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CAT Model Paper 6 Questions and Answers with Explanation Part 7

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Q: 32. Which of the following best captures Messud's response to whether her husband's criticism has affected her career?

- (A) She agrees with it by offering an example
- (B) She disagrees with it by presenting evidence
- (C) She agrees with it by presenting an analogy
- (D) She disagrees with it by citing authority

Ans: C

Solution:

Answer - She agrees with it by presenting an analogy

Messud's answer is: "I certainly have felt at various moments that the reluctance of a certain world to take me seriously as a writer is not unlike the fact that only one of us can work in the house at any given time. That there isn't enough air."

She is agreeing with the contention that of the two, Wood has been more successful and refers to the idea that at home only one can work at any given time. That is, she is presenting this analogy to indicate that only one of them can find the literary success they both seek.

'She agrees with it by offering an example' is wrong since she is not giving an example of literary success but presenting another argument (of working from home)

'She disagrees with it by presenting evidence' and 'she disagrees with it by citing Authority' are incorrect.

Q: 33. What is the counter-impulse in the line: Then Wood pivots to discuss "this strong counter-impulse" they both feel?

- (A) Aiming for work-life balance

(B) Sending children off to boarding school to have more time to oneself

(C) Negotiating the space between the self and one's responsibility

(D) Preferring domesticity over the demands of the professional world

Ans: D

Solution:

The correct choice is Preferring domesticity over the demands of the professional world.

The statement occurs when Wood is reading from the Italian writer's work. She has written about the burden of familial responsibility (what children can do to a woman — first to her body, then to her work) . Then Wood mentions the counter impulse and says: "To hell with the outside world. To hell with the work. Children are right in front of you. That's the work, and the joyous work."

Therefore 'Preferring domesticity over the demands of the professional world' implies that he prefers domesticity to the demands of the professional world.

The rest of the options are irrelevant.

Q: 34. The sentence below has two blanks followed by four pairs of words as choices.

From the choices, select the pair of words that can best complete the given sentence.

Some farmers, and even vegetable traders, dip the harvested vegetables in chemicals to _____ their shelf life, or use coloring agents to _____ their customer appeal.

(A) Prolong, efface

(B) Extend, enhance

(C) Shorten, strengthen

(D) Reduce, boost

Ans: B

Solution:

The correct choice is Extend, enhance

We need positive words for both blanks. 'Farmers do all this to extend vegetables' shelf life and enhance their customer appeal.

Efface is wrong, since it means lessen

Hence Extend, enhance

Q: 35. The sentences numbered 1,2,3,4 and 5 below when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. From among the four choices given below the question, choose the MOST LOGICAL ORDER of sentences that constructs a coherent paragraph.

- (1) In the aftermath of Indira Gandhi's assassination, citizens' groups emerged in melting pots of various "concerned" people.
- (2) Those were exciting times and gave rise to the hope that the system could still be rescued from those working towards maintaining the status quo.
- (3) In those early days of political activism outside the framework of the party system, organizations and individuals associated with the movements were viewed with suspicion.
- (4) The NGOs were accused of taking money from foreign donors to destabilize India.
- (5) Indira Gandhi, when she was alive, had attributed every disturbance in India to a "foreign hand."

- (A) 12345
- (B) 15234
- (C) 15243
- (D) 12354

Ans: A

Solution:

Since every option begins with 1, let's start with 1. This is a tricky question because there are two statements that mention Indira Gandhi but as we will see they don't go together. In 1 we are saying something happened in the aftermath of Gandhi's death. 2 comes next because it says "those were exciting times ..." emergence of citizens groups created a hope that the system can be reformed. In 3 we are saying "in those early days of suspicion" . So, it continues with 2. Also 345 represent a theme, that of suspicion with activists. In 3 it says "the movements were viewed with suspicion." In 4 we have an example of what the NGOs were accused of. 5 concludes by referring to what Indira Gandhi had said about them.

Q: 36. The four sentences given in the options below are labelled as 1,2,3 and 4. Of these, three sentences can be arranged in a logical order to form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit the sequence.

- (A) Ever since two Chechen brothers were implicated in the Boston bombings, people have been thumbing through atlases and history books to see what, if anything, is distinctive about Islam on Russia's mountainous southern rim.
- (B) Whatever answers we come up with, they won't prove anything about the murky background to the Boston attacks.

(C) A contest between the puritans and the Sufis is still going on in many parts of the world.

(D) But they may help us understand part of the context.

Ans:

Solution:

The correct choice is (C) . Answer - A contest between the puritans and the Sufis is still going on in many parts of the world.

All the three i.e., ‘Ever since two ...,’ ‘Whatever answers we come up ...’ and ‘But they may help us ...’ go together. In ‘Ever since two ...,’ the author refers to the Boston bombings and asks if something can be learnt about them from the state of Islam in southern Russia. In ‘Whatever answers we come up ...’ he says not much explanation will be available. In ‘But they may help us ...,’ he concedes that contextual understanding may be obtained. ‘A contest between the puritans ...,’ about Sufis, is out of context.

Hence option C

Q: 37. The last sentence in the paragraph below from has been deleted. Choose the option that completes the paragraph in the MOST APPROPRIATE way.

In the first phase, in 2000 , an open, ascending auction for radio waves ended in overbidding. In the second phase, in 2006, closed bids, with a reserve price of zero, worked well. That really is when private radio took off. For the third phase the Cabinet has recommended an open, ascending, e-auction. There is no issue with the “e” part since it brings transparency to the whole process. It is the “open, ascending” bit that worries everybody.

(A) Typically, open, ascending auctions are used in a competitive scenario for a rare painting or artefact, not for a combination of radio frequencies

(B) Typically, open, ascending auctions lead to distribution of radio waves that are free-to air and make money from advertisers

(C) Typically, open, ascending auctions lead to overbidding and impossible breakevens, like it happened in phase one

(D) Typically, open, ascending auctions start with a reserve price that is fixed at the highest bid for a town in a similar category in the same region

Ans: C

Solution:

‘Typically, open, ascending auctions lead to overbidding and impossible break-evens, like it happened in phase one’

The author is talking about the auction of radio waves. The last line says that “open, ascending” is a problem. Among the options, ‘Typically open, ascending auctions lead to overbidding and impossible break-evens, like it happened in phase one’ is the best. Since it both speaks of the problems and relates it to the earlier phase. ‘Typically, open, ascending auctions are used in a competitive scenario for a rare painting or artefact, not for a combination of radio frequencies’ is also a good answer but is not specific about why it is bad for radio frequencies. ‘Typically, open, ascending auctions lead to distribution of radio waves that are free-to-air and make money from advertisers’ and ‘Typically open, ascending auctions start with a reserve price that is fixed at the highest bid for a town in a similar category in the same region’ are irrelevant since they don’t discuss the problem with open, ascending.

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