusion III does not follow.

115. Correct Answer: (a) Both I and II follow

Explanation:



Some Folk Songs are Ballads, every Ballad is a Narrative Poem and no Narrative Poem is Dramatic. Therefore, some Folk Songs are not Dramatic. The Dramatic Folk Songs cannot be Ballads. Conclusion III is false because some Folk Songs are Narrative Poems.

116. Correct Answer: (b) Earth

Explanation: Perihelion is the point in an orbit nearest to the Sun. Perigee is the point in an Earth-centred orbit nearest to the Earth. Therefore, Earth completes the analogy.

117. Correct Answer: (c) Gardener

Explanation: A spindle is a tool traditionally used by a Spinner. A dibble is a pointed gardening tool used by a Gardener. Therefore, Gardener completes the analogy.

118. Correct Answer: (d) Arthropod

Explanation: A carapace is a hard protective covering associated with a Tortoise. An exoskeleton is the external supporting and protective structure characteristic of an Arthropod. Therefore, Arthropod completes the analogy.

119. Correct Answer: (c) Pre-existing persistence among summary users was not sufficient by itself to account for the completion difference.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The claim concerns persistence caused by summaries, not replacement of the audio. A summary may help even when it is incomplete and cannot stand alone. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Playback speed could affect completion time without explaining whether summaries sustained engagement. The causal conclusion does not require identical use of every other platform feature. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Users who choose summaries may already be unusually motivated to finish difficult episodes. Unless that selection effect is insufficient, the observed association cannot support the analysts' mechanism. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

(d) Outside aids could be used by non-summary listeners without preventing summaries from helping their users. The argument need not assume complete informational isolation between the groups. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

120. Correct Answer: (b) A significant share of current non-composting in the proposed municipalities results from inconvenience that doorstep collection can reduce.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Different quantities and seasonal patterns can coexist with a similar behavioural response to convenience. The predicted increase concerns the proportion composted rather than identical waste profiles. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) The policy can transfer only if collection inconvenience presently prevents meaningful participation. If non-composting is driven by barriers untouched by doorstep service, the earlier result need not recur. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) Cost affects feasibility and efficiency, not whether easier collection changes household behaviour. A relatively expensive service could still raise the composting rate. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Convenience may influence residents even when their prior environmental concern is weaker. Equal or stronger attitudes are therefore not required for the predicted effect. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

121. Correct Answer: (a) The later contracts and evaluation process did not make the recorded identification rate materially easier to achieve than before adoption.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) An unchanged rate is informative only if the later task and measurement remain comparably demanding. Easier contracts or a less sensitive evaluation could conceal a real decline in identification quality. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) Review time may change because of efficiency, training or verification without changing identification quality. Equal time is not required for the percentage comparison to support the conclusion. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Proportions can be compared across different sample sizes and staffing levels when the samples are reliable. Numerical equality in volume and personnel is therefore unnecessary. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The conclusion concerns correct identification rather than the downstream severity of each possible omission. Equal commercial consequences across clauses are stronger than the argument requires. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

122. Correct Answer: (d) Sustained certification generally reflects continuing safety practices that are likely to persist beyond individual audit dates.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Tender completeness concerns administrative compliance rather than future operational safety. The authority's stated predictive inference does not depend on document quality. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) The supplier's cost of producing evidence does not establish future compliance with safety standards. Certification could be expensive and still possess predictive value. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Certification may lower expected risk without guaranteeing perfect future conduct. The authority can prefer certified firms while continuing ordinary monitoring. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The authority treats a historical record as evidence about future behaviour. That practice requires certification to reflect durable safety systems rather than temporary audit preparation. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

123. Correct Answer: (b) Many consultants assigned value to reducing variation in the amount of income received from month to month.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) A preference for stability does not require certainty that future project supply will decline. Consultants may dislike variable income even when expected market demand is unchanged. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Expected value, workload and average delay are held constant between the arrangements. The remaining relevant difference is the month-to-month variability removed by the guaranteed retainer. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) The survey does not compare different clients or ask respondents to trade client identity against pay. This inference introduces a factor absent from the evidence. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Equal expected annual value does not imply a belief that one arrangement guarantees higher lifetime earnings. The preference can arise from reduced volatility without any expectation of a larger total. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

