

English Language

1. Answer: (A) criticize the inflexibility of American economic mythology

Explanation: The passage critiques the prevailing American belief in constant change and competition as the basis for economic success. It highlights how this mindset neglects the contributions of those who provide stability and interdependence within the system.

Why other options are incorrect:

(B) While there is a contrast between “Old World” and “New World” values, the primary focus is on criticizing American economic mythology rather than a direct comparison.

(C) The passage does not specifically challenge traditional political leaders but critiques the broader economic and cultural mythologies.

(D) The author does mention neglected Americans, but the main purpose is to criticize the underlying economic beliefs rather than championing these individuals.

2. Answer: (B) property

Explanation: The passage refers to “settled possessiveness” and contrasts it with the American idea of opportunity and mobility, indicating that “Old World” values were tied to property and stability.

Why other options are incorrect:

(A) Ability is not mentioned as a foundational value in the passage.

(C) Family connections are not specifically discussed in relation to “Old World” values.

(D) Guild hierarchies are not mentioned; the passage focuses more broadly on property and stability.

3. Answer: (C) A federal court judge

Explanation: A federal court judge serves as a strong authority that can regulate change and interpret laws, fitting the role of a “strong referee” in legal and social contexts.

Why other options are incorrect:

(A) A school principal typically regulates behavior but does not have the broader authority associated with societal change.

(B) A political theorist does not have regulatory power; they theorize about political systems rather than enforce them.

(D) A social worker may assist individuals but lacks the authoritative power to regulate societal change.

4. Answer: (D) assert that reform in the United States has not been fundamental

Explanation: The quotation marks indicate skepticism about the nature of “reform” in the U.S., suggesting that it does not represent meaningful or fundamental change, but rather a superficial expansion of the existing system.

Why other options are incorrect:

(A) The passage does not connect “Reform” specifically to the concept of settled possessiveness.

(B) The author does not express support for a systematic program of change; instead, he critiques the existing notion of reform.

(C) The flexibility of U.S. society is implied but not the main focus of the use of quotation marks.

5. Answer: (B) an example of Americans’ resistance to profound social change

Explanation: The passage implies that simply giving the disenfranchised a chance in the existing competitive framework does not represent real change. It suggests that this approach is a superficial response to deeper social issues.

Why other options are incorrect:

(A) The author does not express compassion for this measure; instead, it is framed as a resistance to genuine change.

(C) The passage critiques this approach rather than presenting it as innovative.

(D) There is no indication that it serves as a monument to reformers’ efforts.

(E) While the measure may seem like an “Old World” remedy, the focus is more on its inadequacy rather than framing it as a remedy.

6. Answer: (A) How social statistics give an unclear picture of the degree of hardship caused by low wages and insufficient employment opportunities

Explanation: The passage discusses the limitations of social statistics in accurately portraying the hardship caused by labor market issues, particularly focusing on low wages and insufficient job opportunities.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (B) While income measures are mentioned, the broader topic encompasses more than just income imprecision.
- (C) The passage critiques existing statistical procedures but does not advocate for specific statistical methods.
- (D) The passage does discuss areas of agreement but primarily addresses the inadequacy of statistics in measuring hardship.

7. Answer: (D) Shortages of jobs providing adequate income

Explanation: "Labor market problems" refers to issues related to job availability and the adequacy of income for those jobs, as indicated by the discussion on low wages and unemployment.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) The overall causes of poverty are not explicitly defined as "labor market problems."
- (B) Deficiencies in workforce training are not the focus of the passage.
- (C) Trade relationships are not mentioned in the context of labor market problems.

8. Answer: (B) Unemployment now has less severe effects

Explanation: The author argues that while unemployment has significant impacts, the effects are less severe today due to increased affluence and social programs, unlike in the 1930s when joblessness had dire consequences.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) The passage does not claim that more people were unemployed in the 1930s.
- (C) While social programs are mentioned, the emphasis is on their effects rather than the need for them.
- (D) There is no claim about a greater proportion of elderly and handicapped individuals among those in poverty today compared to the 1930s.

9. Answer: (C) New statistical indices should be developed to measure the degree to which unemployment and inadequately paid employment cause suffering.

Explanation: The author highlights the inadequacies of current statistics in measuring the real impact of labor market issues, so developing new indices would directly address this concern.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) While reducing unemployment is important, the proposal does not directly address the measurement issues raised in the passage.
- (B) Finding a compromise does not specifically tackle the problems of measurement discussed.
- (D) The passage does not focus on how statistics might cause the issues they measure.

10. Answer: (B) Unemployment statistics can underestimate the hardship resulting from joblessness

Explanation: The author discusses how many people experience joblessness throughout the year, indicating that monthly unemployment statistics do not capture the full extent of hardship.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) While factors causing low wages are mentioned, the main point is not about these factors.
- (C) The focus is on the implications of repeated unemployment rather than recurrent inadequacies in the labor market itself.
- (D) The passage suggests that many jobless individuals do experience hardship, contrary to this option.

