

Directions(1 to 18): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below them. Certain words/phrases have been given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

The verdict of the Supreme Court bench, upholding the validity of the provision in the Income Tax Act which makes Aadhar number mandatory for securing issue of permanent account number (PAN) and filing income tax returns, is welcome. Linking of Aadhar with PAN may be necessary to prevent individuals from holding multiple PAN cards. At the same time, the court has provided relief for those experiencing difficulty in such linking through no fault of their own by allowing them to continue filing income tax returns without Aadhaar numbers. The court has also asked the government to take steps to prevent leakages of biometric data of citizens, which has become a serious concern.

The government certainly has case for linking Aadhaar numbers to PAN cards. Issued was much as 250 million whereas the number of income tax returns filed was only about 36.5 million. Clearly there are a lot of income tax payers with more than one PAN card, which help them evade taxes. It is mistake on the part of the government, however, to introduce Aadhaar- whose original intention was to ensure welfare benefits go to the right people- indiscriminately across the board.

There is a plan, for example, to make Aadhaar numbers mandatory for booking air tickets, which is draconian. Government may want to track finances of citizens for legitimate reasons, but why does it want to track all their movements? India needs, in fact comprehensive legislation that would protect the right to privacy of every individual and ensure prompt and effective remedial measures in case of transgressions. Such legislation would also help the government to secure a positive ruling from the constitutional bench in the Aadhaar case.

1. Find the word most near to the word underlined from the passage.

(A) Uphold :

(a) Support (b) Withstand (c) stop (d) conceal

2. Most opposite to the word underlined :

Mandatory :

(a) compulsory (b) Imperative
(c) Optional (d) Regional

3. Which one of the following options best describes the word or phrase from the passage?

Leakages of biometric datas

(a) lest the linking of Aadhar Number with PAN should breach the fundamental right of personal privacy
(b) lest it should hinder the speed of otherwise good project
(c) It should cause problems to the citizens
(d) lest it should lay to much pressure on Central Government.

4. Which one of the following is true according to the passage?

(A) The Supreme Court upheld the validity of the provision in the Income Tax Act which makes Aadhar number mandatory for securing issue of permanent account number and filing income tax returns.

(B) The court has asked the government to take steps not to prevent leakage of biometric data of citizens

(C) There is a plan, for example to make Aadhar number mandatory for booking air tickets

(a) Only C (b) Only A (c) only B (d) A and C
(e) none of these

5. The linking of Aadhar number with Permanent Account number will result in:

(A) Preventing individual from holding multiple P.A.N. cards.
(B) Preventing individuals from misusing P.A.N. cards
(C) Preventing individuals from holding multiple Aadhar numbers.

6. While upholding the validity of provision in the Income Tax Act, the Supreme Court has asked the government to take steps to :

(A) Prevent leakage of biometric data of citizens
(B) Prevent the misuse of Permanent Account number
(C) To prevent the individuals seeking multiple Aadhar numbers.
(a) C (b) A (c) B (d) All

7. According to the passage the supreme court has provided relief to

(A) Those who have not got Aadhar number by allowing them to file income tax returns
(B) Those who have not got PAN cards
(C) Those who have got multiple permanent Account Numbers.

8. A great disparity between the number of P.A.N. cords issued 250 M. and the number of income tax returns filed 36.5 million clearly shows.

(A) The evasion of income tax returns by those who have got multiple P.A.N. cards
(B) A clerical error in printing out the data.
(C) The relevant success of linking Aadhar number with PAN cards.
(D) The atten failure of government in its responsibility.

9. Which statement (s) is/are false out of the following ones from the passage.

(A) The Supreme Court upheld the validity of the provision of income Tax Act.
(B) The people use multiple PAN cards to evase the income tax returns.
(C) There is a plan to make Aadhar number mandatory to fill income tax returns.

(a) C (b) A (c) A (d) A and B (e) none

10. The type of approach the author has adopted to the topic is

(a) Highly critical and progressive (b) Satirical
(c) Modern and logical (d) Creative and critical

The killing of two Chinese nationals, abducted at gunpoint in the Balochistan capital Quetta in may, appears to have exposed fault lines between China and Pakistan, with Beijing issuing statements calling for Islamabad to do more to protect its citizens. To begin with, there have been reports of unhappiness over the \$55-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor-some Pakistani economists mention the debt burden Pakistan will face, and there have been protests by Gilgit, Baloch and Sindhi activists against the environmental impact of major infrastructure projects. There are also religious issues : Pakistan accused the two Chinese nationals, who had obtained business

visas to teach Mandarin and learn Urdu, of being involved in Christian “missionary work”, which is unlawful in the country.

The abduction and murder, first announced in the Islamic State site Amaq, also indicates the inroads the group has made in Pakistan. The Pakistan government, which has faced criticism in the Chinese media for not doing more to save the two Chinese nationals, will clearly have to speed up its plans for a Special Security Division to protect CPEC, raising nine army battalions and hiring about 14,000 personnel. It would, however, be a mistake to read too much into reports that the killings have caused strains between China and Pakistan, or Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

The two countries have had decades of close cooperation, led by defence co-production and nuclear technology transfers; If anything, CPEC binds them in an even closer embrace. In a recent statement, Beijing sought to dismiss reports suggesting that President Xi Jinping had refused to meet Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the recent Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Kazakhstan because of the kidnappings. It said the two leaders had already held substantive discussions during the Belt and Road Forum in mid-May.