124. Correct Answer: (c) Any reduction in the number of trucks was too small to account for the queue reduction attributed to redistributed arrivals.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) A compulsory or unpopular system can still spread arrivals and reduce simultaneous congestion. Driver preference is therefore not required for the proposed mechanism. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Appointment data may allow faster preparation or inspection and thereby contribute to the result. The officials need not assume processing time was exactly constant. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The conclusion expressly excludes lower freight activity as the main explanation. It therefore requires any volume decline to be insufficient to explain the observed reduction in queues. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Changes in truck or cargo mix may influence queues but need not be completely absent. The claim can survive such changes if they do not account for the decline. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

125. Correct Answer: (a) After adjustment for passenger volume, treated stations with larger measured visibility gains showed larger fall reductions, while matched untreated stations changed little.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The evidence combines a matched control comparison with a dose-response pattern in visibility improvement. Both features isolate the proposed mechanism more effectively than a simple before-and-after decline. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) Perceived safety and modern appearance may change without affecting actual fall risk. Self-reported impressions therefore provide weaker causal evidence than measured outcomes. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) System-wide announcements create an alternative cause operating during the same period. They do not distinguish the effect of illuminated markings from other safety measures. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) A similar decline without the intervention suggests that a broader external factor may be responsible. This comparison weakens rather than supports the specific causal attribution. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

126. Correct Answer: (d) Changes in case composition, procedural rules or settlement incentives did not independently explain most of the increase.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Supervised staff may help parties understand claims, documents or mediation without providing representation. Universal involvement of a practising advocate is not required for the desks to affect settlements. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) A settlement proportion can increase when the absolute number of filed disputes changes. Equal filing volume is therefore not logically necessary to the causal claim. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Unequal intensity across neighbourhoods may alter the size of the effect without eliminating it. Identical desk-hours are stronger than the principal-cause conclusion requires. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) The officials attribute most of the increase to the expanded desks. If other contemporaneous changes explain most of it, that principal-cause conclusion would fail. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

127. Correct Answer: (b) Once comparable repairability scores are disclosed, ensuring access to parts, software and guidance adds little to effective repair policy.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The passage expressly allows information to affect consumer choice without guaranteeing actual repair. This conclusion preserves the distinction between disclosure and practical repair access. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The passage states that disclosure alone is insufficient and identifies several additional access requirements. This option treats those complementary resources as largely unnecessary and reverses the central claim. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) Restricted diagnostic software is specifically identified as a barrier to effective servicing. Physical accessibility therefore need not amount to practical repairability. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Manufacturers may retain control over parts, tools, software and service information after purchase. The passage supports policy attention to those post-sale constraints. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

128. Correct Answer: (c) Transparency can improve ex ante choice without ensuring ex post repair unless complementary access barriers are addressed.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The passage treats repairability information as potentially useful even though it is insufficient by itself. It does not condition all informational value on universal independent repairability. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Parts are one element among tools, software, manuals and other practical resources. The passage does not identify any one of them as sufficient in isolation. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The passage distinguishes information available before purchase from resources required to complete a repair later. Its reasoning therefore supports a combined policy rather than disclosure alone. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Access requirements do not entail complete transfer of ownership or control over design technology. This conclusion goes substantially beyond the policy described. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

129. Correct Answer: (d) The director repeatedly funded the partner's lower-ranked proposals by applying an unpublished criterion not used for similarly placed applicants.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Success before unrelated funders may indicate genuine merit independent of the director's relationship. It does not connect the private partnership with the disputed decisions. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) A transparent and authorised departure from rankings may provide a legitimate explanation for selection. This fact would weaken rather than strengthen the allegation of improper favour. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Close scores make either proposal comparatively defensible on permissible qualitative grounds. The evidence provides only limited support for relationship-based preference. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Repeated ranking departures combined with a selectively applied unpublished criterion indicate unequal treatment. The pattern closely links the personal business relationship with deviations from the ordinary process. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

130. Correct Answer: (a) In a phased random allocation, villages given well-managed bank access recovered crop diversity and output faster after drought than comparable villages awaiting access.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Random allocation reduces selection bias between villages receiving early and delayed access. Improved post-drought recovery directly tests the preservation and resilience benefits claimed by supporters. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) Pre-existing commitment may explain both participation and continued preservation outside the banks. This selection difference does not establish that the institutions caused the claimed benefits. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Large collections are of limited practical value when seed viability cannot be established. The evidence reinforces a weakness identified by critics rather than the supporters' case. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Cultural and commercial interest may be valuable but does not establish viable conservation or shock recovery. The evidence is peripheral to the central agricultural claims. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

131. Correct Answer: (c) After prior farm resources were controlled, the apparent recovery advantage disappeared, and viability tests failed for many stored varieties.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The supporters claim diversity preservation and recovery after shocks rather than higher ordinary-season yields. Cultural value may also remain even when routine output is unchanged. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Public funding raises a sustainability issue but does not show that properly maintained banks lack benefits. Continued support can coexist with effective preservation and distribution. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Controlling prior resources removes the apparent causal recovery advantage. Non-viable stored varieties also undermine the banks' basic preservation and distribution function. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.

