

## **PARAJUMBLES – 3**

- 1) A. World War II, was a global military conflict, the joining of what had initially been two separate conflicts.  
 B. The other began in Europe in 1993 with the German invasion of Poland.  
 C. This global conflict split the majority of the world's nations into two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis Powers.  
 D. The first began in Asia in 1973 as the Second Sino-Japanese War.  
 E. The Allies included USA, UK, France etc.  
 F. Whereas Axis powers included mainly Germany, Italy and Japan.
  
- 2) A. According to this philosophy, acquiring the awareness of Bramavidya (direct perception or awareness of reality) alleviates this deep source of suffering.  
 B. The Indian philosophy of Advaita Vedanta explains that we suffer as a result of our avidya (ignorance) and maya (misconceived, misinterpreted views of reality).  
 C. Only this awareness directly leads us to moksha (liberation).  
 D. Brahmanvidya, thus is an ancient system of Yoga and Philosophy, which helps eliminate suffering.
  
- 3) A. It describes the lives of the young March sisters  
 B. Little women' is a beloved classic.  
 C. It is an ambition she is destined to fulfill.  
 D. Meg is a young girl who settles into quiet domesticity.  
 E. However Jo, her sister, longs to be a famous author.
  
- 4) A. the Calcutta High Court ruling (May 6, 2003) based on an Expert Committee Report pronounced that a "highly civilized society" and an important trading center" had existed on the site of Calcutta long before the first European settlers came down the Hooghly.  
 B. Abul Fazl's Ain-I-Akbari dating 1596 also mentions about the place.  
 C. the first literary reference of this city is found in Bipradas Pipilai's magnum opus Manasa Mangala that dates back to 1495.  
 D. the place then called Lakikatah was also an important religious center due to the Kali temple at Kalighat.  
 E. the Sabarna Roy Choudhary family was granted the Jagirdari of Kalikatah by Emperor Jehangir in 1608.  
 F. on the basis of these findings, the court declared that Job Charnock could not be regarded as the founder of Calcutta.
  
- 5) A. Nazi Germany refers to Germany from the start of Adolf Hitler's government in 1933 until the beginning of denazification in 1945.  
 B. all of these were among the foremost reasons for waging the Second World War.  
 C. the policies pursued during this period were based on the concepts of Great Germany, Aryan racial purity, anti-semitism, anti-communism, territorial revision and revenge for Germany's territorial losses at the Treaty of Versailles.  
 D. in this period the country was governed by the National Socialist German Workers Party, or Nazi Party and by Adolf Hitler as chancellor in 1933 and from 1934 onwards as Fuhrer.  
 E. the Nazi regime is infamous for the incarnation in concentration camps and mass murder of Jews, Roma, political opponents, homosexuals and others in the Holocaust or Shoah, which caused outrage among international communities.  
 F. by the end of the war, Germany's major infrastructure was destroyed- and many of its major cities were in ruins as the result of Allied bombings.
  
- 6) A. "Chakra" is a Sanskrit term meaning circle or wheel.  
 B. they are considered to be a point or nexus of metaphysical and/or biophysical energy of the human body.  
 C. theories on chakras fit within systems that link the human body and mind into a single unit, sometimes called the body mind or 'namarupa'.  
 D. chakras are commonly described as energy centers in the spine located at major branches of the human nervous system, beginning at the base of the spinal column and moving upwards to the top of the skull.  
 E. there is a wide literature on chakra models, philosophy and lore that underpin many philosophical systems and spiritual energy practices, religious observance and personal discipline.  
 F. these philosophical theories and models were first codified in Ancient India.
  
- 7) A. preparing to rebuild the international economic system as World War II was still raging, 730 delegates from all 44 Allied nations gathered at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire for the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference.  
 B. the Bretton Woods system of monetary management established the rules for commercial and financial relations among the world's major industrial states.  
 C. the delegates deliberated upon and signed the Bretton Woods Agreement during the first three weeks of July 1944.

