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Part - II

Critical Reasoning

Direction (1-3): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the given conclusions follow(s).

1. Statement: Teen age school-going children in urban India have now become avid as well as more regular viewers of web series on various OTT platforms, even in households without a TV. As a result there has been an alarming decline in the extent of readership of novels.

Conclusions:

I. Method of increasing the readership of novels should be devised.

II. A team of experts should be sent to other countries to study the impact of OTT platforms on the readership of novels.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Neither I nor II follows

2. Statement: Administration is an integral part in the execution of development programmes. It is recommended that Management Information System be developed for all programmes. This is likely to give a feedback on the performance and the efficiency with which services are being delivered.

Conclusions:

I. All the development programmes should be evaluated.

II. There is a need to administer the performance of workers.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Neither I nor II follows

3. Statement: The distance of 60 km by road between Madh Island and Juhu is reduced to 20 km by sea. This will lead to a saving of 40 minutes one way in time and Rs. 100 in money.

Conclusions:

I. Transportation by sea is cheaper than that by road in this case.

II. Time saved in journey is not as important as money is.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Direction (4 - 6): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the given assumptions is /are implicit.

4. Statement: The school authority has decided to decrease the number of students in each classroom to forty from the next academic session to bridge the gap between expected learning and actual learning to a larger extent.

Assumptions:

I. The quality improvement due to reduction in number of students will be sufficient enough to bridge the gap.

II. The school will have to increase sections in each class from the next academic session.

(a) Only assumption I is implicit

(b) Only assumption II is implicit

(c) Both assumptions are implicit

(d) Neither of the assumptions is implicit

5. Statement: Arrange marriages mostly end in divorce.

Assumptions:

I. There are no cases of divorce in love marriages.

II. Love marriages do take place.

(a) Only assumption I is implicit

(b) Only assumption II is implicit

(c) Both assumptions are implicit

(d) Neither of the assumptions is implicit

6. Statement: The local cultural club decided to organize a dance event to raise money for the construction of the club's theatre.

Assumptions:

- I. The local residents may not allow the club to organize the dance event in the locality.
 II. The money allocated by organizing the dance event may be substantial enough for the club to start construction.
- (a) Only assumption I is implicit (b) Only assumption II is implicit
 (c) Both assumptions are implicit (d) Neither of the assumptions is implicit

Direction (7-9): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two courses of actions numbered I and II. Choose the appropriate option for valid course of action.

7. Statement: The sale of its hit product "A" has gone down considerably, causing great concern to the company "B".

Courses of Action:

- I. The company "B" should make a proper study of rival products in the market.
 II. The price of the product "A" should be reduced and the quality be improved.
- (a) If only I follows (b) If only II follows (c) If neither I nor II follows (d) If both I and II follow.

8. Statement: A train has derailed near a station while moving over a bridge and fell into the river.

Courses of Action:

- I. The Railway Authorities should clarify the reason of the accident to the Government.
 II. The Government should allocate funds to compensate the destruction caused.
- (a) If only I follows (b) If only II follows (c) If neither I nor II follows (d) If both I and II follow.

9. Statement: TV channels are concerned about the quality of its programmes particularly in view of stiff competition it is facing from OTT platforms and are contemplating various measures to attract talent for their programs.

Courses of Action:

- I. The fee structure should not be revised until OTT platforms also revise it.
 II. In an effort to attract talent, the TV channels have decided to revise their fee structure for the artists.
- (a) If only I follows (b) If only II follows (c) If neither I nor II follows (d) If both I and II follow.

Direction (10-12): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is /are 'strong' argument(s).

10. Statement: Should parents play with their children?

Arguments:

- I. No, children treat their parents like equals and there don't respect their parents anymore.
 II. Yes, it helps in building up a healthy bond between children and parents.
- (a) If only Arguments I is strong (b) If only Arguments II is strong
 (c) If both I and II are strong (d) If neither I nor II is strong

11. Statement: Should India support all the international policies of NATO?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, this is the only way to gain investment from NATO countries.
 II. No, powerful countries like Russia and China don't support the same.
- (a) If only Argument I is strong (b) If only Argument II is strong
 (c) If Both I and II are strong (d) If neither I nor II is strong

12. Statement: Should there be a limit on drawing ground water for domestic purposes in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, water levels have gone down to alarmingly low levels in many parts of the country, which may lead to serious environmental consequences.
 II. No, irrigation is of prime importance for food production in India and it is heavily dependent on ground water in many other countries.
- (a) If only Argument I is strong (b) If only Argument II is strong
 (c) If Both I and II are strong (d) If neither I nor II is strong