(d) Informal exchange provides an additional channel but does not show that organised banks are ineffective. The two mechanisms can complement one another. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

132. Correct Answer: (b) Emissions from electricity generation, refrigerant leakage and operation will remain below the gas emissions avoided by replacement.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The replacement system must meet required heating needs but need not outperform the boilers in every extreme period. Greater heating capacity is not necessary to the emissions objective. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) The proposal concerns net greenhouse-gas reduction across the replacement system. If electricity and refrigerant effects offset avoided gas emissions, the stated objective would not follow. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) Occupancy may change without eliminating the possibility of lower total heating emissions. Exact equality in building-use hours is unnecessarily restrictive. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) The university may rationally accept higher cost to achieve an environmental objective. Financial superiority is therefore not assumed by the emissions claim. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

133. Correct Answer: (d) After all equipment, data and verification costs were included, expenditure increased and confirmed-detection rates did not improve.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) A preference in limited settings does not establish that the system fails overall. Drones could still lower total cost and improve detection across the wider programme. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) Absorbing most savings weakens the size of the cost benefit but leaves some benefit possible. The statement also does not challenge improved detection. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Ground confirmation may be an efficient second stage after broad aerial screening. It does not show that early detection or total monitoring efficiency failed to improve. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Higher full costs defeat the claimed financial advantage. Unchanged confirmed-detection rates simultaneously defeat the asserted improvement in disease detection. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

134. Correct Answer: (a) At least some delivered loans were additional transactions rather than substitutions for loans the same readers would otherwise have collected.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) If every delivered item would otherwise have been borrowed in person, total borrowing did not increase. The claimed mechanism therefore requires at least some net additional transactions caused by reduced travel barriers. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) Readers may prefer branch visits when feasible yet use delivery when mobility makes travel difficult. Universal preference is not necessary for the service to create additional borrowing. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Administrative processing time concerns efficiency rather than whether travel barriers suppress demand. A slower service could still increase total borrowing. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Targeted eligibility may be sufficient because the stated barrier affects a particular group. Universal access is not required for the programme to increase borrowing. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

135. Correct Answer: (c) During matched storms, treated streets with unchanged drainage infrastructure produced larger infiltration gains and less runoff than comparable untreated streets.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Maintenance requirements affect cost and durability rather than the immediate hydrological effect. They do not establish that the surfaces reduce runoff during storms. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Aesthetic approval may improve public acceptance without changing water infiltration. The evidence is unrelated to the claimed physical mechanism. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Matched storms and unchanged drainage reduce important alternative explanations. The simultaneous rise in infiltration and fall in runoff directly supports the proposed surface mechanism. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Expanded underground drainage can independently reduce visible runoff. The simultaneous intervention prevents the pavement effect from being isolated. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

136. Correct Answer: (b) Worn fingerprints will produce disproportionate false rejection, and available fallback procedures will not reliably restore access.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Filing frequency affects exposure to the system but not whether authentication prevents completion. A frequent filing group could still access the kiosks successfully. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The prediction requires both a meaningful biometric failure rate and an inadequate alternative route. If fallback verification reliably corrected false rejection, access need not decline. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) Longer processing creates inconvenience but does not necessarily prevent a filing from being submitted. Reduced access requires a stronger barrier than additional time alone. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Terminological familiarity is separate from the fingerprint-based exclusion identified by the critics. This factor does not support the claimed biometric mechanism. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

137. Correct Answer: (a) High-consumption employees were assigned more demanding shifts, and shift demand independently raised both energy-drink use and anxiety.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Demanding shifts provide a common cause of both greater consumption and greater anxiety. This confound can generate the observed association even if the drinks are not the principal cause. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.
- (b) The within-person temporal pattern reduces the shift-demand explanation for those employees. It therefore strengthens rather than weakens the proposed causal relationship. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Controlling several plausible confounders makes those factors less able to explain the association. The evidence does not undermine the causal claim. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) A stimulant mechanism makes a causal effect biologically plausible. It therefore supports rather than weakens the researchers' conclusion. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

