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QUESTION BOOKLET NO: 2027UG03

## AILET MOCK - 3

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## Section A – English

**I. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate response.**

**Passage:** Karkkadakam was usually not the most desirable of months. It rained incessantly, there was sickness and scarcity, disease and death. When everything turned grey and gloomy, people devised ingenious ways to stay healthy and positive. They relied on belief and built rituals around them to help cope with the harshness of the season. While many of these rituals disappeared with time, a few still remain. In the northern regions of Kerala, from Kannur up to Kasaragod, Karkkadaka Theyyams appear, bringing with them a sense of hope and prosperity. In unrelenting rain, amid the beats of the chenda, these Theyyams arrive, singing the songs of the Gods. These are usually performed by children from the designated communities. Among the Karkkadaka Theyyams in Kasaragod region are the Aadi Galinchan, performed by the Nalkadaya community, the Karkkadothi Theyyam, performed by the Vannan community and the Aadi Vedan Theyyam performed by the Malaya community. In Kannur, Karkkadothi and Vedan and the two Theyyams that are performed during the month. Families offer rice and money to the performers. The belief is that they remove all the negativity surrounding the season, including diseases and death and ring in a sense of positivity. The reason why children are chosen is that their innocence is believed to bring in prosperity. Warding off chetta and welcoming Sheevothi is the most popular ritual, still practised in many parts of Kerala, with regional variations. On Karkkadakam eve, Chetta or Jyestha Bhagavathy who stands for all things “dirty” is asked to leave and her younger sister, Sheevothi or Sree Bhagavathy who personifies prosperity, is welcomed in. The entire process resembles a performance of sorts. One of them being the practice of taking turmeric, charcoal, coconut shell, coconut fibre, broom, taro plant and soil from four corners of the house and placing them in a clay pot or a basket and discarding them while chanting ‘Chetta po... Sheevothivaa...’. This is both a call for the bad to leave and an invocation of the good. This is prevalent in parts of Palakkad district and north Malabar.

Here, on the first day of Karkkadakam, families perform Sheevothi vakkal, where a traditional lamp is lit and objects such as valkkannadi (traditional mirror) and dashapushpam (ten sacred flowers) are arranged. Holy texts are also kept, usually the Ramayana. Some even keep kajal, sindoor, turmeric, and a piece of sandal. Girls apply homemade mehndi on this day. In parts of central and southern Kerala, warding off chetta is done on the last day of Karkkadakam so as to welcome the month of Chingam, the season of harvest. When we were young, it was the senior most member of the family who used to do this.

Extracted with edits and revisions from:

<https://www.thehindu.com/society/history-and-culture/karkkadakam-rituals-traditions-kerala/article71252630.ece>

1. Which distinction between Karkkadaka Theyyams and the chetta-Sheevothi observance is most accurately supported?

- (a) Theyyams depend on family seniority, whereas the domestic rite depends on community inheritance.
- (b) Theyyams assign performance by community, whereas the domestic rite uses symbolic household actions.
- (c) Theyyams address disease, whereas the domestic rite concerns harvest prosperity alone.
- (d) Theyyams follow a fixed calendar, whereas the domestic rite varies only by the performer’s age.

2. Which inference is least defensible from the description of Karkkadaka Theyyam performers?

- (a) Ritual authority may partly derive from inherited community roles.
- (b) Material offerings acknowledge a relationship between households and performers.
- (c) Childhood is valued for symbolic rather than technical competence.
- (d) Performer selection varies by age but not by community identity.

3. What is implied when the chetta ritual is said to “resemble a performance of sorts”?

- (a) Prescribed action translates belief into a visible symbolic sequence.
- (b) Public spectatorship determines whether the ritual acquires meaning.
- (c) The household observance imitates Theyyam’s formal organisation.
- (d) Seniority transforms an ordinary domestic act into ritual drama.

4. Which of the following best captures the central idea of the passage?

- (a) Regional variation gradually dissolved a once-uniform seasonal tradition.
- (b) Household customs survived chiefly by replacing public performances.
- (c) Communities ritualised seasonal adversity as a passage from danger to renewal.
- (d) Harvest symbolism displaced older fears of illness and scarcity.

5. Consider the following Assertion (A) and Reason (R):

Assertion (A): Regional variation changes the timing of the rituals without removing their common symbolic movement towards prosperity.

Reason (R): Some regions observe related rites near Karkkadakam’s opening, while others observe them before Chingam.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) fully explains (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) does not fully explain (A).
- (c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

6. Which inference about the selection of children is best supported by the passage?

- (a) Ritual eligibility can rest on attributed symbolic qualities rather than expertise.
- (b) Younger performers are presumed to know the chants better than adults.
- (c) Community rules exclude elders from every Karkkadakam performance.
- (d) Physical agility is treated as the chief source of ritual efficacy.

7. A household discards gathered objects while chanting and later arranges a lamp, mirror and sacred flowers. Which interpretation best captures the combined sequence?

- (a) Two unrelated regional customs are being performed together.
- (b) Material objects replace the need for verbal invocation.
- (c) Prosperity is welcomed before misfortune is symbolically removed.
- (d) Expulsion of negativity is followed by an auspicious invitation.

**II. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate response.**

**Passage:** I can tell you where it all started because I remember the moment exactly. It was late and I’d just finished the novel I’d been reading. A few more pages would send me off to sleep, so I went in search of a short story. They aren’t hard to come by around here; my office is made up of piles of books, mostly advance-reader copies that have been sent to me in hopes I’ll write a quote for the jacket. They arrive daily in padded mailers—novels, memoirs, essays, histories—things I never requested and in most cases will never get to. On this summer night in 2017, I picked up a collection called *Uncommon Type*, by Tom Hanks. 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. Now for no particular reason I changed my mind. Why shouldn’t Tom Hanks write short stories? Why shouldn’t I read one? Off we went to bed, the book and I, and in doing so put the chain of events into motion. The story has started without my realizing it. The first door opened and I walked through.

But any story that starts will also end. This is the way novelists think: beginning, middle, and end. 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 or just a good-enough book, I would have put it down, but page after page it surprised me. Two days later, I sent an endorsement to the editor. I've written plenty of jacket quotes in my day, mostly for first-time writers of fiction whom I believed could benefit from the assistance. The thought of Tom Hanks benefiting from my assistance struck me as funny, and then I forgot about it.

Or I would have forgotten about it, except that I got a call from Tom Hanks's publicist a few weeks later, asking whether I would fly to Washington in October to interview the actor onstage as part of his book tour. As the co-owner of a bookstore, I do this sort of thing, and while I mostly do it in Nashville, where I live, there have certainly been requests interesting enough to get me on a plane. 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.

"Do you even realize your life isn't normal?" Niki said when I announced my trip. Niki works at the bookstore. She has opinions about my life. "You understand that other people don't live this way?"

Extracted with edits and revisions from:

<https://harpers.org/archive/2021/01/these-precious-days-ann-patchett-psilocybin-tom-hanks-sooki-raphael/>

8. Which description best captures why "languishing" is more precise than "waiting" in the passage?

- (a) The book had been deliberately reserved for a more suitable occasion.
- (b) It remained neglected even though the narrator knew it was there.
- (c) An adverse judgment followed her preliminary reading of the stories.
- (d) Newer arrivals had made the collection physically inaccessible.

9. Why does the narrator say that *Uncommon Type* "would have to be" very good?

- (a) Public reputation needed to justify her earlier reluctance to read it.
- (b) Commercial success had to precede any professional endorsement.
- (c) High literary quality was necessary for the later sequence to develop.
- (d) Familiar subject matter was required to match her usual preferences.

10. Which inference best describes the correction in the narrator's judgment of Hanks?

- (a) Engagement with the work displaced an assumption based on professional identity.
- (b) Celebrity status induced her to relax an otherwise rigorous literary standard.
- (c) Repeated surprise preserved scepticism while making endorsement convenient.
- (d) Professional courtesy converted uncertainty into publicly expressed approval.

11. Which counterfactual is necessary for the narrator's "chain of events" metaphor to work as intended?

- (a) The publicist would have contacted her even without an endorsement.
- (b) Hanks's tour depended upon her agreement to conduct the interview.
- (c) The book had been sent specifically to secure her participation onstage.
- (d) Without reading and endorsing it, the later invitation would probably not have arisen in that form.

12. What does the narrator's "beginning, middle, and end" framework reveal about the relation between experience and narration?

- (a) Events possess fixed beginnings before anyone recognises their importance.
- (b) Later developments allow an earlier moment to be recognised as a beginning.
- (c) Novelists convert significant encounters into material intended for fiction.
- (d) A meaningful relationship requires its ending to be foreseeable from the outset.

13. The narrator presents herself as a:

- (a) critic who remains guarded when evaluating work by famous non-writers
- (b) novelist who accepts public engagements mainly from professional duty
- (c) literary insider whose exceptional access has become professionally familiar
- (d) bookseller who treats celebrity contact as evidence of personal importance

14. Why would saying that she was busy writing a novel be both “ridiculous and true”?

- (a) A genuine commitment seemed trivial beside the unusual invitation.
- (b) Her novel existed as a plan but had not actually been started.
- (c) Refusal would have concealed her dislike of public interviews.
- (d) Bookstore duties made writing an implausible reason for declining.