11. Answer: (C) do not all share the same asymmetry

Explanation: The passage specifically notes that while most flatfish have a uniform asymmetry, the starry flounder can be either left-eyed or right-eyed, highlighting this as a key difference.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) All flatfish, including starry flounder, lack bilateral symmetry.
- (B) The passage states that asymmetry occurs when they mature, but this is true for all flatfish.
- (D) Both eyes on the same side is a characteristic of all flatfish, not just starry flounders.

(E) The passage discusses geographic variations but does not imply that starry flounders cluster in only certain regions.

12. Answer: (D) II and III only

Explanation: The author suggests that left-eyedness and right-eyedness do not provide obvious selective advantages (II) and that these characteristics occur in different proportions geographically (III). However, the author does not support the idea that they are adaptive variations (I).

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) I is incorrect because the author argues against the idea that these characteristics are adaptive.
- (B) II only is partially correct but does not include the geographic variation aspect.
- (C) I and III only is incorrect because I is not supported by the author.

13. Answer: (C) twist

Explanation: The passage mentions that the crossing of the optic nerves can lead to twisting, which may be mechanically disadvantageous for flatfish.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) There is no mention of optic nerves adhering to one another as a disadvantage.
- (B) The passage does not suggest that optic nerves detach from the eyes.
- (D) Stretching of optic nerves is not discussed in the passage.

14. Answer: (A) A phenomenon is described and an interpretation presented and rejected.

Explanation: The passage describes the phenomenon of eye migration in flatfish, presents interpretations regarding the advantages of left- and right-eyedness, and ultimately rejects the idea that these traits are adaptive

Why other options are incorrect:

- (B) While generalizations are made, they are not thoroughly supported or weighed against each other.
- (C) The passage does not present a contradiction and resolution but rather critiques existing interpretations.
- (D) The passage does present observations but focuses more on interpretations rather than a dominant theory.

15. Answer: (B) Why should the eye-sidedness in starry flounder be considered selectively neutral?

Explanation: The passage discusses how the differences in eye-sidedness do not appear to provide a significant adaptive advantage, suggesting that these traits may be selectively neutral.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) The passage does not provide a definitive answer as to why Japanese starry flounder are mostly left-eyed.
- (C) It does not discuss biologists' interests in characteristics beyond the specific case of eye-sidedness.
- (D) The passage does not explain the mechanics of how the eyes migrate.

16. Answer: (D) reviewing the evidence that formerly had been thought to obscure a valid interpretation

Explanation: The passage critiques earlier interpretations of agrarian discontent and discusses how new evidence regarding international trade and agricultural practices can clarify the situation.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) The focus is not on contrasting interpretations but rather on reviewing evidence.
- (B) There is no introduction of new evidence from previously unavailable sources.
- (C) The passage does not question specific evidence used by scholars; it critiques the overall interpretation.

17. Answer: (A) emphasis on the importance of market forces in determining the prices of agricultural products

Explanation: The passage discusses how agrarian depressions were influenced by international trade dynamics and the interdependence of agricultural markets, highlighting the significance of market forces.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (B) The passage does not address the underutilization of small plots of land.
- (C) The overexpansion of transportation networks is not a focus.
- (D) The passage emphasizes the spread of agrarian depressions rather than local effects on nonagricultural products.

18. Answer: (B) proceeds from the sales of American agricultural products on foreign markets were unsatisfactory

Explanation: The passage indicates that the farmers who were most discontented depended on foreign markets, implying that their morale was affected by unsatisfactory sales returns.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) The passage does not suggest that cultivation costs were prohibitively high.
- (C) The perception of running out of farmland is mentioned but does not specifically tie to morale.
- (D) The focus is on foreign market prices, not domestic ones.

19. Answer: (B) The Homestead Act led to an increase in the amount of newly farmed land in the United States.

Explanation: The passage states that after the Homestead Act, there was an increase in newly farmed land, indicating its impact before 1890.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) Turner's thesis gained influence in the 1890s, not prior.
- (C) The passage does not mention marketing efforts by agricultural machinery manufacturers.
- (D) Direct lines of communication to South America are mentioned, but not prior to 1890.

20. Answer: (C) Explanation: The passage suggests that interdependence in markets led to widespread agrarian depressions, affecting multiple nations and prompting them to engage more in international trade.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) Agrarian depressions spread to nations with open frontiers, not excluding them.
- (B) The passage states that depressions affected several nations, including those with available land.
- (D) The focus is on agricultural products rather than effects on nonagricultural products.

21. Answer: (A) Oil companies are experimenting with technologies that may help diminish the danger to workers from offshore crude processing.

