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Verbal

1. According to popular wisdom, language is a cultural artifact or cultural invention or it is part of the leaning process or it is unique to Homo sapiens. But option(4) has been stated as the viewpoint of the cognitive researchers as can be seen in the lines 'Language is a complex specialized.....module'. The author also agrees with the cognitive researchers' view as he confirms to the view that language comes by instinct. He further corroborates this by saying that people know how to talk in the same manner as spiders know how to spin the web.
2. 2 "Spiders know how to spin webs" highlights the inherent qualities of living species. This analogy can be replaced in a similar way by "Bees collecting nectar" which is also a part of their inane trait. Options(1), (3), (4) mention traits which are acquired over a period of time by putting in some kind of effort in order to be adept at them.
3. 2 Refer to the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph of the passage. It states that 'In nature's talent show, we are simply a species of primate with our own act, a knack for communicating information about who did what to whom by modulating the sounds we make when we exhale'. Hence, communicating with each other through voice modulation is the unique quality of human beings as per the passage.
4. 1 Refer to the 3rd paragraph of the passage where the author says that the researchers believe that the complexity of language is part of our biological birthright. He further illustrates the researchers' point of view that it cannot be taught. The author strengthens this view by quoting Oscar Wilde, making option(1) as the correct answer option. The rest of the options are not mentioned in the passage.
5. 4 Throughout the passage, the author is talking about language as a type of instinct that is existent in human beings and not any specific attribute or skill that is learnt by them over a period of time. In the first paragraph, the author claims 'But I prefer the admittedly quaint term instinct'. Similarly in the last paragraph of the passage, the author concludes by saying that 'Finally, since language is the product of a well engineered biological instinct, we shall see that it is not the nutty barrel of monkeys that entertainer columnists make it out to be'.
6. 2. only option 2 is true. (2) Used as an analogy for healthy human beings.
7. b US was more concerned with 'order' than with reforms of any kind.
8. d Latin Americans regarded it as economic imperialism.
9. a The Act of Bogota was most closely related to the Marshall Plan or Latin America.
10. c US preferred dictatorship to the spread of communism in Latin America.
11. b The President's initiative to present financial economic aid to Latin America has been presented as an example of his efforts to mend his 'Latin American fences'. Thus he was not acting to continue to keep communism from intruding the country.
12. a The passage states that speeding up social reforms implied a risk of revolt, which could be avoided by maintaining status quo.
13. b The diverse cultural and socio-economic factors are a major problem affecting the Indian education system. (a) (c) and (d) are not stated in the passage.
14. d 'Grizzled mandarins' refers to bureaucrats. It would be unfair to label the mandarins as (a), (b) or (c).
15. c Those in charge of education are totally out of touch with the ground reality. This point is given in the fourth paragraph. Hence, it will not be necessary to mark (a), (b) or (d) as the answer.

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16.a The author advocates decentralizing education planning and implementation to improve the education system. This point is given in the fourth paragraph. Hence, it will not be necessary to mark (b), (c) or (d) as the answer.

17.d None of the given statements can be related to primary education, on the basis of the passage.

18.a The author advocates greater community involvement for successful implementation of education policy. This point is given in the fourth paragraph. We are not sure about others.

19.4. None of the following options fits to be the main idea of the passage

20.3 In para number 2 “Each is torn ...” and then further in para 3 “Internal ...” These lines in paras 2 and 3 talk about external conflict being psychologically empty, and no psychological problems involved therein. This makes internal conflicts psychologically interesting.

21.2 In paragraph 4, refer to line 11, “Chess may be psychologically..... rationally.” According to the author, only when someone acts irrationally will that act be considered psychologically interesting and out of the given choices only option (2) qualifies, wherein adopting a defensive strategy against an aggressive opponent will be irrational. Option (3) is incorrect as the choice that the mountaineer would make would depend on external conditions and there would not be any internal conflicts as such, and the decisions that he would need to make would have to be rational.

22.2 In the first paragraph refer to line 4- “Thus the “interests” of the players are generally in conflict.” Choice (3) may also be correct but choice (2) is more appropriate as it is stated directly in the passage whereas choice (3) is an inference. Choice (1) is a consequence of applying game theory to a situation, not one of its pre-requisites, Therefore option 4 is also ruled out.