**III. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate response.**

**Passage:** War is hell. But war is also geometry. And geometry can be quite beautiful. Prime examples of that disturbing paradox are the so-called star forts that proliferated throughout Renaissance Europe. Seen from above, these bastioned fortifications resemble elaborate ornamental diagrams, or perhaps even sacred mandalas. Yet their snowflake-like beauty was unintended. These were machines of war, developed from a mathematical attempt to solve a practical military problem: how to defend an army or a city from enemy artillery.

Foundational to fortification theory was Jean Errard’s 1594 treatise *La fortification réduite en art et démontrée*, in which the French mathematician and engineer used geometry to formalize military architecture, helping to transform fort-building from a traditional craft into a discipline grounded in mathematics. The resulting star forts (so called because of their multiple fortified extrusions) solved a technological crisis. Medieval fortresses, built to withstand ladders, catapults, and siege engines, were no match for gunpowder-powered artillery, the 15th century’s major military innovation. A cannon could easily take out vertical masonry walls that had stood unconquered for centuries.

Military engineers resorted to building lower, thicker ramparts, backed by earth, and sought to eliminate blind spots by building angular bastions — the aforementioned extrusions. Star fortifications started in Italy, were perfected in France (especially by the prolific Vauban), and dominated the European military scene for the entire 17th and 18th centuries, giving Europe’s strategic cities and landscapes a distinctive architectural look.

Despite their sophistication, star forts eventually became obsolete, undone by the very problem they once solved. Technological advances such as explosive shells and rifled cannon greatly increased the range and destructive power of artillery, rendering their ramparts increasingly ineffective. Additionally, military strategy shifted away from static defenses toward highly mobile field armies. By the 19th century, star forts had lost their military purpose. Many were dismantled to let the cities they once protected grow beyond their historic walls. Ironically, once relieved from their purely militaristic duties, star forts revealed their aesthetic value. That is why many of these geometric landscape features were eventually preserved as monuments or converted into parks.

While the star fort’s aesthetic appeal is immaterial to its (erstwhile) military purpose, its beauty is not mysterious or accidental: It arises precisely from its strict adherence to geometric logic. Symmetry, repetition, and radial balance are powerfully pleasing principles in human perception. When military engineers pursued these features for practical purposes, they inadvertently produced structures that resonate with the same mathematical harmony as other Renaissance art and architecture. We’re no longer designing star forts, but accidental beauty still emerges from rational design, be it airplanes, designed to be aerodynamic; bridges, engineered to last; and even digital networks, built for efficiency. When we optimize structures for functionality, the resulting forms often exhibit unexpected elegance.

Extracted with edits and revisions from: <https://bigthink.com/strange-maps/star-forts/>

15. Which inference best explains why the label “star fort” does not imply an aesthetic design objective?

- (a) The name was adopted only after the structures became monuments.
- (b) Renaissance engineers rejected symmetry as a visual principle.
- (c) Celestial symbolism supplied the governing theory of fortification.
- (d) The star-like outline resulted from defensive projections serving practical needs.

16. What logical qualification does “immaterial” introduce in the discussion of the forts’ beauty?

- (a) Beauty could not be perceived while the forts retained military use.
- (b) Aesthetic value was irrelevant to purpose, though produced by the same design logic.
- (c) Geometric beauty resulted from defects unrelated to defensive efficiency.
- (d) Military usefulness and aesthetic appeal became mutually exclusive over time.

17. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: Errard helped transform fort-building into a mathematical discipline.

Statement 2: Gunpowder artillery made inherited fortification methods inadequate.

- (a) Both are true, and Statement 2 fully explains Statement 1.
- (b) Statement 1 is true, but Statement 2 is false.
- (c) Both are true, but Statement 2 explains only the need for change.
- (d) Statement 1 is false, but Statement 2 is true.

18. What did the shift towards mobile field armies imply for star forts?

- (a) Strategic value could decline even before every rampart became physically useless.
- (b) Static defences remained essential whenever artillery retained limited accuracy.
- (c) Greater mobility restored the effectiveness of walls against rifled cannon.
- (d) Permanent forts became useful mainly as bases for traditional siege engines.

19. Which conclusion about the forts’ preservation is least consistent with the passage?

- (a) Obsolescence allowed non-military forms of value to become prominent.
- (b) Urban requirements influenced whether particular fortifications survived.
- (c) Aesthetic recognition could follow the decline of strategic necessity.
- (d) Preservation reflected renewed confidence in the forts’ defensive adequacy.

20. Which causal chain best accounts for the adoption of lower, thicker, earth-backed ramparts?

- (a) Improved siege ladders → greater wall height → reinforced masonry.
- (b) Cannon vulnerability → reduced vertical exposure → massed earth-backed defence.
- (c) Urban expansion → narrower walls → outward bastion construction.
- (d) Mobile armies → portable earthworks → abandonment of geometric planning.

21. Which sentence contains a reduced passive relative clause functioning adjectivally?

- (a) Artillery that improved rapidly made the older walls vulnerable.
- (b) Engineers lowered the walls because cannon fire had intensified.
- (c) Medieval fortresses, built for earlier sieges, failed against cannon fire.
- (d) Geometry produced symmetry, which later encouraged preservation.

22. How can the forts’ beauty be unintended without being accidental in the author’s argument?

- (a) Engineers did not seek beauty, but geometric requirements predictably produced it.
- (b) Beauty appeared only after the structures ceased performing military functions.
- (c) Preservation created visual harmony that had been absent from the original forts.



(d) Aesthetic judgment remained independent of the forts' geometric organisation.

23. Which contemporary example most closely instantiates the principle drawn from star forts?

- (a) A memorial is decorated after its original structure becomes obsolete.
- (b) A bridge is widened chiefly to produce a dramatic skyline.
- (c) A network diagram is redrawn solely to achieve visual symmetry.
- (d) Aerodynamic optimisation gives an aircraft an elegant form without that being the aim.

**IV. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate response.**

**Passage:** The scandal was immediate. Complaint, reprimand, punishment, a forced retreat to nearby Reims: the ecclesiastical machine at once placed itself in the service of the local petty nobility to punish this insolent priest.

This tiny scene, minute on the scale of European history, already contains Meslier's central idea, the kernel of his political philosophy. Power does not hold only by force, taxation or law. It holds because it gets itself blessed. It holds because it succeeds in passing off injustice as order, domination as hierarchy, suffering as something meritorious.

People have often tried to turn Meslier into a slogan: a Marxist before Marx, an anarchist before anarchism, an evolutionist before Darwin. These comparisons are not entirely absurd. They do tell us something about how far ahead of his time this priest was. But they reveal less than they conceal. Meslier's real singularity lies not in having 'anticipated' later doctrines. It lies in having seen, from within a small Ardennes village, how domination is built in layers: by lords, by kings, by the Church, but also by the feelings these institutions organise – fear, guilt, hope, resignation. In other words: before he dreamed of a new society, he understood why the old one endured.

To understand how radical that intuition was, we need to return to the France in which Meslier grew up and wrote. He was born under Louis XIV and died at the start of Louis XV's reign, in an absolute monarchy where the Church was not a mere spiritual backdrop, but one of the main pillars of social order. The Ardennes, a border region, lived to the rhythm of the kingdom's wars: troops quartered in private homes, requisitions of food and fodder, convoys, pillage, devastated villages. To this military brutality there was added, after 1685, confessional brutality. By revoking the Edict of Nantes – the legal framework that allowed Protestants to practise their faith within the kingdom – the monarchy revived forced conversions of non-Catholics, deportations, condemnations and the policing of conscience. In Sedan in the Ardennes, young girls were pushed into the convent of the Daughters of the Propagation of the Faith; the royal army officer Sébastien Le Prestre de Vauban, passing through the region, remarked that there were enough there 'to fill a martyrology'. In such a world, absolutism did not first appear as a theory: it was lived as a daily pressure. The higher clergy – rich, landed and close to the powerful – upheld the established order; 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, between altar, lordship and the rural poor, that Meslier's thought was formed.

Extracted with edits and revisions from:

<https://aeon.co/essays/the-rural-french-priest-who-preached-atheism-to-the-people>

24. What does the author mean when power "gets itself blessed"?

- (a) Religious ceremony alone converts power into lawful rule.
- (b) Church authority replaces political coercion whenever force fails.
- (c) Moral narratives recast domination as legitimate hierarchy.
- (d) Obedience becomes universal once suffering receives sacred meaning.

25. Why is the revocation of the Edict of Nantes politically significant in the passage?



- (a) Legal withdrawal enabled the monarchy to police religious conscience.
- (b) Royal policy delegated conversion decisions to the lower clergy.
- (c) Border conflict confined persecution to militarised provinces.
- (d) Confessional unity reduced the monarchy's need for coercive measures.

26. Why does the author resist describing Meslier mainly as a precursor to later doctrines?

- (a) Such comparisons overstate his proven influence on later movements.
- (b) They ignore that his political philosophy lacked internal consistency.
- (c) These labels reduce his writings to atheism rather than social reform.
- (d) They recognise resemblance but mislocate his distinctive insight.