Explanation: The passage discusses the risks of processing crude oil on offshore platforms and the efforts to develop pumps that could reduce or eliminate the need for human labor on these platforms, thereby addressing the dangers workers face.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (B) While underwater processing is mentioned, the main focus is on diminishing dangers rather than installing facilities underwater.
- (C) The passage does not primarily discuss enhancing labor efficiency; instead, it emphasizes safety and reducing human labor.
- (D) The goal is to reduce the need for platforms, but the emphasis is on worker safety rather than solely eliminating facilities.

22. Answer: (D) It is able to carry the crude to the platform.

Explanation: The passage states that natural pressure from the wellhead can bring the crude to the platform, indicating its capability in this regard.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) There is no comparison made with the centrifugal pump's pressure.
- (B) The passage indicates that the flow of crude can vary based on gas and liquid proportions, contradicting the idea of constancy.
- (C) The pressure carries crude only as far as the platform, not just to the wellhead.

23. Answer: (B) It provides detail that expands upon the information presented in the first paragraph.

Explanation: The second paragraph elaborates on the challenges associated with the flow of crude and the design of pumps, expanding on the context of labor and safety issues introduced in the first paragraph.

Why other options are incorrect:

- (A) The second paragraph does not argue against the first paragraph; it adds detail.

(C) The paragraph discusses pros and cons but is more focused on specific challenges rather than objectively weighing claims.

(D) It does not detract from the main discussion but rather adds necessary context and detail.

24. Answer: (C) the pressure inside of the pump

Explanation: “Head” in this context refers to the pressure within the pump, so substituting “the pressure inside of the pump” would retain the intended meaning.

Why other options are incorrect:

(A) “The flow of the crude inside the pump” changes the meaning since it does not refer to pressure.

(B) “The volume of oil inside the pump” also shifts the meaning from pressure to volume.

(D) “The speed of the impeller moving the crude” does not relate to the concept of pressure at all.

25. Answer: (C) The dangers involved in working on offshore platforms make their elimination a desirable goal.

Explanation: The passage emphasizes the risks faced by workers on offshore platforms and the desire to reduce or eliminate those risks, suggesting that eliminating platforms could be beneficial.

Why other options are incorrect:

(A) While reducing human labor may lessen risks, it does not necessarily imply a lack of need for platforms.

(B) The passage does not suggest that researchers’ knowledge is dangerously incomplete.

(D) The positive-displacement pump may be a solution, but the passage does not assert it as the better alternative outright.

Logical Reasoning

26. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Option B strengthens the argument by showing that allowing euthanasia can improve the quality of life for terminally ill patients, supporting the idea that euthanasia provides a humane option.

Why other options are incorrect

A. provides public opinion but does not address the direct impact of euthanasia on individuals.

C. weakens the argument by raising concerns about coercion.

D. suggests that patients may not be capable of making rational decisions, thus weakening the argument for euthanasia.

27. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The passage discusses how safeguards have effectively prevented widespread abuse, making B the most logical conclusion.

A. contradicts the data presented in the passage.

C. assumes increasing cases justify moral correctness, which the passage does not suggest.

D. focuses on risk without acknowledging the safeguards in place.

28. Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The statement about the lack of reports of abuse is used to support the argument that euthanasia can be implemented safely, making D the correct choice.

A. misinterprets the evidence as weakening the claim against euthanasia.

B. focuses on normalization, which is not the point of the statement.

C. misidentifies the role of the statement in the passage.

29. Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A resolves the paradox by explaining that strict regulations and safeguards reduce the potential for abuse, which aligns with the data in the passage.

B. implies underreporting, which is not supported by the passage.

C. suggests difficulty in detecting abuse, which the passage does not mention.

D. introduces cultural factors not discussed in the passage.

30. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The reasoning in C is parallel to the concerns expressed by opponents of euthanasia, as both involve offering a choice (euthanasia or remote work) with the potential for individuals to be pressured into making a decision that might not be in their best interest. In both cases, critics are concerned about external influences compromising individual autonomy.

- A. discusses an educational context, which is not directly related to the autonomy concerns raised in the passage.
- B. is about drug legalization, but it focuses on widespread use rather than coercion, which is central to the passage's concern.
- D. focuses on a public health issue (underage drinking), which is not directly parallel to the moral dilemma of individual autonomy discussed in the euthanasia debate.

31. Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A strengthens Victor's argument by providing scientific evidence that his experiments could potentially reverse aging and offer immortality, thus reinforcing the belief that his work is humanity's last hope.

Why other options are incorrect

- B. references ancient rituals but does not support Victor's scientific approach.
- C. mentions animal experiments but also admits eventual failure, weakening the argument.
- D. argues against the pursuit of immortality, which undermines Victor's position.

32. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The passage presents Victor as obsessed with conquering death, dismissing potential dangers. B logically follows from this, highlighting how his ambition leads him to ignore risks.

Why other options are incorrect

- A. is incorrect because there's no indication Felix has been revived.
- C. contradicts Lucian's stance in the passage.
- D. is a metaphorical interpretation but lacks direct support from the text.

33. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The first boldfaced statement represents Victor's justification for his experiments, while the second is Lucian's rebuttal, pointing out the dangers of tampering with life and death.

Why other options are incorrect

- A. incorrectly suggests Lucian agrees with Victor.
- C. misinterprets the first statement as a fact about nature.
- D. is incorrect, as both statements represent arguments between the characters.

34. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: In C, the doctor's decision mirrors Victor's reasoning: both involve taking extreme risks for the chance of a breakthrough, despite knowing the potential consequences.

Why other options are incorrect

- A. and B involve ethical dilemmas but lack the same life-and-death stakes.
- D. focuses on personal perseverance rather than scientific or medical advancement.

35. Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Option D resolves the paradox by showing that Victor is willing to accept catastrophic risks for the greater good, believing that immortality justifies the potential dangers.

Why other options are incorrect

- A. introduces a hypothetical solution that is not mentioned in the passage.
- B. downplays the dangers, which the passage presents as very real.
- C. touches on ethics but does not address the paradox of progress versus risk.

36. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Option C strengthens the argument by suggesting that Draven's mental deterioration impaired his judgment, making him more susceptible to the stranger's manipulation. This highlights that Draven's downfall was inevitable due to his declining mental state.

Why other options are incorrect:

- A. mentions isolation but does not directly address the inevitability of his downfall.
- B. discusses historical precedent, which may not apply directly to Draven.
- D. suggests the Philosopher's Stone is a myth, but this does not address Draven's specific downfall.

37. Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Option D is the most logical conclusion, as the passage emphasizes Draven's inability to see the consequences of his ambition and how this ultimately led to his downfall.

Why other options are incorrect:

- A. focuses on the stranger's betrayal, which is part of the story but not the central conclusion.
- B. is relevant but less comprehensive than D in covering Draven's moral and physical downfall.
- C. attributes the castle's crumbling to the incantations, but this is not clearly supported by the text.

38. Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Option D weakens the argument by showing that Draven's downfall could have been caused by earlier sabotage from a close ally, rather than solely his obsession with the Philosopher's Stone.

Why other options are incorrect:

- A. references manipulation but does not explain why Draven would suddenly fail.
- B. suggests the Stone is real but does not directly weaken the argument about his obsession.
- C. shifts blame to the stranger but does not account for Draven's long-standing obsession.

39. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Option B assumes that only someone with Draven's power could unlock the Philosopher's Stone, which is why the stranger sought him out. This suggests that Draven's involvement was key to the plan.

Why other options are incorrect:

- A. focuses on Draven's deterioration, but this alone does not explain the stranger's manipulation.
- C. shifts focus to the stranger's knowledge, which is not the central assumption.
- D. suggests Draven frequently trusted others, which is less relevant to the stranger's specific plan.

40. Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A infers that the Philosopher's Stone's power comes with an unavoidable cost, which is a recurring theme in the passage. Draven and others fail to recognize this until it is too late.

Why other options are incorrect:

- B. suggests the Stone is a myth, which contradicts the events of the story.
- C. assumes the stranger had already unlocked the Stone's power, but this is not clearly supported.
- D. focuses on the Stone being purely destructive, which is not directly stated in the passage.

41. Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A strengthens the argument by providing an example of cities, like Tokyo and Singapore, where stricter government intervention in the form of public transportation and housing reforms has led to improved conditions. This suggests that such measures could work in other cities as well.

Why other options are incorrect:

- B merely points out the increase in private vehicle ownership but does not directly support the necessity of stricter government intervention.
- C discusses a correlation between population size and urban challenges but does not address the role of government intervention.

D reiterates the issue of underfunded mass transit but does not specifically strengthen the need for stricter government policies.

42. Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Option D accurately captures the main idea of the passage, which focuses on how metropolitan cities are struggling to keep up with the rapid growth of their populations, leading to various urban challenges.

Why other options are incorrect:

A suggests that rural-to-urban migration is the sole cause of population growth, which is not explicitly stated in the passage.

B incorrectly asserts that public transportation is the only solution to pollution, which the passage does not claim.

C introduces the idea of international cooperation, which is not mentioned in the passage as a requirement for solving metropolitan issues.

43. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Option B weakens the argument by showing that industries and factories are more significant contributors to air pollution than private vehicles, undermining the claim that vehicle reliance is a primary cause of metropolitan pollution.

Why other options are incorrect:

A supports the argument by suggesting that emissions standards are addressing vehicle pollution.

C highlights the promotion of electric vehicles but does not weaken the argument about vehicle-related pollution.

D refers to general advancements in green technology but does not specifically challenge the claim about vehicle pollution.

44. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Option C assumes that stricter regulations, such as reducing the number of private vehicles, will naturally lead to increased public transportation use, which is necessary for solving urban problems.

Why other options are incorrect:

A dismisses private sector solutions without directly supporting the argument about government intervention.