The killing of the Chinese nationals represents a lapse in security, but is part of what the Chinese Foreign Ministry calls the risks of “going global”, indicating that as its footprint grows in developing nations and conflict zones, its citizens will face higher risks. For both China and Pakistan, CPEC and other cooperation is not ideological but driven by mutual strategic interests. China has, for example, refused to consider India’s concerns on terror emanating from Pakistan, although groups like the Lashkar-e-Taiba have attacked Chinese citizens. Similarly, Pakistan raises concerns over the alleged treatment of Kashmiris and minorities in India, but ignores the Chinese government’s strict anti-terror laws in Xinjiang province. While it is important to observe the progress of CPEC closely, and continue to raise India’s concerns on sovereignty with China and Pakistan, it is premature to attach too much lasting significance to the kidnappings in Balochistan.

Directions (11-20) Read the comprehension carefully and answer the questions below from the passage.

11. China asked Islamabad to do more to its citizens : because:

- (A) Two Chinese nationals abducted at gunpoint in Balochistan were brutally killed by the terrorists sponsored by Pakistan.
- (B) Pakistan did not do much to the citizens of China as it had done to others.
- (C) China apprehends a threat to its citizens in Pakistan, from the terrorists
- (D) Its citizens lodged a complaint related to insufficient protection in Pakistan.

12. The killing of two Chinese nationals in Pakistan resulted in :

- (A) The directions to Pakistan, from China is to do more to its citizens.
- (B) The directions to Pakistan to a Judicial enquiry and strict punishment to the outlaws :
- (C) The directions to the Pakistan govt. to hand over the Outlaws to China.
- (D) The directions to Islamabad to hand over the outlaws.

13. Find out the True statements (s)

- (A) Pakistan accused the two slain nationals of missionary work which is unlawful in the country
- (B) Pakistan was asked by Chinese govt. to do more to protect its citizens.
- (C) Two nationals were first abducted at gunpoint and were brutally killed.

- (a) only B (b) Only A (c) Only C (d) A and B
- (e) All of the above

14. According to the passage, what is unlawful in the Pakistan?

- (A) To involve in missionary work
- (B) Not to inform the embassy of Islamabad about one’s stay
- (C) To obtain a business Visa to teach mandarin and learn Urdu.
- (D) All of the above

15. Find out False Statements

- (A) Two countries have had records of close co-operation led by defence co-production and nuclear technology transfers.
- (B) The Pakistan government which has faced criticism in the Chinese media for not doing more to save two nationals will clearly have to speed up its plan for a special Security Division to protect CPEC
- (C) Chinese government has stopped all type of help to Pakistan in response to the abduction and brutal killing of two nationals.

- (a) Only B (b) Only A (c) A and B (d) Only C
- (e) All of the above

16. The Foreign ministry looks at the abduction and brutal murder of two Chinese nationals

- (A) as the reaction of China over ambitious policy concerned to Ob OR or C.P.E.C.
- (B) As the reaction of involvement of the two slain nationals in a missionary work
- (C) As the reaction of non-payment of aid to Pakistan
- (D) As the reaction of strong and atomic attack by Chinese forces on the terrorists.

17. Which one of the following options is most near to the word below.

Premature:

- (a) Ripe (b) Ignoble (c) Candid (d) Before the time

18. Which one of the following options is most opposite to the word below.

Expose:

- (a) Hide (b) Prevent (c) Summon (d) To call off

Directions:(Questions 19 to 25): In each question, a sentence is given, and a part of it is underlined. Choose the answer option that corrects any error/errors observed in the underlined fragment. Note that in questions where only a part of the sentence is underlined/in italics, the answer options correspond to changes to be made to the highlighted part. The rest of the sentence remains unchanged

19) Though all competitive exams do not allow using a calculator. but where they are permitted, there are restrictions on the models allowed.

- (A) Though all competitive exams do not allow using calculators,
- (B) Not all competitive exams allow the use of a calculator,
- (C) Every competitive exam does not allow using of calculators,
- (D) No correction required

20) Denouncing it as anti-democratic, the Lobbying Act was slammed by critics, imposing draconian limits on the activities of trade unions.

- (A) the Lobbying Act, which imposes draconian limits on the activities of trade unions, was slammed by critics.
- (B) critics slammed the Lobbying Act, imposing draconian limits on the activities of trade unions.
- (C) critics slammed the Lobbying Act, which imposes draconian limits on the activities of trade unions.
- (D) No correction required

21) While people in the Middle East have good reason to feel gravely threatened by terrorism, but elsewhere in the world, it is more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to.

- (A) but, elsewhere in the world, it's more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to.
 (B) elsewhere in the world, it's more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to.
 (C) but elsewhere in the world, it's more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to
 (D) elsewhere in the world, its more that people are paying greater attention to the terrorist threat than they used to.