27. Which statement best captures Meslier's layered account of domination?

- (a) Religious belief eventually displaces law and military coercion.
- (b) Institutions impose hierarchy while organised emotions sustain it.
- (c) Royal authority absorbs the Church and nobility into a single force.
- (d) Material hardship becomes politically irrelevant once hope is cultivated.

28. Which conclusion is least supported by the description of the Ardennes?

- (a) Border geography exposed civilians to repeated military extraction.
- (b) Warfare entered domestic life through quartering and requisitions.
- (c) Regional location insulated villagers from confessional coercion.
- (d) Absolutism operated through burdens extending beyond the battlefield.

29. Vauban's remark that the girls could "fill a martyrology" most strongly implies that:

- (a) Convent life offered protection from harsher royal punishment.
- (b) The girls voluntarily chose religious discipline over possible exile.
- (c) Their confinement was accepted as necessary for maintaining public order.
- (d) Their number and coercion evoked collective religious persecution.

30. What assumption underlies the claim that institutions organise fear, guilt, hope and resignation?

- (a) Institutions can shape emotions that influence political obedience.
- (b) Emotional control begins only when legal coercion has weakened.
- (c) Hierarchy requires conscious moral approval from those subjected to it.
- (d) Religious hope eliminates the material causes of suffering.

31. Why does the author return to the France in which Meslier grew up and wrote?

- (a) To prove that royal warfare alone generated his philosophy
- (b) To trace movements that directly borrowed from his writings
- (c) To ground his insight in the lived machinery of absolutism
- (d) To show that rural clergy collectively resisted the monarchy

32. What is implied by the contrast between absolutism as a theory and absolutism as a "daily pressure"?

- (a) Absolutism mattered mainly as a doctrine taught by village clerics.
- (b) Sovereign power became intelligible through recurring intrusions into ordinary life.
- (c) Religious minorities alone encountered monarchy in concrete form.
- (d) Military emergencies suspended rather than expressed royal authority.

33. What was the structural significance of the lower country clergy for Meslier's intellectual formation?

- (a) Their administrative work insulated them from peasant hardship.
- (b) Institutional independence allowed them to organise rural resistance.

- (c) Loyalty to the higher clergy removed conflict from village life.
- (d) Their dual location exposed him to authority and rural suffering.

**V. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate response.**

**Passage:** Big oil's role in these disasters was no accident. Decades ago, these companies were predicting that their fossil fuels would cause, in their own words, "globally catastrophic" climate harms that would create "more violent weather" and cause "suffering and death due to thermal extremes". Even as they used this knowledge to protect their own infrastructure, they orchestrated fraudulent campaigns of climate denial and deception to lock us into the disasters we are currently experiencing.

It's no wonder, then, that climate harms are increasingly being interpreted not just as tragedies but as crimes. "We need Nuremberg trials for Big Oil," wrote one climate advocacy group in a recent post that received tens of thousands of likes – and the sentiment has been echoed by many others.

The desire for an extraordinary tribunal is understandable given the scale of the harm. The Nazis were responsible for approximately 40m deaths; some analyses estimate that climate change will cause more than 1bn preventable deaths this century.

But we actually don't need any special new legal innovations like the Nuremberg trials to begin to prosecute these climate crimes. In jurisdictions across the country, there are already criminal laws on the books that describe and proscribe big oil's conduct in knowingly driving and deceptively covering up the climate crisis – offenses such as reckless endangerment, causing or risking catastrophe, and involuntary manslaughter.

Most states have a reckless endangerment offense. These laws criminalize reckless conduct that creates a substantial risk of injuring another person. Recklessness means knowing something is dangerous – e.g. predicting your pollution would cause "more violent weather" – and engaging in that conduct anyway. That's exactly what big oil did, and the resulting climate crisis is now creating a substantial risk of injuring people across the country.

Some jurisdictions also criminalize conduct that creates a risk of catastrophe, meaning "widespread injury or damage". Pennsylvania and New Jersey both have these laws on the books, and were two of the states hit hardest by the Fourth of July heatwave, with dozens killed and thousands more hospitalized. Case law shows that these catastrophe laws in particular have been used to prosecute actors for exacerbating a danger by lying about it. In one such case, the operators of a pier in Philadelphia were warned by engineers that the structure was in danger of collapsing. Rather than addressing the problem, they covered it up. When the pier collapsed, the operators were charged with risking catastrophe, and the Pennsylvania supreme court agreed, writing: "After having been made specifically aware of the imminent danger that the pier posed to human life, [they] took affirmative measures to keep that knowledge to themselves and took affirmative steps that exposed others to the risk." Swap out the word "pier" for "climate change" and that ruling applies perfectly to big oil.

Extracted with edits and revisions from:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jul/28/prosecute-climate-crimes-big-oil>

34. Why are climate harms increasingly interpreted as crimes rather than only tragedies?

- (a) The projected death toll exceeds every previous instance of organised violence.
- (b) Foreknowledge, continuation and concealment make the harms potentially culpable.
- (c) Environmental damage is automatically classified as homicide under existing law.
- (d) Public outrage independently supplies the elements of criminal liability.

35. Which fact most directly supports the author's rejection of a special climate tribunal?
- Public support makes ordinary procedural safeguards unnecessary.
  - International precedent automatically governs domestic prosecutions.
  - Existing offences and analogous case law already provide a legal route.
  - The magnitude of harm removes the need to prove statutory elements.
36. Which fact is indispensable to the author's reckless-endangerment theory?
- Awareness of substantial danger accompanied continued conduct.
  - Specific victims were intentionally selected before operations continued.
  - Contributions by consumers and governments were legally irrelevant.
  - Actual injury had occurred when the internal forecasts were produced.
37. Why is alleged concealment significant under the catastrophe laws discussed?
- It independently proves an intention to cause every resulting death.
  - It removes the need to establish an underlying widespread danger.
  - It converts the risk offence into strict liability for misinformation.
  - It shows informed actors prolonged exposure to a known danger.
38. What distinction is established by the phrase "describe and proscribe"?
- Between public condemnation and private regulation
  - Between identifying harm and proving causation
  - Between defining conduct and legally forbidding it
  - Between warning of risk and compensating victims
39. Which distinction between the two risk offences follows from the passage?
- One requires completed injury, while the other requires intent.
  - One targets substantial personal risk; the other targets widespread harm.
  - One applies only to individuals; the other applies only to corporations.
  - One concerns concealment, while the other excludes knowledge.
40. A fuel company protects its own facilities after receiving flood warnings, publicly rejects those warnings and expands production. Which conclusion best follows?
- Self-protection, denial and expansion jointly support knowing risk creation.
  - Liability fails unless every future victim and date of harm is identified.
  - Widespread danger cannot also threaten individual members of the public.
  - Existing offences cannot extend beyond local structural disasters.
41. Which fact would most seriously weaken the reckless-endangerment argument?
- Consumers and governments also contributed to fossil-fuel demand.
  - Some states lack criminal statutes expressly mentioning climate change.
  - Internal forecasts were too tentative to establish awareness of danger.
  - Particular heatwaves remain difficult to attribute to one producer.

**VI. Read the book descriptions for three different books and answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate response.**

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| <b>The Anarchy by William Dalrymple</b> | <b>The Sleepwalkers by Christopher Clark</b> | <b>A History of the World in 100 Objects by Neil MacGregor</b> |
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| <p>In <i>The Anarchy</i>, William Dalrymple examines how the British East India Company expanded from a trading organization into a major political and military power in India. Focusing mainly on the eighteenth century, he describes the decline of the Mughal Empire, regional conflicts, commercial ambitions, and the Company's growing influence. Dalrymple explains how a private corporation used warfare, diplomacy, and financial control to govern large territories. Drawing on Indian and British sources, the book presents a detailed account of colonial expansion. It highlights the dangers that arise when commercial interests gain extensive political authority.</p> | <p>In <i>The Sleepwalkers</i>, Christopher Clark investigates the political and diplomatic events that led to the outbreak of the First World War. Rather than placing responsibility on a single nation, he examines how the decisions of several European governments gradually created a dangerous international crisis. Clark discusses alliances, nationalism, military planning, and the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. 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, offering a complex explanation of one of the most destructive conflicts in modern history.</p> | <p>In <i>A History of the World in 100 Objects</i>, Neil MacGregor explores human history through one hundred objects preserved in the British Museum. These objects include tools, coins, sculptures, religious items, scientific instruments, and everyday materials from different civilizations. 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, the book presents history from a broad global perspective. It shows how ordinary objects can connect people across different periods and regions while offering valuable insight into the development of human societies.</p> |
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42. Which inference best follows from Dalrymple's account of the Company's rise?

- (a) Sovereign power can emerge from commercial instruments before formal state status.
- (b) Territorial rule follows automatically once corporate trade becomes profitable.
- (c) Financial control eventually makes military and diplomatic action unnecessary.
- (d) Corporate authority develops independently of weakened political institutions.