- D. the Bretton Woods system was the first example of a fully negotiated monetary order intended to govern monetary relations among independent nations- states.
- 8) A. the agency consisted of several of the existing members that has worked to established Israel as a nation and to bring Jewish people to it.  
 B. the Mossad was a small, unorthodox Zionist organization whose mission in 1938 was to bring Jews to Palestine.  
 C. the Mossad's modes of operation, its ideology, and politics resulted in the creation of the intelligence agency for the Israeli government once it was established in 1948.  
 D. this was done to subvert the British quotas on Jewish immigration.  
 E. the Mossad is responsible for intelligence collection, counter-terrorism, covert operations such as paramilitary activities and assassinations, and the facilitation of the aliyah ( Jewish immigration to the Land of Israel) where it is banned.
- 9) A. During the 24-hour darkness of the austral autumn and winter, the South Pole Telescope operates nonstop under impeccable conditions for astronomy.  
 B. The atmosphere is thin (the pole is more than 9,300 feet above sea level, 9,000 of which are ice), stable (due to the absence of the heating and cooling effects of a rising and setting Sun) and the pole has some of the calmest winds on Earth, blowing almost always from the same direction.  
 C. "The South Pole has the harshest environment on Earth, but also the most benign," says William Holzapfel, a University of California at Berkeley astrophysicist, the on-site lead researcher at the South Pole Telescope.  
 D. From an astronomer's perspective, not until the Sun goes down and stays down—March through September— does the South Pole get "benign. "
- 10) A. As "operating systems", Latin and French outlived the strategic pre-eminence of Rome and France.  
 B. Nor will Chinese, Russian, or Indian culture soon shoulder aside the American version-high or low- whose draw is embodied by Harvard and Hollywood.  
 C. Once a standard exists, it tends to perpetuate itself-just like the dollar, for all its ups and downs will not soon yield to the Euro or the Renminbi.  
 D. By such measures, no other rival, not even China, comes close to America, whatever the country's many familiar failings and riches of the rising rest.
- 11) A. Nevertheless, the focus of otherwise very different movements - from cultural feminism to environmentalism to radical Jihadism - is fundamentally the same: moral regulation.  
 B. Identity politics constantly demands the creation of new identities and lifestyle groups, often hostile to one another.  
 C. The main beneficiary of this shift from explicit political clashes to new forms of culture war has been identity politics.  
 D. Many of the political battles of the past two decades have actually been battles over cultural values, be it marriage, family, sexuality, abortion, immigration, multiculturalism, Islam or the EU.
- 12) A. The crash in the Alps has launched a search for a solution to the problem of accessing the cockpit from outside if the plane has been commandeered from within.  
 B. Flight safety has so far focused on threats from the passenger side, and the 9/11 terror episode led to fortification of the cockpit.  
 C. But if they are in a position to act, pilots can override this mechanism.  
 D. In exceptional circumstances, such as an emergency affecting the pilot and the cockpit area, the crew can use a code that opens the cockpit door briefly, or it even opens automatically if the pilots are immobilized due to depressurization.
- 13) A. Indeed, Indian policy-planners find themselves in a predicament thanks to the continued monetary easing by some nations and the shrinkage in world trade.  
 B. In this context, a fund-starved country like India will do well to focus on foreign direct investment rather than get unduly worried about foreign institutional investment, which will have its ebb and flow depending on the environment outside. .  
 C. With everyone waiting for the other to act first, the onus is definitely on the political bosses to devise quick solutions to accelerate the economy.  
 D. Given this 'new normal' kind of an environment, they will have to look at ways to protect the Indian economy from external vicissitudes.
- 14) A. Delisting the content under the parameters of "the right to be forgotten" does not mean the information is taken down from the Internet, but that it's no longer readily available to the public through a simple search on an intermediary such as Google.  
 B. However, those who support this controversial legislation say people shouldn't be unfairly dogged by inaccurate, irrelevant, or outdated information that turns up when their name is put into a search engine.

