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Reading Comprehension

How to Work Around the Changing Trends?

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Changing Trends!!

- Not the length
- Understanding
- Not Synonyms & Antonyms

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Information

- Direct
- Derived
- Analytical
- Synthesize Information

Methodology

- Question 1st
- Passage 1st
- Crux
- Confine in boundaries
- Elimination

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Key Words!

- Inference/ Conclusion/ Crux / Essence / Central Theme
- Assumption
- Argument / Supporting

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We are witnessing a dangerous dwindling of biodiversity in our food supply. The green revolution is a mixed blessing. Over time farmers have come to rely heavily on broadly adapted, high yield crops to the exclusion of varieties adapted to the local conditions. Monocropping vast fields with the same genetically uniform seeds helps boost yield and meet immediate hunger needs. Yet high-yield varieties are also genetically weaker crops that require expensive chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides. In our focus on increasing the amount of food we produce today, we have accidentally put ourselves at risk for food shortages in future.

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Which among the following is the most logical and critical inference that can be made from the above passage?

- (a) In our agricultural practices, we have become heavily dependent on expensive chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides only due to green revolution
- (b) Monocropping vast fields with high-yield varieties is possible due to green revolution
- (c) Monocropping with high-yield varieties is the only way to ensure food security to millions
- (d) Green revolution can pose a threat to biodiversity in food supply and food security in the long run

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Safe and sustainable sanitation in slums has immeasurable benefits to women and girls in terms of their health, safety, privacy and dignity. However, women do not feature in most of the schemes and policies on urban sanitation. The fact that even now the manual scavenging exists, only to show that not enough has been done to promote pour-flush toilets and discontinue the use of dry latrines. A more sustained and rigorous campaign needs to be launched towards the right to sanitation on a very large scale. This should primarily focus on the abolition of manual scavenging.

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With reference to the above passage, consider the following statements:

1. Urban sanitation problems can be fully solved by the abolition of manual scavenging only
2. There is a need to promote greater awareness on safe sanitation practices in urban areas

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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To understand the nature and quantity of Government proper for man, it is necessary to attend to his character. As nature created him for social life, she fitted him for the station she intended. In all cases she made his natural wants greater than his individual powers. No one man is capable, without the aid of society, of supplying his own wants; and those wants, acting upon every individual, impel the whole of them into society.

(Thomas Paine – Right of Man)

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Which among the following is the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the above passage ?

- (a) Nature has created a great diversity in human society
- (b) Any given human society is always short of its wants
- (c) Social life is a specific characteristic of man
- (d) Diverse natural wants forced man towards social system

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Continuity Words	Contrast Words	Conclusion Words
Similarly	Nonetheless	Thus
Moreover	However	Therefore
Additionally	But	Hence
In the same way	Although	In summary
Likewise	Despite	In Conclusion