43. What role do misunderstanding, fear and poor judgment play in Clark's account?

- (a) Limited foresight removes responsibility from political leaders.
- (b) Psychological factors replace alliances and nationalism as causes.
- (c) Independent decision-making prevents governments from influencing one another.
- (d) Human error converts structural pressures into escalating choices.

44. The title *The Sleepwalkers* most nearly suggests that European leaders:

- (a) Concealed deliberate plans behind an appearance of diplomatic confusion.
- (b) Acted without fully grasping where their combined decisions were leading.
- (c) Responded cautiously but were trapped by forces beyond governmental control.
- (d) Followed military plans while fully recognising the danger of escalation.

45. Consider the following Assertion (A) and Reason (R):

Assertion (A): MacGregor challenges the sufficiency, rather than the validity, of written accounts.

Reason (R): Material objects can reveal dimensions of trade, belief, technology and social life that texts alone may not fully preserve.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) does not explain (A).
- (b) (A) is true, but (R) is false.
- (c) Both (A) and (R) are true, and (R) correctly explains (A).
- (d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

46. Which conclusion reflects a point of agreement among the three authors?

- (a) Particular subjects gain meaning through the wider systems they disclose.
  - (b) Powerful institutions provide the most reliable unit of historical explanation.
  - (c) Historical sources become credible only when different evidence converges.
  - (d) Political conflict provides the main framework for every global history.
47. What methodological advantage follows from Dalrymple's use of Indian and British sources?
- (a) It proves that both traditions assign an identical degree of blame.
  - (b) It permits all corporate records to be dismissed as self-serving.
  - (c) It separates Company expansion from Mughal decline and regional conflict.
  - (d) It reduces dependence on a single national or institutional vantage point.
48. Which statement best preserves Clark's treatment of responsibility?
- (a) Multiple contributors make responsibility impossible to assign to any government.
  - (b) Shared causation does not require identical blame or eliminate individual agency.
  - (c) Interconnected choices prove that structural pressures alone caused the war.
  - (d) Limited foresight absolves leaders of responsibility for escalating the crisis.
49. Which research move best reflects MacGregor's historical method?
- (a) Ranking written chronicles according to the political authority of their authors
  - (b) Treating museum preservation as proof that an object retained one fixed meaning
  - (c) Using a coin's material, circulation and imagery to reconstruct trade and power
  - (d) Studying objects only when no written evidence survives from the same society
50. Which comparative statement best distinguishes the principal unit of analysis in the three works without oversimplifying them?
- (a) Dalrymple centres a corporation, Clark interacting decisions, and MacGregor material objects.
  - (b) Dalrymple rejects agency, Clark rejects structures, and MacGregor rejects written evidence.
  - (c) Each work treats one type of source as sufficient for explaining global history.
  - (d) All three explain historical change mainly through formal political institutions.

## Section B – General Knowledge and Current Affairs

51. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi became the youngest player to score a men's T20 International half-century at what age and against which country?

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) 16 years 56 days; Bangladesh | (b) 15 years 118 days; Zimbabwe   |
| (c) 15 years 210 days; Sri Lanka | (d) 16 years 18 days; Afghanistan |

52. Which of the following pairs is correctly matched?

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (a) Godavari – Mahabaleshwar | (b) Krishna – Trimbakeshwar    |
| (c) Mahanadi – Sihawa Hills  | (d) Narmada – Brahmagiri Hills |

53. India's first artificial intelligence-based bird detection and monitoring centre was announced as part of an Eco-Nature Park at:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (a) Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary   | (b) Sultanpur National Park    |
| (c) Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary | (d) Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary |

54. What is the correct expansion of the agricultural initiative PRAGATI launched in July 2026?

- (a) Promotion of Resilient Agriculture through Grassroots Agri-entrepreneurship, Rural Technology and Inclusive Growth
- (b) Programme for Regenerative Agriculture through Green Agri-innovation, Rural Training and Inclusive Growth
- (c) Project for Resilient Agriculture through Gender-responsive Agri-enterprises, Rural Transformation and Inclusive Growth
- (d) Promotion of Regenerative Agriculture through Gender-inclusive Agri-entrepreneurship, Rural Transformation and Positive Impact

55. Under the DAANVEER initiative, citizens and organisations may contribute approved computer bundles to Gram Panchayats through which digital application?

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Meri Panchayat       | (b) e-GramSwaraj   |
| (c) UMANG Panchayat Seva | (d) Gram Manchitra |

56. Consider the following statements about the Gujral Doctrine:

- I. India should not insist on reciprocity while dealing with certain smaller neighbouring countries.
- II. No South Asian country should permit its territory to be used against another country of the region.
- III. Bilateral disputes between South Asian countries should necessarily be submitted to international arbitration.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Only I        | (b) Only II and III   |
| (c) Only I and II | (d) All I, II and III |

57. With reference to the North Eastern Council, consider the following statements:

- I. It was established under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971.
- II. Sikkim was included through an amendment enacted in 2002.
- III. The Union Home Minister functions as its ex-officio Chairman under the repositioned arrangement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Only I          | (b) Only I and II     |
| (c) Only II and III | (d) All I, II and III |

58. Which city is scheduled to host the Geneva AI Summit on June 21–22, 2027?

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|------------|---------------|
| (a) Paris  | (b) Seoul     |
| (c) Geneva | (d) Bletchley |

59. Which of the following correctly describes the Indian Navy's ASW Shallow Water Craft Machilipatnam?

- (a) Eighth of ten vessels constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- (b) Seventh of eight vessels constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (c) Sixth of sixteen vessels constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- (d) Fifth of seven vessels constructed by Goa Shipyard Limited



60. Which of the following statements concerning the principal organs of the United Nations is incorrect?
- (a) The International Court of Justice consists of fifteen judges.  
 (b) The Secretary-General is appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.  
 (c) The Trusteeship Council was abolished through an amendment to the United Nations Charter.  
 (d) The Economic and Social Council consists of fifty-four members.
61. The inaugural India–Mali Forum for the Promotion of Exports was organised under which correctly matched city-theme combination?
- (a) Bamako - “Reinforcing Trade and Strategic Partnerships”  
 (b) Dakar - “Building Resilient African Supply Chains”  
 (c) Nairobi - “Trade, Technology and Transformation”  
 (d) Addis Ababa - “Shared Prosperity through Industrial Growth”
62. Match the following festivals with the communities principally associated with them:

| List-I: Festival | List-II: Community |
|------------------|--------------------|
| A. Wangala       | i. Garo            |
| B. Mopin         | ii. Galo           |
| C. Sekrenyi      | iii. Angami Naga   |
| D. Lai Haraoba   | iv. Meitei         |

- (a) A-ii; B-i; C-iv; D-iii  
 (b) A-iii; B-iv; C-i; D-ii  
 (c) A-i; B-ii; C-iii; D-iv  
 (d) A-iv; B-iii; C-ii; D-i
63. Which Supreme Court judgment unanimously recognised the right to privacy as a fundamental right under the Constitution?
- (a) ADM Jabalpur v. Shivkant Shukla  
 (b) Shreya Singhal v. Union of India  
 (c) PUCL v. Union of India  
 (d) K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India
64. The monumental statue of Gommateshwara at Shravanabelagola was commissioned by which historical personality?
- (a) Amoghavarsha I  
 (b) Chavundaraya  
 (c) Pulakeshin II  
 (d) Krishnadevaraya
65. The Ken–Betwa Link Project proposes to transfer water through the Daudhan Dam and a connecting canal from:
- (a) Betwa basin to the Chambal basin  
 (b) Chambal basin to the Ken basin  
 (c) Ken basin to the Betwa basin  
 (d) Son basin to the Betwa basin
66. Which constitutional provision permits an advocate with at least ten years of High Court practice to be appointed as a Supreme Court judge?
- (a) Article 124(2)  
 (b) Article 124(3)(b)  
 (c) Article 217(2)(a)  
 (d) Article 233(2)
67. Who became the first woman to serve as President of the United Nations General Assembly?
- (a) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit  
 (b) Eleanor Roosevelt  
 (c) Hansa Mehta  
 (d) Begum Shaista Ikramullah
68. Who became the first sportsperson representing independent India to win an individual Olympic medal?
- (a) Leander Paes  
 (b) Norman Pritchard  
 (c) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore  
 (d) K.D. Jadhav
69. Which pair correctly identifies the winners of the Wimbledon 2026 singles titles?
- (a) Alexander Zverev and Karolina Muchova  
 (b) Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka



(c) Jannik Sinner and Linda Noskova

(d) Novak Djokovic and Iga Świątek

70. Which of the following personality-epithet pairs is incorrectly matched?

(a) Deshbandhu – Chittaranjan Das

(b) Lokhitwadi – Gopal Hari Deshmukh

(c) Andhra Kesari – Tanguturi Prakasam

(d) Punjab Kesari – Lala Hardayal

71. Which of the following pairs relating to the 72nd National Film Awards is correctly matched?

(a) Best Actress - Yami Gautam for Article 370

(b) Best Feature Film - Amaran

(c) Best Direction - Aditya Suhas Jambhale for Chandu Champion

(d) Best Popular Film - Bramayugam

72. Which of the following correctly matches the principal reserve requirements applicable to scheduled banks with their statutory foundations?