Passage -1

Challenging and displacing the narratives of colonialist writers like Joyce Cary and Joseph Conrad meant for Achebe the appropriation of ethnographic modes of representation to prove that the communities of his African past were neither “primitive” nor “without history”. James Clifford, borrowing from Bakhtin, argues that since culture is not “a unified corpus of symbols and meanings that can be definitively interpreted,” ethnographic representation must incorporate a narratological dialogism that reveals culture’s “contested, temporal, and emergent” nature. As George Marcus also contends, this dialogical approach to ethnographic representation must be borne in mind by both “outsiders” like Conrad and Cary writing about the other and “insiders” like Achebe writing about themselves and their own cultures. Henrietta Moore, among anthropologists welcoming the new dialogical ethnography of Clifford and others, agrees with them on the use of “new forms of writing such as those predicated on dialogue, intertextuality and presence of various varieties within one language to unmask and displace the unitary authority” of the author.

13. According to your understanding of the passage, which of the following captures the representation of Africans by authors like Joyce Cary and Joseph Conrad?

- (a) Africans and their culture as complex and sophisticated (b) Africans having a rich history and culture
(c) Africans as primitive and a historical beings (d) Africans as people ready to be suppressed

14. Which of the following can be inferred as a statement supported by Bakhtin?

- (a) New forms of writing can displace the unitary authority of the author within a text.
(b) Culture is not a static body. It exists in a state of flux depending on its interpretation.
(c) Culture exists independent of time.
(d) The essence of culture always remains the same. Only some of its parts change with time

Passage -2

All ICSE and ISC schools have been closed since March 16 after the state government asked educational institutions in Bengal to remain shut till March 31 to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The closure was later extended till April 14. The council has advised the schools to start online teaching and learning activities because most schools are yet to decide how to keep their students in touch with studies at home, a source at an ICSE school in Calcutta said.

Some guardians have allegedly been complaining to schools that in the absence of routine academic activities, students were treating the closure as a “long holiday” and this was also leaving parents, who have had to manage household chores while working from home, stressed. A structured routine will keep children occupied at a time when they cannot go to school or even outdoors, psychologists said.

15. The author of the passage is most likely to agree with which of the following statements:

- (a) Schools should ask the students to watch television during the lockdown period.
(b) Schools can give online assignments to the students.
(c) Both (a) and (b)
(d) Neither (a) nor (b)

16. Which of the following weakens the benefits of online submission of assignments?

- (a) It’s practically impossible to determine the real authorship of an online assignment.
(b) Students tend to research more on the internet when it comes to writing an online assignment.
(c) Students tend to use online platforms to connect with peers from all over the world while writing assignments.
(d) Online assignments can be checked easily by the teachers because there are tools to detect grammatical and spelling errors.

Passage -3

Branding is a complex process. It is a tough job for any marketer to personify a product or a service into an image that is either liked or not liked.

Marketers keep juggling with branding strategies. To introduce one new product and build a brand out of it is a very intimidating task. To have a plethora of brands in the portfolio can suffocate the basket of products. This concept of launching and managing a plethora of brands by one company is considered as Brand Proliferation. Brand proliferation is the opposite of brand extension.

17. Which of the following would weaken the argument of brand proliferation?

- (a) It can lead to money-spinning because of too many products, efforts and economic resources being wasted.
- (b) Consumers get confused and make mistakes while purchasing products.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Passage -4

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) chairman Sukhbir Singh Sandhu wants to speedily reduce the nodal road agency's massive Rs 70,000 crore arbitration-linked outstandings by way of conciliation. It is true that arbitration-court proceedings can be long-drawn, and conciliation can bring speed and reduce legal costs. But the question to ask is, why are sums as large as Rs 70,000 crore getting stuck in arbitration to begin with? NHAI clearly needs to frame better contractual obligations, closely monitor project implementation online, and go for speedy settlement of dues to avoid costly and time-consuming disputes. Thus, ensuring that the contractors involved in highway infrastructure have minimum hindrance and the speed of development is quick.

18. Which of the following could be contributory factors that would add to NHAI's plight?

- (a) Delays in land acquisition, and long-winding approval processes, especially for environment and forest clearances, have led to huge time and cost overruns for NHAI projects.
- (b) Looking ahead, NHAI reportedly would henceforth not issue work orders for public-private partnership (PPP) projects unless it has 90% of the land in its possession.
- (c) The way forward, surely, is for NHAI to form special purpose vehicles (SPV) for highway projects that have all statutory clearances and approvals in place, and then to invite bids.
- (d) All of the above

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