138. Correct Answer: (d) The deposit will be sufficiently salient to alter the behaviour of a meaningful number of borrowers who might otherwise return devices late or not at all.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Different device values and loan periods can coexist with a meaningful refundable incentive. Exact institutional equivalence is not required for behavioural transfer. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The recommendation concerns reduced loss and delay rather than profitability for every marginal recovery. Some administrative cost may be accepted while the policy still succeeds. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Equity arrangements may affect implementation but need not preserve incentives identically for every borrower. This universal waiver condition is stronger than the recommendation requires. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) Success elsewhere is relevant only if borrowers at the new university respond to the refundable stake. Without a meaningful behavioural effect, adoption would not be expected to reduce losses or delays. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

139. Correct Answer: (c) Treated and comparison districts had parallel pre-policy employment trends, and no differential rise in evening-job vacancies occurred when the routes began.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) New training centres could independently increase women's employment in treated districts. The contemporaneous intervention creates rather than removes an alternative explanation. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Some private commuting does not show whether the new routes enabled employment for other women. This fact contributes little to the causal comparison. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Parallel prior trends support the comparison districts as a credible counterfactual. The absence of a differential vacancy shock further isolates transport access as the source of divergence. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Pre-existing growth in evening-service demand could itself increase employment after the routes appeared. This evidence supplies an alternative cause and weakens the transport inference. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

140. Correct Answer: (b) Accountability requires system-level transparency together with decision-level explanation, independent scrutiny and a usable route of challenge.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) The passage treats disclosure as useful but insufficient rather than unnecessary. Appeal rights and technical transparency address different accountability problems. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) The passage identifies complementary safeguards operating at systemic and individual levels. Transparency, explanation, auditing and review are jointly required because none alone addresses every weakness. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.
- (c) Meaningful explanation does not require non-specialists to understand all source code. The passage distinguishes practical intelligibility from complete technical comprehension. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) An audit may reveal aggregate bias without explaining or correcting a particular decision. The passage therefore treats auditing and individual explanation as complements rather than substitutes. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

141. Correct Answer: (c) Comparable systems with explanations, independent audits and appeals produced fewer persistent harmful errors than systems relying on disclosure alone.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Media approval measures visibility or reputation rather than practical accountability. It does not show that errors become easier to detect, understand or challenge. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Fewer questions may reflect clarity, disengagement or inability to formulate a challenge. The evidence does not establish correction of bias or harmful decisions. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) The comparison directly tests the additional safeguards against disclosure alone. Fewer persistent harmful errors show that explanation, audit and appeal improve practical accountability. Hence, Option (c) is the correct answer.
- (d) Speed may be a benefit without addressing opacity, hidden bias or contestability. Applicant preference therefore does not strengthen the safeguards argument. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

142. Correct Answer: (d) Appointment choice improved reported satisfaction without evidence of more than a small change in average application accuracy.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

- (a) Offsetting individual effects are possible but are not established by similar group means. The evidence does not reveal the direction of every resident's change. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.
- (b) Similar means can coexist with different variances, error types and individual outcomes. The conclusion incorrectly infers distributional identity from an average. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.
- (c) Satisfaction may reflect convenience or autonomy rather than reduced need for assistance. The evidence reports no measure of help received. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.
- (d) The satisfaction difference is observed, while the interval limits the plausible average accuracy effect. This conclusion preserves both findings without making an unsupported individual-level claim. Hence, Option (d) is the correct answer.

143. Correct Answer: (a) After adjusting for session length and examination periods, laboratories with larger measured glare reductions showed larger headache declines than matched untreated laboratories.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) The evidence controls two plausible causes and compares treated laboratories with matched controls. Its dose-response pattern between glare reduction and headache decline directly supports the proposed mechanism. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) Aesthetic approval may affect attitudes without changing glare exposure or headache frequency. The evidence does not isolate a physiological effect of the film. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Seasonal sleep and examination effects provide alternative explanations for changing headache reports. Without adjustment, this information weakens rather than strengthens the causal claim. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Shorter sessions reduce screen exposure and may independently lower headaches. The simultaneous change prevents the film's effect from being isolated. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

144. Correct Answer: (b) Grants were reimbursed only after publication, while many eligible publishers could not finance translation and printing upfront.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) Greater consumer interest should make translated titles more commercially attractive. It deepens rather than resolves the failure of output to increase. Hence, Option (a) is not the correct answer.

(b) A reimbursement scheme can be generous on paper yet inaccessible to cash-constrained firms. The timing of payment prevents publishers from undertaking the expenditure the grant is meant to support. Hence, Option (b) is the correct answer.