(a) CRR – Banking Regulation Act, 1949; SLR – Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

(b) CRR – Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934; SLR – Banking Regulation Act, 1949

(c) CRR and SLR – Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

(d) CRR and SLR – Banking Regulation Act, 1949

73. Under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, which funding pattern applies to North-Eastern and Himalayan States?

(a) 50:50 between the Centre and the State

(b) 60:40 between the Centre and the State

(c) 75:25 between the Centre and the State

(d) 90:10 between the Centre and the State

74. Which of the following correctly states India's position and score in the Sustainable Development Report 2026?

(a) 87th position with a score of 69.4

(b) 102nd position with a score of 67.1

(c) 94th position with a score of 68.3

(d) 57th position with a score of 72.6

75. Match the following Indian-born Nobel laureates with the year and category of their Nobel Prize:

| List-I: Nobel Laureate        | List-II: Year and Category       |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. C.V. Raman                 | i. Physics, 1930                 |
| B. Har Gobind Khorana         | ii. Physiology or Medicine, 1968 |
| C. Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar | iii. Physics, 1983               |
| D. Venkatraman Ramakrishnan   | iv. Chemistry, 2009              |

(a) A-iii; B-i; C-iv; D-ii

(b) A-ii; B-iv; C-i; D-iii

(c) A-iv; B-iii; C-ii; D-I

(d) A-i; B-ii; C-iii; D-iv

76. Which of the following correctly identifies the route and system supplier of the I-2SEA submarine cable project?

(a) India–Indonesia–Singapore; Alcatel Submarine Networks

(b) India–Sri Lanka–Maldives; NEC Corporation

(c) India–Malaysia–Singapore; NEC Corporation

(d) India–Thailand–Singapore; HMN Technologies

77. The UNICORN naval mast system, being jointly developed by India and Japan, stands for:

(a) Unified Communication and Operational Radar Network

(b) Unified Complex Radio Antenna

(c) Universal Integrated Combat Operations Relay Node

(d) Underwater Intelligence and Communication Radar Network

78. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation grouping?

- (a) Cambodia
- (b) Laos
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Thailand

79. Which of the following correctly identifies India's rank and the top-ranked country in the Global Passport Index 2026?

- (a) India-94th; Finland-first
- (b) India-118th; Singapore-first
- (c) India-136th; Switzerland-first
- (d) India-125th; Sweden-first

80. Which of the following was NOT among the principal outcome documents announced at the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit in 2026?

- (a) Declaration on Economic Security
- (b) Joint Protocol on Lunar Mineral Extraction
- (c) Joint Statement on Artificial Intelligence
- (d) Joint Statement on Energy Resilience

## Section C – Logical Reasoning

81. Consider the following statements:

All Linguists are Pattern Analysts.

Some Pattern Analysts are Musicians.

No Musician is Taciturn.

Some Linguists are Taciturn.

Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Pattern Analysts are not Taciturn.

II. No Linguist is a Musician.

III. Some Linguists are not Musicians.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both II and III follow

(c) Both I and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

82. Consider the following statements:

No Sculptor is Impatient.

All Curators are Impatient.

Some Conservators are Sculptors.

Some Conservators are Curators.

Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Conservators are not Curators.

II. Some Conservators are not Sculptors.

III. No Conservator is Impatient.

(a) Both I and II follow

(b) Only I follows

(c) Both II and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

83. Incunabulum : Early Printed Book = Daguerreotype : ?

(a) Engraved Inscription

(b) Handwritten Charter

(c) Mechanical Drawing

(d) Early Photograph

84. Hydrometer : Relative Density = Planimeter : ?

(a) Altitude

(b) Area

(c) Pressure

(d) Angle

85. Complete the following series:

4, 6, 12, 30, 84, ?

(a) 240

(b) 242

(c) 246

(d) 252

86. All Conservators are Detail-oriented. No Detail-oriented person is Hasty. Some Volunteers are Conservators. Ira is a Volunteer and is Hasty. Examine the following conclusions:

I. Ira is not a Conservator.

II. Ira may be Detail-oriented.

III. Some Volunteers are not Hasty.

IV. Some Volunteers are Conservators.

Select the most appropriate option:

(a) Only I and III follow

(b) Only II and IV follow

(c) Only I, II and IV follow

(d) Only I, III and IV follow

87. All Astronomers are Observers. Some Observers are Poets. No Poet is Methodical. Some Astronomers are Methodical. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Observers are Methodical.

II. Some Astronomers are not Poets.

III. No Observer is a Poet.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both I and II follow

(c) Both II and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

88. All Security Tokens are Encoded. No Encoded Item is Human-readable. Token T is Human-readable. Some Backup Keys are Security Tokens. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Token T is not a Security Token.

II. Some Backup Keys are not Human-readable.

III. No Backup Key is Human-readable.

(a) Both I and II follow

(b) Only I follows

(c) Both II and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

89. Quatrain : Four Lines = Dodecagon : ?

(a) Ten Angles

(b) Eight Faces

(c) Twelve Sides

(d) Six Diagonals

90. Some Legislators are Lawyers. No Lawyer is Apolitical. All Apolitical persons are Bureaucrats. Some Bureaucrats are Legislators. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Legislators are not Apolitical.

II. Some Bureaucrats are not Lawyers.

III. Some Legislators are Bureaucrats.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both I and II follow

(c) Both II and III follow

(d) Both I and III follow

91. All Drones are Remotely Operated. No Remotely Operated Machine is Autonomous. Some Survey Devices are Autonomous. Some Survey Devices are Drones. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Survey Devices are not Autonomous.

II. Some Survey Devices are not Drones.

III. No Survey Device is Remotely Operated.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both I and II follow

(c) Both II and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

92. All Archaeologists are Researchers. No Researcher is Untrained. Some Curators are Archaeologists. Nikhil is a Curator and is Untrained. Examine the following conclusions:

I. Nikhil is not an Archaeologist.

II. Nikhil may be a Researcher.

III. Some Curators are not Untrained.

IV. Some Researchers are Curators.

Select the most appropriate option:

(a) Only I, III and IV follow

(b) Only I and III follow

(c) Only II, III and IV follow

(d) All I, II, III and IV follow

93. Complete the following series:

ZA, WD, SH, NM, \_\_\_\_

(a) HT

(b) GS

(c) HS

(d) HR

94. Some Regulations are Temporary. Every Temporary Regulation is Reviewable. No Reviewable Instrument is Permanent. All Constitutional Provisions are Permanent. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Regulations are not Permanent.

II. No Temporary Regulation is a Constitutional Provision.

III. Some Constitutional Provisions are Regulations.

(a) Only II follows

(b) Both I and III follow

(c) All I, II and III follow

(d) Both I and II follow

95. Complete the following series:

2, 12, 36, 80, 150, ?

(a) 246

(b) 252

(c) 258

(d) 264

96. Complete the following series:

2, 5, 13, 35, 97, ?

(a) 275

(b) 269

(c) 281

(d) 291

97. Complete the following series:

D2, H5, P11, F23, \_\_\_\_

(a) K47

(b) L46

(c) M47

(d) L47

98. No Cryptographic Key is Public. Some Access Credentials are Public. All Access Credentials are Digital Objects. Some Digital Objects are Cryptographic Keys. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Digital Objects are not Cryptographic Keys.

II. Some Digital Objects are not Public.

III. No Access Credential is a Cryptographic Key.

(a) Only II follows

(b) Both I and III follow

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

99. All Biographies are Non-fiction. Some Non-fiction Works are Controversial. No Controversial Work is Unreviewed. Some Biographies are Unreviewed. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Non-fiction Works are not Unreviewed.

II. Some Biographies are not Controversial.

III. No Biography is Controversial.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both I and II follow

(c) Both II and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

100. Six examinations—Civil Procedure, Company Law, Criminal Law, Human Rights, Intellectual Property and Public International Law—are to be scheduled, with each examination being held exactly once. The following conditions apply:

I. Intellectual Property must be the third examination.

II. Public International Law must be later than Human Rights and immediately before Civil Procedure.

III. Criminal Law must be held before Human Rights.

IV. Company Law must not be adjacent to Intellectual Property.

V. Exactly two examinations must be held between Human Rights and Civil Procedure.

Which of the following is a valid schedule?

- (a) Criminal Law, Human Rights, Intellectual Property, Public International Law, Civil Procedure, Company Law  
 (b) Public International Law, Civil Procedure, Intellectual Property, Company Law, Criminal Law, Human Rights  
 (c) Human Rights, Criminal Law, Intellectual Property, Public International Law, Civil Procedure, Company Law  
 (d) Criminal Law, Public International Law, Intellectual Property, Civil Procedure, Human Rights, Company Law

101. All Biodegradable Materials are Eco-friendly. Some Packaging Materials are not Eco-friendly. No Eco-friendly Material is Toxic. Some Toxic Materials are Packaging Materials. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. No Biodegradable Material is Toxic.

II. Some Packaging Materials are not Biodegradable.

III. Some Toxic Materials are not Biodegradable.

(a) Only I and II follow

(b) Only II and III follow

(c) Only I and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

102. No Philosopher is Unreflective. Some Teachers are Philosophers. All Teachers are Communicators. Some Communicators are Unreflective. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Communicators are not Unreflective.