B assumes resources are available, which is not necessarily a core part of the argument.

D focuses solely on housing affordability, which is only one aspect of the broader urban challenges.

45. Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A is a valid inference from the passage, which discusses how the rapid population growth in metropolitan cities has consistently outpaced the development of infrastructure, resulting in multiple urban issues.

Why other options are incorrect:

B suggests that poor planning is the primary reason for slow infrastructure development, which is not directly implied by the passage.

C focuses on cities with stagnant or declining populations, which the passage does not address.

D attributes socioeconomic divides solely to public service inadequacies, which is not explicitly supported by the passage.

46. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: In statement 1, the author is describing a problem, namely, how the mind has traded happiness for external sources of validation, like money, home, family, and identity. Statement 2 presents a potential solution by encouraging us to rewrite the rules and take charge of our own narratives, particularly in the wake of the pandemic. Hence, B is correct.

Why other options are incorrect:

A incorrectly positions the problem as the second statement, which is actually a solution.

C implies a partial conclusion, but neither statement serves that role.

D misidentifies the roles of the statements, mixing the problem and solution.

47. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Option B is correct because the passage explicitly states that the mind is frustrated due to our reliance on external sources for happiness, as described in the opening lines. While the existential/psychological confusion is mentioned, it's not framed as the core cause of frustration, hence B is the more accurate answer.

Why other options are incorrect:

A is incorrect because while the second point is important, it is not cited as a primary cause of frustration.

C focuses only on the psychological/existential aspect, ignoring the larger issue of external sources of happiness.

D is incorrect, as both points are mentioned in the passage.

48. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Option C is correct because the passage explains that people misinterpret the psychological (which is fluid and inconsistent) for the existential, leading them to lose track of who they really are. This confusion underpins their lack of self-knowledge.

Why other options are incorrect:

A focuses on external sources, but it does not fully explain why people lose their sense of self.

B introduces the notion of "conscience" but does not appear in the context of the passage.

D is incorrect, as it doesn't pinpoint the specific issue of mistaking psychological identity for existential identity.

49. Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The passage's main argument emphasizes that life seeks to happen exuberantly and that we need to create a conscious planet. These points are mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5. Hence, D is the correct answer.

Why other options are incorrect:

A includes the creation of a happy society, which is not a clear conclusion of the passage.

B focuses on the need for an educational overhaul, which, while important, is not a main inference of the passage.

C limits the scope by focusing solely on the second point, overlooking the other key ideas.

50. Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A is correct because the passage indicates that the mind is incapable of differentiating between greed (pride in external things) and between the psychological and existential. This results in a flawed understanding of life.

Why other options are incorrect:

B incorrectly introduces a new idea that's not supported in the passage.

C narrows the incapability to just one aspect (existential vs. psychological), but the passage makes broader points about greed and confusion.

D is a mix of incorrect points and doesn't address the passage's focus.

Legal Reasoning

51 — Correct Answer: A

- **Passage Reference:** "The Supreme Court's order... raises tension between judicial enforcement and natural justice."
- **Explanation:** Procedural fairness demands that claimants be given a chance to respond before eviction. FRA emphasizes democratic and transparent adjudication. Denying a hearing violates these principles.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - B: Arbitrary differentiation; not grounded in law.
 - C: Ignores fairness and hearing requirement.
 - D: Re-endorsement not part of the appeal procedure.

52 — Correct Answer: B

- **Passage Reference:** “The Act establishes responsibilities and authority for sustainable use... and community management.”
- **Explanation:** Community forest rights (CFR) hold legal recognition and prevail unless a later statute expressly overrides them. Unilateral diversion contradicts the FRA’s goal of participatory forest governance.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Allows unchecked State power.
 - C: Compensation not mandated under FRA.
 - D: Overgeneralization; no absolute subordination.

53 — Correct Answer: C

- **Passage Reference:** “Title rights... limited to a maximum of 4 hectares.”
- **Explanation:** The 4-hectare statutory cap is explicit and binding; customs or equity cannot override legislative limits.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Violates the Act’s upper ceiling.
 - B: Arbitrary half-measure lacking legal basis.
 - D: Customary rights subordinate to statutory text.

54 — Correct Answer: D

- **Passage Reference:** “Implementation challenges... unfairly rejected claims... transparency critical.”
- **Explanation:** Reasoned decisions are part of natural justice. Absence of recorded reasons renders rejection arbitrary. Even if statute is silent, fairness requires reasoning.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Referral to Gram Sabha not a statutory remedy.
 - B & C: Permit arbitrary administration, contrary to FRA’s participatory intent.

55 — Correct Answer: C

- **Passage Reference:** “The Act establishes the responsibilities for sustainable use and maintenance of ecological balance.”
- **Explanation:** FRA rights come with environmental duties. When conservation and usage clash, restrictions consistent with ecological balance are legitimate.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A & D: Treat rights as absolute, inconsistent with Act.
 - B: No compensation provision stated.