23.3 In paragraph 4 lines 3 onwards- “The effort... genuine” According to this, in case of the detective , if the criminal remains passive, there is no conflict, whereas the scientist has to unravel the secrets of nature (which is “passive”) by deduction .

24.1. Its given in the last line of the 3rd paragraph and starting of 4th paragraph. Games like Tic-tac-toe is played in a perfectly rational manner is psychologically no more interesting than chess which is played not quite rationally.

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25. This question asks you to choose the statement that best describes the Essence or structure of the passage. The first two sentences of the passage give you information about children and walking. In the third sentence, the author asserts that the idea of walking when the time is right should be applied to the activity of teaching children to read. The fourth sentence tells what might happen if the idea were applied. Choice A accurately describes the Essence of the paragraph.

26. B shows the problem faced by a researcher, D. elaborates why this happens, A continues with it and C., by using 'however' introduces the way out of the problem. BDAC is correct answer.

27. Options 1 and 3 are very generalized statements. Option 2 is a repetition of the idea presented in the beginning of the paragraph. The para talks about how developed countries indulge in trade protectionism as a move against China and India's economic rise, under the guise of climate concern. Option 4 and 5 talk about the same thing but 4 goes along with the subtle suggestive tone of the para while 5 is more curt in its accusation of 'perpetrators of inequity'. Correct answer is 4.

28. The best answer for this question is D. Several pieces of explicitly stated information point to D as the best answer. The first sentence of the passage states that, in one respect, local property taxes "are superior to" state taxes as a way of financing public schools. The second sentence states what this superiority or advantage is in helping schools to avoid competition for funding. The third and fourth sentences tell more about this advantage.

29. In the paragraph the author suggests why the doctor loses some of his patients. Option 5 can be easily eliminated as the pronoun "these" has no antecedent in the para. Option 3 & 4 are farfetched as they are to do with the doctor's attitude towards the problem, which the para does not indicate in any way. Option 1 can also be done away with as it suggests those patients who fail to speak up and not about those who leave his treatment, as indicated in the para. Option 2 fits in perfectly as it speaks of those who have no other alternative but to seek his treatment. Correct answer is 2.

30. The use of word 'rather' in B. indicates that it should follow 1. D. states that the competition depends on five basic competitive forces, A. continues with the same idea. C. states that not all industries have the same potential this is elaborated in 6. Correct answer is BDAC.

31. This question asks you to identify the essence in writing the whole passage. The author does not plainly state the essence; the essence must be determined on the basis of the information in the passage and how that information is organized. The first two sentences classify Shakespeare's plays into four categories and offer an explanation, endorsed by "some scholars." Note that up to this point in the passage, you know only that the author is concerned about the kinds of plays Shakespeare wrote and with explaining why he may have written them when he did. The word "But" in the sixth sentence of the passage informs you that the passage is about to change direction. The author states that there is evidence to suggest that the first explanation may be wrong. The ESSENCE of the passage, then, is not simply to describe the kinds of plays Shakespeare wrote, but rather to refute the explanation attributed to "some scholars" by providing evidence to suggest it may not be true. This purpose is described in choice B.

32. ADB is a clear sequence. So is CE. A has a suitable opening with A few months ago. The invitation and the response follow in DB. She in E has a clear reference to One senior in C. Correct answer is ADBCE.

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33. The para is a description of the Jewry settlement,. (4) can be eliminated as it brings in a hint of skepticism. (3) is a mere repetition of an idea already discussed in the para (that of jews being tolerant). (5) can also be eliminated as it brings an alien concept – that of Mattancherry's popularity with the tourists . Between (1) and (2), we will eliminate (1) as it has a more conclusive tone, which is not in sync with the descriptive nature of the paragraph. Correct answer is 2.

34. CA gives the sequence of action. BD follows with reaction. The outcome is in E. CA outlines the consecutive bids. BD gives Mr. Shah's statements. Moreover in D adds to B. Correct answer is CABDE.