(c) More trained translators should ease a supply constraint and support additional translation. This development does not explain stagnant publication. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Expanded distribution and promotion improve expected market access for translated books. They should encourage rather than suppress new titles. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

145. Correct Answer: (a) Comparable cardiac patients receiving similar instructions under similar conditions may show improved immediate recall when given plain-language summaries.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Explanation:

(a) This inference remains close to the studied population, intervention and immediate outcome. Its probabilistic wording avoids claiming effects beyond the randomised pilot's evidentiary scope. Hence, Option (a) is the correct answer.

(b) The study did not measure long-term errors or patients in other departments. This option generalises across both outcome and population without supporting evidence. Hence, Option (b) is not the correct answer.

(c) Immediate recall and long-term adherence are related but distinct outcomes. The pilot does not establish that remembered instructions will be followed over time. Hence, Option (c) is not the correct answer.

(d) Improved written recall does not show that discussion, clarification and counselling are unnecessary. Adequate literacy alone does not justify replacing verbal support. Hence, Option (d) is not the correct answer.

146. Correct Answer: (d)

Explanation: Dev's liability does not depend on whether he remained an actual partner or continued to receive profits. The issue is whether he knowingly allowed himself to be represented as a partner and whether Nova relied upon that representation. Dev permitted the firm to retain his designation on its website and brochure. When Nova sought clarification, he stated that he continued to stand behind Meridian's business commitments rather than clearly disclosing his retirement. Existing clients had been informed, but Nova was a new creditor and had no notice of the change. Option (b) incorrectly shifts the entire burden to Nova despite Dev's affirmative representation. Option (c) confuses actual partnership with holding out. Since the credit was extended in reliance on the representation, option (d) is correct.

147. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation: The settlement was expressly conditional upon ₹6 lakh being credited to Keshav's account by 31 March. It did not state that initiating the transfer or obtaining a debit confirmation would be sufficient. Although Orion acted before the deadline and the delay was not its fault, the specified event did not occur within time. The conditional

settlement therefore did not discharge the original debt. However, Keshav retained the ₹6 lakh received on 1 April. Under Principle 3, that payment must ordinarily be credited towards the existing ₹10 lakh liability. Option (a) substitutes substantial compliance for the precise condition chosen by the parties. Option (c) ignores the legal effect of the retained payment, while option (d) treats a conditional promise as an immediate substitution. Orion consequently remains liable for ₹4 lakh.

148. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation: The original report was prepared for Metro Bank and contained a clear disclaimer against reliance by purchasers. Had Naman relied only on that document, the disclaimer would strongly support GeoAssess. The position changed when Naman directly contacted Ria, identified the transaction and asked whether he required an independent assessment. Ria expressly told him that he could rely upon her conclusions. That personal assurance may constitute a fresh assumption of responsibility notwithstanding the earlier disclaimer. Payment is not stated to be essential under the principles, making option (b) incorrect. Option (a) ignores the later direct communication, while option (d) imposes an excessively broad duty to every possible recipient. Option (c) correctly focuses on Ria's knowledge of Naman's purpose and her specific invitation to rely.

149. Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation: Cyrus did not merely know of the plan. He agreed to participate and took a concrete step by arranging a vehicle. The conspiracy was therefore complete when the parties reached their agreement, regardless of whether the sculptures were ultimately exported. His later withdrawal and warning to customs may show genuine abandonment and may protect him from responsibility for substantive offences committed after withdrawal, depending on their connection with the conspiracy. Those later actions do not retrospectively erase the original agreement. Option (b) treats withdrawal as cancelling an already completed conspiracy. Option (c) wrongly requires successful completion of the planned offence. Option (d) overlooks Cyrus's earlier agreement and conduct. Accordingly, option (a) is correct.

150. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation: The promised output concerned the printer's central commercial function and was therefore an essential condition. PrintWorks also notified TechPro promptly, and its reliance on the promised patch supports option (b). However, the machine was used for three weeks to fulfil paid customer orders and produced approximately 70,000 pages. That use went substantially beyond testing or limited examination and was an exercise of commercial ownership over the machine. Under Principle 3, such conduct may amount to acceptance despite the unresolved complaint. Option (a) ignores the effect of acceptance on the right to reject. Option (d) goes too far because acceptance removes rejection but does not eliminate a claim for damages. The most appropriate conclusion is therefore option (c): PrintWorks may be confined to damages for the shortfall in performance.