56 — Correct Answer: B

- **Passage Reference:** “Providing clarity on the time limit... absence of timeline causes delay and injustice.”
- **Explanation:** Courts can enforce reasonable timeframes and suspend evictions until due adjudication, ensuring fairness and preventing arbitrary deprivation.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A & D: Abdicate judicial oversight.
 - C: Gram Sabhas lack statutory power to set legal timelines.

57 — Correct Answer: A

- **Reference:** “The Act’s success depends on balancing robust enforcement with fairness and individual privacy.”
- **Explanation:** The intent is not blind punishment but reasonable enforcement. Minor procedural lapses, especially due to administrative delays, should be treated leniently.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - B: Too rigid.
 - C: Intent not discussed in statute.
 - D: Notice not a condition precedent.

58 — Correct Answer: B

- **Reference:** “Universities must report enrollment of foreign students within 24 hours... strict enforcement and higher penalties.”
- **Explanation:** This provision is mandatory; technical excuses cannot override express statutory deadlines.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A, C, D: No statutory allowance for delay or warnings.

59 — Correct Answer: C

- **Reference:** “The Act authorizes audits and inspections at any employer or institutional premises.”
- **Explanation:** The law explicitly allows such inspections. Privacy arguments cannot override clear legislative authorization.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A, B, D: No requirement of prior notice or warrant in text.

60 — Correct Answer: B

- **Reference:** “The government may capture biometric data of foreign nationals... for identification and compliance.”
- **Explanation:** Biometric data collection is statutorily sanctioned; its objective—security and verification—is legitimate.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A, C, D: No opt-out or high-risk limitation in the law.

61 — Correct Answer: A

- **Reference:** “The law strengthens penalties but fairness demands non-retrospective application.”
- **Explanation:** Penalties cannot apply retrospectively; that would breach fairness and predictability.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - B, C, D: No retrospective reach or special approval mentioned.

62 — Correct Answer: B

- **Reference:** “Hotels must digitally record stay details... for inspection; stricter reporting and penalties.”
- **Explanation:** Accuracy is a mandatory compliance requirement; even small errors invite liability to ensure accountability.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Law does not differentiate between major/minor inaccuracies.
 - C, D: No such qualifiers exist in statute.

63. C

Explanation: The Bill explicitly promotes trust-based governance, where first-time minor violations merit warnings instead of punishments. This prevents harassment and maintains proportionality.

Why Others Wrong:

- A & B: Ignore the advisory-first principle.
- D: Judicial approval contradicts the decentralization purpose of process reforms.

64. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The Bill differentiates first-time and repeat offences to maintain both trust and accountability. Repeat offenders face enhanced penalties as part of rationalized enforcement.

Why Others Wrong:

- A: Ignores proportional enforcement principle.
- C: Contradicts graded compliance structure.
- D: Administrative adjudication is valid under the Bill.

65. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Administrative adjudication by designated officers is part of the process reform structure — improving efficiency while judicial review remains available.

Why Others Wrong:

- A & B: Misinterpret administrative reforms as unconstitutional.
- D: Parliament already authorized delegation within the Act.

66. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Automatic upward revision every three years sustains deterrence without legislative backlog. Parliament retains power to amend the clause later.

Why Others Wrong:

- A & D: Overstate delegation doctrine.
- C: Inflation is irrelevant — the clause applies automatically.

67. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The Bill's process reforms reduce discretion and arbitrary enforcement, minimizing corruption. Transparency and proportional penalties replace fear-based compliance.

Why Others Wrong:

- A & D: Ignore evidence from the passage's case studies (DBT, GeM Portal).
- B: Oversimplifies the deterrence concept.

68. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The passage emphasizes that process reforms improve operational efficiency without compromising fairness. Digital tools are valid if procedural safeguards — notice, hearing, record — are maintained.

Why Others Wrong:

- A & D: Reject modernization contrary to passage principles.
- B: Creates artificial, non-statutory distinction.

69 — Correct Answer: A

- **Passage Reference:** “Preventive detention must not be used as a substitute for ordinary law enforcement.”
- **Explanation:** Publishing criticism is not a national security threat. The NSA cannot be invoked to silence dissent; doing so constitutes misuse and violates Article 21.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - B: Overextends preventive detention.
 - C: Advisory Board review doesn’t cure misuse.
 - D: Prior judicial approval not mandated but irrelevant here.

70 — Correct Answer: A

- **Passage Reference:** “The Supreme Court has emphasized that preventive detention should not replace ordinary penal law.”
- **Explanation:** Since regular laws exist for misinformation or IT violations, NSA use is excessive.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - B: Misstates purpose; supply maintenance not blanket justification.
 - C: NSC not an approving authority.
 - D: Virality immaterial to legality.