II. Some Unreflective Communicators are not Teachers.

III. Some Philosophers are Communicators.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both I and II follow

(c) Both I and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

103. No Subterranean Species requires Sunlight. All Cave Orchids are Subterranean Species. Some Rare Plants are Cave Orchids. All Rare Plants are Protected. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Protected Plants do not require Sunlight.

II. No Cave Orchid requires Sunlight.

III. Some Subterranean Species are Protected.

(a) Only I and II follow

(b) All I, II and III follow

(c) Only II and III follow

(d) Only I and III follow

104. Complete the following series:

Z81, W27, S9, N3, \_\_\_\_

(a) H1

(b) G1

(c) H0

(d) I1

105. In a certain code, MASTER is written as BNUTSF. Following the same coding pattern, how will CIPHER be written?

(a) IDHQSF

(b) JDIQSE

(c) JDIQSF

(d) ICHPRE

106. Complete the following series:

A26Z, C23X, F19U, J14Q, \_\_\_\_

(a) N8M

(b) O9L

(c) P8K

(d) O8L

107. In a certain code, PLANET is written as TPELNA. Following the same coding pattern, how will GARDEN be written?

(a) NEDRAG

(b) NGEADR

(c) GNAERD

(d) NGEDAR

108. Complete the following series:

A2, D6, I18, P54, \_\_\_\_

(a) Y162

(b) X162

(c) Y108

(d) Z162

109. Dendrochronology : Tree Rings = Papyrology : ?

(a) Fossils

(b) Inscriptions

(c) Papyri

(d) Coins

110. Complete the following series:

2, 8, 33, 148, 765, ?

(a) 4590

(b) 4614

(c) 4662

(d) 4626

111. All Constitutionalists are Institutionalists. Some Reformers are not Institutionalists. No Institutionalist is an Anarchist. Some Reformers are Constitutionalists. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Reformers are not Anarchists.

II. Some Reformers are not Constitutionalists.

III. No Reformer is an Anarchist.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both I and II follow

(c) Both II and III follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

112. In a family:

I. A is the daughter of B.

II. C is the husband of A.

III. D is the sister of C.

IV. E is the father of D.

V. F is a son of E.

VI. G is the daughter of F.

How is C related to G?

(a) Paternal uncle

(b) Father

(c) Grandfather

(d) Cousin

113. All Renewable Sources are Sustainable. Some Renewable Sources are Decentralized. Every Decentralized System is Grid-compatible. No Grid-compatible System is Unstable. Some Sustainable Systems are Unstable. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Sustainable Systems are Grid-compatible.

II. Some Sustainable Systems are not Grid-compatible.

III. No Renewable Source is Unstable.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both II and III follow

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) All I, II and III follow

114. Some Contracts are Voidable. All Voidable Contracts are Contestable. No Contestable Contract is Irrevocable. All Registered Contracts are Irrevocable. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?

I. Some Contracts are not Irrevocable.

II. No Voidable Contract is Registered.

III. Some Registered Contracts are not Contestable.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Both I and III follow

(c) All I, II and III follow

(d) Both I and II follow

115. All Ballads are Narrative Poems. No Narrative Poem is Dramatic. Some Folk Songs are Dramatic. Some Folk Songs are Ballads. Which of the following conclusions necessarily follow?



- I. Some Folk Songs are not Dramatic.  
 II. Some Folk Songs are not Ballads.  
 III. No Folk Song is a Narrative Poem.

- (a) Both I and II follow  
 (b) Only I follows  
 (c) Both II and III follow  
 (d) All I, II and III follow

116. Perihelion : Sun = Perigee : ?

- (a) Moon  
 (b) Earth  
 (c) Mars  
 (d) Orbit

117. Spindle : Spinner = Dibble : ?

- (a) Potter  
 (b) Mason  
 (c) Gardener  
 (d) Surveyor

118. Carapace : Tortoise = Exoskeleton : ?

- (a) Mollusc  
 (b) Amphibian  
 (c) Annelid  
 (d) Arthropod

119. After a podcast platform introduced optional chapter summaries, listeners who opened at least one summary completed a larger proportion of long educational episodes than listeners who opened none. Analysts concluded that consulting the summaries helped users persist through difficult material. Which of the following must be assumed for the analysts' conclusion to hold?

- (a) The summaries contained enough information for users to understand each chapter without listening to the corresponding audio.  
 (b) Listeners who opened summaries did not also use playback-speed controls more frequently than other listeners.  
 (c) Pre-existing persistence among summary users was not sufficient by itself to account for the completion difference.  
 (d) Listeners who ignored the summaries had no access to transcripts, notes or explanations outside the platform.

120. Municipalities offering doorstep collection of household food waste report higher composting rates than municipalities requiring residents to use central drop-off points. Policymakers conclude that introducing doorstep collection in other municipalities will produce a comparable increase. Which assumption underlies this conclusion?

- (a) The proposed municipalities generate food waste in approximately the same quantities and seasonal patterns as the municipalities already studied.  
 (b) A significant share of current non-composting in the proposed municipalities results from inconvenience that doorstep collection can reduce.  
 (c) Doorstep collection will remain less expensive per household than every practicable central drop-off arrangement.  
 (d) Environmental concern among residents of the proposed municipalities is at least as strong as concern among earlier participants.

121. A law firm introduced artificial-intelligence software to assist with reviewing commercial contracts. The recorded percentage of material clauses correctly identified remained unchanged, and the firm concluded that the quality of clause identification had not declined. Which assumption is needed to support the firm's conclusion?

- (a) The later contracts and evaluation process did not make the recorded identification rate materially easier to achieve than before adoption.  
 (b) Lawyers spent approximately the same amount of time reviewing each contract under the two systems.  
 (c) The same number of contracts was reviewed and the same number of lawyers worked in both comparison periods.  
 (d) Every failure to identify a material clause created approximately the same degree of commercial risk.

122. A procurement authority gives preference to suppliers that have maintained independent safety certification for several years because it believes they are less likely to breach operational standards during future contracts. Which assumption underpins this practice?

- (a) Suppliers with longer certification histories generally submit more complete tender documentation than recently certified suppliers.
- (b) Long-term certification costs suppliers less than producing fresh internal safety evidence for each procurement exercise.
- (c) Independent certification makes post-award monitoring unnecessary except after a reported incident.
- (d) Sustained certification generally reflects continuing safety practices that are likely to persist beyond individual audit dates.

123. In a survey, most independent consultants preferred a guaranteed monthly retainer to project payments carrying the same expected annual value, the same expected workload and the same average payment delay. Which inference is most reasonable?

- (a) Most consultants believed that the number of available projects would certainly decline during the following year.
- (b) Many consultants assigned value to reducing variation in the amount of income received from month to month.
- (c) Most consultants regarded the identity of the client as more important than the total amount of compensation.
- (d) Many consultants believed that retainers would necessarily produce higher lifetime earnings than project work.

124. A port introduced appointment windows for freight trucks, after which average entry-gate queues declined. Officials claimed that the scheduling system, rather than reduced freight activity, caused the decline. Which assumption is necessary for this claim?

- (a) Drivers complied primarily because they considered scheduled arrival more convenient than unrestricted arrival.
- (b) The mean time required to inspect an individual truck remained exactly unchanged after implementation.
- (c) Any reduction in the number of trucks was too small to account for the queue reduction attributed to redistributed arrivals.
- (d) The mix of truck sizes, cargo categories and freight companies remained unchanged during the comparison period.

125. A railway authority installed illuminated platform-edge markings at selected stations, after which nighttime passenger falls declined. Which of the following most strongly supports the causal link between the markings and the decline?

- (a) After adjustment for passenger volume, treated stations with larger measured visibility gains showed larger fall reductions, while matched untreated stations changed little.
- (b) Passengers at treated stations rated the redesigned platforms as safer and more modern than before.
- (c) The railway increased nighttime safety announcements at both treated and untreated stations during the observation period.
- (d) A neighbouring railway that installed no illuminated markings experienced a similar decline in nighttime falls.

126. A State expanded neighbourhood legal-aid desks, after which the proportion of minor civil disputes resolved before trial increased. Officials claimed that the expansion was the principal cause of the increase. Which assumption is needed to support the officials' claim?

- (a) Every person assisted at a desk received advice directly from an advocate authorised to appear in court.
- (b) The absolute number of minor civil disputes filed remained approximately constant across the two periods.
- (c) Each participating neighbourhood received the same number of desk-hours per thousand residents.
- (d) Changes in case composition, procedural rules or settlement incentives did not independently explain most of the increase.

### **Passage for Questions 127-128**

Manufacturers increasingly provide repairability scores showing whether products can be opened, diagnosed and repaired. Such information may help consumers choose longer-lasting goods and may encourage firms to improve product design. However, disclosure alone does not ensure that products will actually be repaired. Spare parts may remain unaffordable, diagnostic software may be restricted, and independent technicians may lack access to service manuals. Effective right-to-repair policy therefore requires useful information together with practical access to parts, tools, software and repair guidance.