22) Long-term risk is rarely taken by air-quality indices into account. they also vary from place to place.

- (A) Air-quality indices rarely take long-term risk into account;
 (B) Rarely do air-quality indices take long-term risk into account,
 (C) Though long-term risk is rarely taken by air-quality indices into account,
 (D) No correction required

23) The solution that he worked out was not only correct but complicated.

- (A) was not only correct but also complicated.
 (B) was correct but complicated.
 (C) was correct only but complicated.
 (D) No correction required

24) As there was no place in the first compartment, he shifted to the second.

- (A) As there was no room in the first compartment, he moved
 (B) As there was no space in the first compartment, he shifted
 (C) As there was no seat in the first compartment, he moved
 (D) No correction required

25) Whoever is chosen as the new chief, it is likely to continue many of the policies that the incumbent holds dear.

- (A) Whoever is chosen as the new chief, they are
 (B) Whomever is chosen as the new chief, he is
 (C) Whoever is chosen as the new chief is
 (D) No correction required

Directions(Question 26 to 35): The sentences given in each question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the given choices to construct a coherent paragraph.

- 26)** A. Good writers use more verbs.
 B. However, it is hard to write without verbs.
 C. The reason is that if unnecessary words are reduced, the verb-percentage goes up as a mathematical necessity.
 D. So "use verbs" is not really good advice; writers have to use verbs, and trying to add extra ones would not turn out well.

(A) ABCD (B) ACBD (C) ABDC (D) DBCA

27) A. The French Revolution created a vision for a new moral universe: that sovereignty resides in nations; that a constitution and the rule of law govern politics; that people are equal and enjoy inalienable rights; and that church and state should be separate.

- B. The French Revolution invented modern revolution—the idea that humans can transform the world according to a plan—and so has a central place in the study of the social sciences.
 C. It ushered in modernity by destroying the foundations of the "Old Regime"—absolutist politics, legal inequality, a "feudal" economy (characterized by guilds, manorialism, and even serfdom), and an alliance of church and state.

- D. That vision is enshrined in the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen of 1789, whose proclamation of "natural, imprescriptible, and inalienable" rights served as the model for the 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
 (A) ADBC (B) BADC (C) ACBD (D) BCAD

28) 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."

(A) ABCD (B) CDAB (C) CDAB (D) ACBD

29) 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

(A) ACBD (B) BADC (C) CBAD (D) CABD

30) A. The oldest fossil grasses are just 70 million years old, although grass may have evolved a bit earlier than that.

B. There have been land plants for 465 million years, yet there were no flowers for over two-thirds of that time.

C. The equally-familiar grasses appeared even more recently.

D. Flowering plants only appeared in the middle of the dinosaur era.

(A) DCBA (B) BCAD (C) CADB (D) BDCA

31) 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.

(A) BACD (B) DACB (C) DCBA (D) BADC

32) A. Patrilineal ownership of lands and the culture of dowry attached to it have turned daughters into bad debts.

B. The control of such castes on local politics aggravates masculine hubris.

C. The bigotry of our village culture and polity is intrinsically linked to a control of land and agriculture.

D. Land makes certain castes 'kingly' in rural communities.

(A) DBCA (B) DABC (C) CDAB (D) ADDB

33) A. The Cold War was underpinned by an understanding which allowed the US to maintain hegemony over the capitalist world and which gave the Soviet Union a regional sphere of influence in Eastern Europe.

B. The bloody upheavals and wars occurred not in Europe, America or Russia, but in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and were either directly or indirectly a response to the experience of

Western colonialism.

C. Despite the aggressive rhetoric of this era, the Cold War was a period of relative peace between hostile geopolitical blocs.

D. In retrospect, what was remarkable about the Cold War was the ability of most of the major players to manage their conflict.

(A) ADCB (B) DBCA (C) CBDA (D) BADC

34) A. The Mandate of Heaven indicated divine approval of a king's right to rule.

B. In other words, the Mandate of Heaven gave divine ruling authority to kings that lived a moral life, administered justice, and protected the welfare of his people.

C. Whereas Medieval Europeans legitimized their ruling authority by the divine right of kings, Confucian societies used a similar concept called the Mandate of Heaven.

D. However, it differed from the divine right of kings in that Heaven's endorsement depends upon the virtuous conduct of the ruler.

(A) ABCD (B) ABDC (C) CDAB (D) CADB

35) A. General Yi knew that the Ming dynasty was more powerful than Mongols were and judged that if he attacked, the Ming would likely invade Korea.

B. Upon his arrival in Kaesŏng, General Yi toppled the government through a military coup and in 1392 CE, he placed himself on the throne —ushering in the Chosŏn Kingdom.

C. Due to his prominence in 1388 CE, the anti-Ming (pro-Mongol) faction sent General Yi to expel a contingent of Ming troops stationed on the northern part of the Korean Peninsula.

D. Seeing the campaign as a potential disaster, General Yi turned his troops south towards the Koryŏ capital, Kaesŏng.

(A) ACDB (B) CADB (C) ADCB (D) CBDA