- C. The Court of Justice of the European Union established a "right to be forgotten" in a landmark decision in May 2014, allowing Europeans to ask search engines to delist certain links from results they show based on searches for that person's name.
- D. A number of other countries, including Russia, have proposed their own versions of the right to be forgotten, which has led campaigners for freedom of expression to warn that such decisions could limit what content is readily available online in these countries.
- 15) A. But that would require a tough look at the economy, at the dearth of productivity, and at how it might be possible to restore conditions of growth. It would require serious investment, risk-taking, and nerve.
- B. If those currently carping about the tax affairs of the rich really did care about raising tax revenues, they would concentrate on raising the volume of wealth that can be taxed.
- C. The problem with the eagerness to recast economic problems, from a failure to cut the deficit to the continued inability to restore conditions of growth, as a moral issue and an erring on the part of selfish individuals who just aren't giving enough back, leaves the real problems untouched.
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- 16) A. Athletes may not be role models, but they're certainly digital lightning rods.
- B. Nearly twenty years ago athletes did as they pleased, only entering the public news scope if an off-the-court/field dustup was so monumental that the nightly news couldn't afford not to cover it.
- C. Athletes might want the ability to make millions while still being able to crack off-kilter and slightly offensive jokes without seeing the number of zeroes in their paycheck affected, but that's not how it works.
- D. Today, thanks to the advancement in social media with tools like Facebook and Twitter, athletes have signed up for a 24 hour a day news conference.
- 17) A. This burnt off many living forms and it took a long time before oxygen- using life forms started flourishing about 500 million years later.
- B. Some of this was 'fixed' by iron and organic matter of earth, but the rest soon led the 'poisonous' gas, oxygen, attain levels of about 20 per cent in the air.
- C. Those days, the earth was rich in a set of microbes called cyanobacteria, which started the early events of photosynthesis, wherein the microbe used CO<sub>2</sub> for energy production and emitted oxygen gas as the waste material.
- D. One such massive upheaval of the earth's atmosphere occurred about 2.4 billion years ago, during what is called the "Oxygen Catastrophe".
- E. Cyanobacteria reproduced very fast (doubling every 30 minutes), leading to vast amounts of oxygen in the atmosphere.
- 18) A. Even if the Court is not motivated by an anti-African agenda, it is no less concerning that it acts, without fail, in concert with its North Atlantic backers.
- B. It simply reproduces a Western narrative of Russian aggression that justifies NATO's largest build-up of military forces in eastern Europe since the Cold War.
- C. That military intervention in Africa by former colonial powers has been followed, almost without exception, by the International Criminal Court's juridical intervention, leaves Africans understandably suspicious.
- D. And the Court's recent decision to launch an investigation into South Ossetia—its first extra-African investigation—is but of a piece with its earlier interventions, doing little to assuage that concern.
- 19) 1. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) crossed an important milestone with the successful launch of weather satellite INSAT-3DR using a Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) equipped with the indigenous cryogenic upper stage.
- A. The September 8 GSLV launch marks the third consecutive success; the fact that it is the first operational flight by the GSLV carrying the indigenous cryogenic upper stage is confirmation that India now belongs to the elite club of countries that have mastered the cryogenic technology.
- B. Likewise, igniting a cryogenic fuel and sustaining the combustion for a prolonged period is a daunting task.
- C. Maintaining structural and thermal integrity of the engine at very high temperatures during combustion just a few centimeters away from – 250° C, a temperature at which materials behave very differently, is a huge challenge.
- D. This marks a departure from the long history of failures with the GSLV; except for the first, every launch of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), the workhorse of ISRO, has been a success.
6. The Thursday launch had fully utilized the maximum payload carrying capacity of the GSLV-Mk II by carrying the heaviest satellite (2,211 kg) ever from Indian soil.

#### Answer Key:

1. DBCE	2. BACD	3. BADEC	4. CDBE	5. DCBE	6. DBEC	7. BDAC	8. BDCAE	9. CDAB	10. CBAD
11. DCBA	12. BDCA	13. ADBC	14. CADB	15. CBAD	16. BDCA	17. DCEBA	18. CADB	19. DACB	