127. If the passage is true, which of the following conclusions is most contradicted by it?

- (a) Repairability information may influence purchase decisions even when important barriers to later repair remain.
- (b) Once comparable repairability scores are disclosed, ensuring access to parts, software and guidance adds little to effective repair policy.
- (c) A product may be physically openable yet remain practically unrepairable when diagnostic access is restricted.
- (d) Policies addressing resources controlled after sale may be necessary even when pre-purchase information is accurate.

128. If the passage is true, which of the following can be most readily inferred?

- (a) Repairability scores have no policy value unless every product can be repaired by an independent technician.
- (b) Affordable spare parts are the single decisive condition determining whether repair will occur.
- (c) Transparency can improve ex ante choice without ensuring ex post repair unless complementary access barriers are addressed.
- (d) Effective right-to-repair policy requires manufacturers to surrender control of product design and diagnostic technology.

129. Nisha alleges that the director of a documentary grant repeatedly favours one filmmaker because the filmmaker is the director's private business partner. Which of the following, if true, most strongly supports Nisha's allegation?

- (a) The filmmaker has previously received grants from unrelated bodies applying different evaluation criteria.
- (b) Grant rules allow departures from panel rankings when the director records a public-interest justification.
- (c) The partner's proposals generally received panel scores close to those of the selected alternatives.
- (d) The director repeatedly funded the partner's lower-ranked proposals by applying an unpublished criterion not used for similarly placed applicants.

### Passage for Questions 130-131

Community seed banks collect, document and distribute locally adapted crop varieties. Supporters argue that these banks preserve agricultural diversity, help farmers recover after droughts or crop disease, and maintain knowledge about cultivation practices. Critics respond that the benefits may be overstated when collections represent only a few farms, when seeds are stored under poor conditions, or when records do not identify which varieties remain viable and suitable for particular environments.

130. Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen the supporters' argument?

- (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.
- (b) Farmers who volunteered seeds were more committed to traditional cultivation than farmers who did not participate.
- (c) Several banks accumulated many labelled packets, although later tests could not verify the viability of a substantial proportion.
- (d) Harvest festivals displaying varieties held by the banks attracted visitors and increased local sales of traditional foods.

131. Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the supporters' argument?

- (a) Farmers valued the banks culturally, although average yields in ordinary seasons did not increase.

- (b) Several successful banks depended on continuing public grants to maintain suitable storage conditions.
- (c) After prior farm resources were controlled, the apparent recovery advantage disappeared, and viability tests failed for many stored varieties.
- (d) Some farmers also obtained locally adapted seeds through informal exchanges outside the organised banks.

132. A university plans to replace its natural-gas boilers with electric heat pumps to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from campus heating. Which of the following is an assumption made by the university?

- (a) Heat pumps will maintain higher indoor temperatures than the boilers during every period of extreme cold.
- (b) Emissions from electricity generation, refrigerant leakage and operation will remain below the gas emissions avoided by replacement.
- (c) Students and staff will occupy heated buildings for exactly the same number of hours after the change.
- (d) The financial cost of installing and maintaining the heat pumps will be lower than retaining the boilers.

133. An agricultural agency claims that drone-based crop inspections reduce monitoring costs while improving the detection of disease outbreaks. Which of the following, if true, would most weaken this claim?

- (a) Field officers still preferred walking inspections for very small or irregularly shaped farms.
- (b) Training and image processing absorbed most, but not all, of the gross savings estimated by the agency.
- (c) Suspected disease identified from aerial images sometimes required targeted ground confirmation.
- (d) After all equipment, data and verification costs were included, expenditure increased and confirmed-detection rates did not improve.

134. A public library introduced home delivery for readers with mobility limitations and claimed that the service increased borrowing by reducing travel barriers. Which of the following is a necessary assumption?

- (a) At least some delivered loans were additional transactions rather than substitutions for loans the same readers would otherwise have collected.
- (b) Readers with mobility limitations preferred delivery whenever both delivery and an in-person visit were feasible.
- (c) Staff processed delivered loans no more slowly than equivalent loans collected at branch counters.
- (d) The service was available to all registered borrowers rather than only to readers with substantial travel barriers.

135. Researchers claim that replacing conventional pavements with permeable surfaces can reduce stormwater runoff in densely built neighbourhoods. Which of the following, if true, most strengthens this claim?

- (a) Permeable surfaces required more frequent cleaning in neighbourhoods with heavy roadside debris.
- (b) Residents rated the texture and appearance of permeable pavements more favourably than ordinary concrete.
- (c) During matched storms, treated streets with unchanged drainage infrastructure produced larger infiltration gains and less runoff than comparable untreated streets.
- (d) Municipalities that installed permeable pavements also expanded underground drainage capacity during the same period.

136. A court proposes accepting routine filings only through fingerprint-authenticated kiosks. Critics predict reduced access among manual labourers whose fingerprints are often worn or damaged. Which assumption best supports the critics?

- (a) Manual labourers submit routine court filings more frequently than any other occupational group.
- (b) Worn fingerprints will produce disproportionate false rejection, and available fallback procedures will not reliably restore access.
- (c) Successful kiosk authentication will take manual labourers longer than conventional paper filing.
- (d) Manual labourers have less familiarity with court terminology even when authentication succeeds.

137. A study found that employees consuming more energy drinks during night shifts reported higher anxiety. Researchers concluded that energy-drink consumption causes anxiety. Which of the following, if true, most weakens the causal claim?

- (a) High-consumption employees were assigned more demanding shifts, and shift demand independently raised both energy-drink use and anxiety.
- (b) Among employees whose shift demands remained stable, anxiety increased after their energy-drink consumption increased.
- (c) The association persisted after age, ordinary coffee intake and baseline sleep duration were statistically controlled.
- (d) The drinks contained stimulants capable of producing physiological symptoms associated with anxiety.

138. Universities using refundable deposits for loaned laptops report fewer devices being lost or returned late. Administrators recommend adopting the same policy at another university. Which assumption supports using the policy at the new university?

- (a) The replacement value and loan period of devices are approximately identical across the institutions.
- (b) The administrative cost of deposits will be lower than the value of every additional laptop returned.
- (c) All students unable to pay the deposit will receive waivers that leave other borrowers' incentives unchanged.
- (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.

139. Researchers found that women's evening-shift employment increased in districts after safe late-night bus routes were introduced, while employment remained stable in similar districts without the routes. Which evidence most strengthens the conclusion that the routes caused the increase?

- (a) Treated districts opened new vocational-training centres during the same year that the routes began.
- (b) A substantial minority of employed women in treated districts continued to commute by private transport.
- (c) Treated and comparison districts had parallel pre-policy employment trends, and no differential rise in evening-job vacancies occurred when the routes began.
- (d) Employers in treated districts reported that demand for evening services had begun rising before the transport change.

### Passage for Questions 140-141

Public agencies increasingly use automated systems to rank applications, detect fraud and allocate services. Publishing source code or broad technical descriptions can improve transparency, but disclosure alone may not make a decision understandable or contestable. Training data may contain hidden biases, decision criteria may be difficult to interpret, and affected persons may lack a practical route to challenge an error. Accountable automation therefore requires meaningful explanations, independent auditing and accessible review procedures in addition to technical disclosure.

140. Based on the passage above, which of the following can be most logically inferred?

- (a) Technical disclosure becomes unnecessary whenever an affected person has a formal right of appeal.
- (b) Accountability requires system-level transparency together with decision-level explanation, independent scrutiny and a usable route of challenge.
- (c) An automated system is accountable only if each affected person can understand its complete source code.
- (d) Independent auditing can substitute for explaining how the system produced an individual adverse decision.

141. Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen the author's argument in the passage above?

- (a) Agencies publishing extensive technical manuals received more favourable media coverage than agencies issuing short summaries.
- (b) After publishing source code, developers received fewer public questions about how their systems operated.
- (c) Comparable systems with explanations, independent audits and appeals produced fewer persistent harmful errors than systems relying on disclosure alone.

(d) Applicants often preferred automated decisions because they were issued faster than decisions made entirely by officials.

142. Residents allowed to choose among several permit-appointment windows reported greater satisfaction. The groups had nearly identical mean application-accuracy scores, and the confidence interval excluded more than a very small average difference. Which conclusion can be logically drawn?

- (a) Flexible scheduling improved accuracy for some residents and reduced it by an equal amount for others.
- (b) Similar mean scores establish that the distribution and seriousness of errors were identical in both groups.
- (c) Greater satisfaction shows that residents choosing appointments needed less assistance to complete applications.
- (d) Appointment choice improved reported satisfaction without evidence of more than a small change in average application accuracy.

143. Several schools installed glare-reducing window film in computer laboratories, after which students reported fewer screen-related headaches. Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the claim that the film caused the decline?

- (a) After adjusting for session length and examination periods, laboratories with larger measured glare reductions showed larger headache declines than matched untreated laboratories.
- (b) Students generally considered the treated windows more attractive and believed the laboratories looked newer.
- (c) Headache reports typically varied with sleep patterns and examination schedules across the school year.
- (d) Some treated schools also shortened computer-laboratory sessions during the observation period.