71 — Correct Answer: D

- **Passage Reference:** “NSA should not be used to suppress dissent; preventive action must be based on imminent threat.”
- **Explanation:** Only actual violence or threat justifies preventive detention; peaceful protest cannot be penalized.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Correct principle but incomplete — violence threshold matters.
 - B & C: Overbroad interpretation of NSA powers.

72 — Correct Answer: B

- **Passage Reference:** “Authorities must ensure transparency but can withhold information if disclosure harms national security.”
- **Explanation:** Right to know grounds exists but can be restricted to protect operations; proportional secrecy allowed.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Too absolute.
 - C: Board review procedural, not substantive.
 - D: Immediate judicial review not mandated.

73 — Correct Answer: A

- **Passage Reference:** “The NSA may not be used for political targeting or suppressing dissent.”
- **Explanation:** Using NSA against political criticism is misuse violating constitutional liberty and fairness.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - B & C: Equating criticism with disloyalty undermines free speech.
 - D: Misleading; political status irrelevant.

74 — Correct Answer: D

- **Passage Reference:** “Detention cannot exceed 12 months and must undergo periodic review.”
- **Explanation:** The only invalidation ground here is exceeding the statutory maximum; extension within limit, though non-transparent, remains lawful.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: NSA permits secrecy.
 - B: Classifications alone not justification.
 - C: NSC has advisory, not judicial, power.

75 — Correct Answer: C

- **Passage Reference:** “The regulatory body categorizes and registers games... determines if a game qualifies as a money game.”
- **Explanation:** Classification must be based on the *dominant element test* — if skill predominates, the authority must review before banning. Blanket bans violate procedural fairness.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Too absolute. The Act envisions classification, not automatic prohibition.
 - B: Wrong—labeling as e-sport requires regulatory recognition.
 - D: Payment alone doesn’t determine legality.

76 — Correct Answer: A

- **Passage Reference:** “Online social or educational games may be recognized and promoted for safe, age-appropriate platforms.”
- **Explanation:** Advertising unrelated brands on non-money games doesn’t violate the Act unless promoting betting or harmful content.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - B: Overbroad reading; only money-game ads are banned.
 - C & D: No statutory need for pre-approval or total ban.

77 — Correct Answer: B

- **Passage Reference:** “The Act applies across India, including services operated from outside but accessible in India.”
- **Explanation:** The Act’s territorial scope includes offshore platforms accessible within India; hence, the influencer is liable for promotion.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A & C: Misread jurisdictional clause.
 - D: Liability doesn’t depend on prior blocking order.

78 — Correct Answer: B

- **Passage Reference:** “Companies and their officers are accountable; independent directors are exempt if they demonstrate due diligence.”
- **Explanation:** Liability attaches to responsible officers unless they prove due diligence. Strict liability for all officers contradicts legislative intent.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Overbroad.
 - C: Ignores exemption clause.
 - D: Restricts liability too narrowly.

79 — Correct Answer: B

- **Passage Reference:** “Union Government may recognize and promote safe, educational platforms for learning and recreation.”
- **Explanation:** If primary intent is educational, not gambling, the platform can qualify under “social/educational games” after regulatory review.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Too rigid; context matters.
 - C: Scholarships still involve stakes.
 - D: Government encouragement doesn’t mean exemption.

80 — Correct Answer: D

- **Passage Reference:** “Regulatory authority to categorize and register games, determining if a game qualifies as a money game.”
- **Explanation:** The regulator must first classify whether e-sports revenue constitutes taxable service before GST applies.
- **Why Others Wrong:**
 - A: Presumptive taxation contradicts statutory classification.
 - B: E-sports status doesn’t automatically exempt income.
 - C: Irrelevant distinction.

General Knowledge

81. → Correct Answer: A

- “Ahimsa towards the soil” means avoiding disturbance to the soil ecosystem.
- Options B and D distort the philosophy.
(Mentioned in passage — conceptual link tested.)

82. → Correct Answer: A (1, 2 and 4 only)

- Natural farming improves soil carbon, groundwater, and microbes — but not mechanization index.
(Partly inferential, not directly in passage.)



83. → Correct Answer: B

- Natural farming discourages *all external inputs* including certified organic ones.
- Organic farming allows certified fertilizers.
(Direct conceptual question, partly covered in passage.)

84. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Given in passage — ICAR conducted such studies.

85. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Given in passage — synthetic inputs are discouraged.

86. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Not directly mentioned but inferred — reliance on local resources and minimal external inputs.

87. Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Statements 1 & 3 – Given in passage; statement 2 – incorrect (creates synergy, not subsumption).

88. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: “Financing constraints” not mentioned — hence outside the passage.

89. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Only Sagarmala → port-led development (correct). Others mismatched. (External knowledge — not in passage.)

90. Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Not given in passage — outside knowledge; aligns conceptually with SDG 9.

91. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Passage states improvement via infrastructure efficiency, *not* through taxation or labour reforms.

92. Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Not given in passage; outside knowledge — Health Ministry is not a core infrastructure ministry in Gati Shakti.

93. Correct Answer: B

- **Passage basis:** The passage states the new station is planned to **replace** Maitri since it is aging and has limitations. (Given)
- **Outside not given:** Details like “tourism facility” or “territorial claims” are not given in passage.

94. Correct Answer: B

- **Passage basis:** Passage mentions solar power for summer and wind energy (“larger, greener ... solar during summer, wind energy year-round”).
- **Outside not given:** Geothermal, cables from Russia, or sole diesel are not mentioned or factually stated.

95. Correct Answer: C

- **Passage basis:** Automated instruments (A), prefabricated materials (B), and completion by January 2029 (D) are all mentioned.
- Tidal energy is not mentioned in the passage.

96. Correct Answer: A

- **Outside knowledge:** Dakshin Gangotri was indeed India's first Antarctic station in 1983.
- **Passage basis:** The passage references the chronology (Dakshin Gangotri before Maitri, Bharati, etc.), but not the exact 1983 date (so using that counts as outside knowledge).

97. Correct Answer: B

- **Passage basis:** It mentions the new station is near the existing Maitri in Schirmacher Oasis (east Antarctica).
- **Outside not given:** Other location options (Ross Shelf, etc.) are incorrect or not in passage.

98. Correct Answer: B

- **Passage basis:** Passage mentions "automated instruments ... relay data even during unmanned periods." This supports inference B, not A or C or D.
- **Outside not given:** That they measure "only tectonics" is not supported.

99. Correct Answer: B

- **Passage basis:** It states that the Safe & Trusted AI pillar focuses on establishing guardrails, standards, and governance mechanisms for responsible AI deployment.
- **Not given:** Options A, C, D are not stated or implied in the passage.

100. Correct Answer: C

- **Passage basis:** The passage lists the five: Saakshya, AI Vishleshak, Real-Time Voice Deepfake Detection, Evaluating Gender Bias in Agricultural LLMs, and Anvil.
- **Not given:** "Quantum AI Secure Network" is not among them.

101. Correct Answer: C

- **Passage basis:** It states India is leveraging existing legal frameworks and augmenting them with sectoral oversight and governance-by-design.
- **Not given:** Options A, B, D are contrary to the passage.

102. Correct Answer: C

- **Passage basis:** The passage names machine unlearning, auditing tools, explainability, fairness testing, etc.
- **Not given:** Blockchain consensus is not mentioned in the passage.

103. Correct Answer: B

- **Passage basis:** It says IndiaAI (an independent business division under MeitY) coordinates the efforts.
- **Not given:** Options A, C, D are not stated and do not match current structures.

104. **Correct Answer:** B

- **Outside knowledge / inference:** Many analyses and reports indicate India is adopting a hybrid approach (legal, technical, standards) rather than a monolithic AI law.
- **Not given:** It is not explicitly stated in the passage, but is consistent with external sources.

105. **Correct Answer:** B

Explanation: Passage mentions Red Sea is connected via Suez Canal to Mediterranean.

(Given in passage.)

106. **Correct Answer:** C

Explanation: Passage lists bordering countries; Croatia borders the Adriatic, not the Black Sea.

(Partially outside passage — inference based on knowledge of geography.)

107. **Correct Answer:** B

Explanation: Passage says Arabian Sea is part of Indian Ocean and dominated by monsoon winds; borders India, Oman, Pakistan.

(Given in passage.)

108. **Correct Answer:** C

Explanation: Arabian Sea connects via Arabian Sea–Gulf of Aden–Indian Ocean, not Gibraltar (which connects Atlantic–Mediterranean).

(Outside passage knowledge.)

109. **Correct Answer:** A

Explanation: Although not explicitly in passage, Red Sea’s high salinity is known fact consistent with “warmest and saltiest” mentioned.

(Partly in passage + outside factual detail.)

110. **Correct Answer:** C

Explanation: Arabian Sea hosts major oil shipping routes linking Gulf states to global markets; inference beyond passage.

Quantitative Technique

111. **(b) Total = 91+88+97+107+110+116+122 = 731**

Average = $731/7 = 104.42$

112. **(d) More % = $4 \times 100 / 75 = 5.33\%$**

113. **(b) $6 \times 100/11 = 54.55\%$**

114. **(a) $(100+120) : (97+103), 220:200, 11:10$**

115. **(a) $25 \times 20\% = 5$ million tones.**

116. **(a) $30\%, 60 \times 100/200 = 30\%$**

117. **(b) $35:26, 65 \times 7/13 : 65 \times 2/5 = 35:26$**

118. **(b) $57.5 \text{ cr}, 45+50+55+62+65+68 = 345$**

Average = $345/6 = 57.5 \text{ cr}$

119. **(c) $5 \times 100/ 55 = 9.09\%$**

120. **(b) $144 \times 100/200 = 72\%$**