144. A government introduced grants covering most translation costs for small publishers, but the number of regional-language titles did not increase. Which of the following, if true, would best explain the outcome?

- (a) Surveys showed rising consumer interest in purchasing regional-language editions during the grant period.
- (b) Grants were reimbursed only after publication, while many eligible publishers could not finance translation and printing upfront.
- (c) Universities expanded programmes training translators in several of the relevant regional languages.
- (d) Distributors increased shelf space and promotional support for regional-language titles.

145. A randomised pilot study found that plain-language hospital discharge summaries improved immediate recall of medication instructions among participating cardiac patients. Which is the safest inference?

- (a) Comparable cardiac patients receiving similar instructions under similar conditions may show improved immediate recall when given plain-language summaries.
- (b) Plain-language summaries are likely to reduce long-term medication errors across different hospital departments.
- (c) Improved immediate recall indicates that participating patients will adhere more accurately to treatment over time.
- (d) For patients whose literacy is adequate, written plain-language summaries can replace verbal discharge counselling.

#### 146. Legal Principles:

1. A person who represents themselves, or knowingly allows themselves to be represented, as a partner may be liable to a third party who gives credit to the firm in reliance on that representation.
2. Such liability depends on representation and reliance. It does not arise merely because the person was formerly a partner or remains socially associated with the firm.
3. A retiring partner may avoid liability to new creditors by ensuring that the retirement is adequately communicated and that the person is no longer represented as a partner.

**Facts:** Dev retired from Meridian Advisors but permitted the firm to continue using a brochure that described him as “Founding Partner—Strategic Affairs.” He occasionally attended the firm’s public events and received no share of its profits. Meridian informed its existing clients of Dev’s retirement but made no public announcement and did not update the brochure or its website. Six months later, Nova Systems considered supplying computers to Meridian on



credit. Nova's manager noticed Dev's name on the website and emailed him asking whether he remained associated with the firm. Dev replied: "I continue to stand behind Meridian and its business commitments, though the younger team now handles daily operations." Nova did not inspect the partnership records and supplied computers worth ₹18 lakh on sixty days' credit. Meridian became insolvent before making payment. Dev argued that he was not a partner when the credit was extended and that Nova should have verified the firm's records. Which of the following is the most appropriate conclusion?

- (a) Dev is not liable because retirement automatically terminates liability for every transaction entered into by the firm thereafter.
- (b) Dev is not liable because Nova failed to inspect the formal partnership records before supplying the computers on credit.
- (c) Dev is liable only if Nova proves that he continued receiving a share of Meridian's profits after his retirement.
- (d) Dev is liable because he permitted the representation to continue and Nova supplied goods in reliance upon it.

#### 147. Legal Principles:

1. Parties may substitute a new agreement for an existing contract, in which case the original obligations are discharged according to the terms of the new agreement.
2. Where a creditor agrees to accept a smaller amount in full settlement only upon fulfilment of a stated condition, the original liability is discharged only if that condition is satisfied.
3. If the condition is not satisfied but the creditor retains a partial payment, the payment ordinarily reduces the existing debt unless the agreement provides otherwise.

**Facts:** Orion Retail owed ₹10 lakh to Keshav under a supply contract. After Orion experienced financial difficulty, Keshav sent a signed email stating: "If ₹6 lakh is credited to my bank account on or before 31 March, I shall accept that amount in full and final settlement. If the amount is not credited by that date, my rights under the original agreement will remain unaffected." At 4:00 p.m. on 31 March, Orion instructed its bank to transfer ₹6 lakh. Its account was immediately debited, and the bank issued a confirmation stating that settlement would normally occur the same day. Due to an unexpected failure in the banking network, Keshav's account was credited on 1 April. Keshav retained the money but demanded the remaining ₹4 lakh. Orion argued that it had done everything within its control before the deadline and that the original debt had been replaced by the settlement agreement. Which of the following is the most appropriate conclusion?

- (a) Orion owes nothing further because issuing the transfer instruction amounted to substantial fulfilment of the settlement condition.
- (b) Orion owes ₹4 lakh because the condition required timely credit, while the retained payment reduces the original debt.
- (c) Orion continues to owe ₹10 lakh because failure of the settlement condition makes the ₹6 lakh payment legally irrelevant.
- (d) Orion owes nothing further because the settlement agreement discharged the original debt immediately upon its acceptance.

#### 148. Legal Principles:

1. A person possessing special knowledge may owe a duty of care when they provide information knowing that another person will reasonably rely upon it for a particular transaction.
2. A clear disclaimer brought to the recipient's attention may prevent an assumption of responsibility.
3. A later personal assurance may create a fresh assumption of responsibility where it expressly invites reliance despite an earlier disclaimer.

**Facts:** GeoAssess prepared a soil report for a bank considering whether to finance a housing project. The report stated that the land was suitable for multi-storey construction but contained a prominent disclaimer: "Prepared exclusively for Metro Bank. No responsibility is accepted for reliance by purchasers or other third parties." Naman later considered purchasing an apartment in the project. The developer gave him a copy of the report. After reading the disclaimer, Naman telephoned Ria, the GeoAssess engineer who had signed it. He told her that he was considering investing his savings and asked whether he needed a separate soil assessment. Ria replied: "You may rely on the conclusions in my report; a separate assessment would merely repeat the same work." She did not charge Naman. Naman purchased the apartment. It was later discovered that Ria had negligently overlooked data showing substantial soil instability. GeoAssess argued that the written disclaimer excluded responsibility to Naman.

Which of the following is the most appropriate conclusion?

- (a) GeoAssess owes no duty because the report was commissioned by the bank rather than by Naman or the developer.



- (b) GeoAssess owes no duty because a written disclaimer cannot be displaced by a later oral statement made without payment.
- (c) GeoAssess may owe a duty because Ria personally invited Naman to rely on the report for the identified purchase.
- (d) GeoAssess owes a duty merely because every professional report is intended to benefit all persons who later receive it.

**149. Legal Principles:**

1. Criminal conspiracy is complete when two or more persons agree to commit an unlawful act or to achieve a lawful act through unlawful means.
2. Mere knowledge of an unlawful plan, without agreement to participate in it, does not constitute conspiracy.
3. Withdrawal after joining a conspiracy does not erase liability for the agreement already made, though it may affect liability for offences subsequently committed by the remaining conspirators.

**Facts:** Arvind, Bina and Cyrus agreed to remove protected sculptures from an archaeological warehouse and transport them across the border using forged export documents. Cyrus agreed to arrange a vehicle and contacted a transporter for that purpose. Before any sculpture was removed, Cyrus became apprehensive and informed Arvind and Bina in writing that he was withdrawing from the plan. He cancelled the vehicle and anonymously warned the customs authorities that an attempt might be made to export protected sculptures. Arvind and Bina obtained another vehicle and proceeded with the plan. Customs officials intercepted them before they crossed the border. Cyrus argued that his withdrawal, cancellation of the vehicle and warning to customs showed that he should not be liable for conspiracy. The prosecution accepted that Cyrus had no involvement after his withdrawal. Which of the following is the most appropriate conclusion?

- (a) Cyrus remains liable for conspiracy because the earlier agreement was complete, though withdrawal may limit liability for later acts.
- (b) Cyrus is not liable for conspiracy because he withdrew and took reasonable steps to prevent completion of the planned offence.
- (c) Cyrus is liable only if the prosecution proves that the sculptures were successfully transported across the national border.
- (d) Cyrus is not liable because his warning to customs shows that he never genuinely agreed to participate in the original plan.

**150. Legal Principles:**

1. A condition is a term essential to the main purpose of a contract. Its breach ordinarily allows the buyer to reject the goods and claim damages.
2. After accepting the goods, the buyer generally loses the right to reject them for breach of condition but may retain a claim for damages.
3. Acceptance may occur where the buyer uses the goods in a manner inconsistent with the seller's ownership or retains them beyond a reasonable opportunity for examination.

**Facts:** PrintWorks purchased an industrial printer from TechPro under a contract specifying a minimum output of 100 pages per minute. On the second day after delivery, PrintWorks discovered that the machine produced only 82 pages per minute and immediately notified TechPro. TechPro stated that a software patch scheduled within three weeks would correct the problem and requested PrintWorks to continue operating the machine until then. During those three weeks, PrintWorks used the printer to complete paid customer orders, producing approximately 70,000 pages. It did not purchase another printer because TechPro repeatedly assured it that the defect would be corrected. The patch was installed on the twenty-first day but increased the speed only to 86 pages per minute. PrintWorks stopped using the machine the following morning and informed TechPro that it was rejecting the printer. TechPro argued that sustained commercial use amounted to acceptance. Which of the following is the most appropriate conclusion?

- (a) PrintWorks may reject the printer because breach of an express condition preserves the right of rejection regardless of subsequent use.
- (b) PrintWorks may reject the printer because its commercial use occurred while it reasonably awaited TechPro's promised software correction.
- (c) PrintWorks may have accepted the printer because sustained use for paid orders went beyond what was necessary for reasonable examination.
- (d) PrintWorks has no remedy because acceptance of defective goods eliminates both rejection and any subsequent claim for damages.

## Rough Work

