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5 words



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Question 1

doubtfully

- ~~a) presumably~~
- b) unlikely**
- c) ostensibly
- d) allegedly
- e) All are Correct

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appearing to be true.

blame without proper proof.



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Question 2

- have close similarity.*
- a) coordinated — *managed.*
- b) corresponded — *accord with*
- c) rocked
- d) blended — *to mix.*
- e) All are Correct

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Question 3

- a) punishes
- b) castigates
- c) incriminates
- d) exonerates
- e) All are Correct

admonish
rebuke

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to blame.
free from
blame.

indicts - summons.

negative terms

neither - nor
contrast



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Question 4

- a) establish
- b) revoke
- c) dope
- d) reduce
- e) All are Correct

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→ drugs/narcotics



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Question 5

- a) conspired
- b) demolished
- c) razed
- d) finished
- e) All are Correct

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raised - to nurture
 razed - to demolish
 to destroy.



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Question 6



- ~~a) convenience~~
- b) obstruction
- ~~c) incentive~~
- d) vantage
- e) All are Correct

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vintage
viewpoint
high quality / prime.
antique.



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Question 7



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- a) frail
- b) **ambiguous**
- c) emphatic
- d) lamzy
- e) All are Correct

→ Weak / infirm.

→ Uncertain

→ Emphasizing

→ (lame - lazy)
Couch Potato.

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Question 8

- a) assure *→ confident*
- b) invigorate *→ refresh / energize*
- c) bolster
- ~~d) undermine~~
- e) All are Correct

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→ Strengthen / Support
→ erode / Sabotage.



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Question 9

- a) resisted
- b) acquiesced
- c) accepted
- d) ceded
- e) All are Correct

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a) withstand / oppose
 b) permit / allow.
 d) surrender.



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Question 10

- a) promote - +
- b) obstruct ✓
- c) encourage +
- d) cultivate +
- e) All are Correct

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→ inquiry / investigation.



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The pro-Nazi, but important legal and political theorist, Carl Schmitt, made the friend-enemy distinction as _____ (1) of politics itself. To be political was necessarily to work with a distinction between an extreme version of us and them, friends and enemies. Not only was this distinction the decisive criterion of the political but even within this relationship, enmity had priority over friendship: Those not on our side, or disloyal to us, are automatically, irredeemably, enemies.

Question 1

- a) constitutive
- b) instinctive
- c) intrinsic
- d) immanent
- e) All are correct

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Not only was this distinction the decisive criterion of the political but even within this relationship, enmity had priority over friendship: Those not on our side, or disloyal to us, are automatically, irredeemably, enemies. In doing so, Schmitt reduced all politics to war. At least war is an ever-present possibility in politics, he claimed, and therefore a political person must conduct himself as if surrounded by enemies. Schmitt was _____ (2) a distinction perfected by some strands within Abrahamic religions that invented the idea of an 'extra-systemic other', a radical other with whom no conversation is possible, one who is outside one's semantic universe.

Question 2

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- a) utilising
- b) leveraging
- c) exploiting
- d) maneuvering
- e) All are correct



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Question 3

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Schmitt was _____(2) a distinction perfected by some strands within Abrahamic religions that invented the idea of an 'extra-systemic other', a radical other with whom no conversation is possible, one who is outside one's semantic universe. Those who do not _____(3) to the doctrine defining the system are enemies to be fought. Internal dissent too is _____(4) , akin to betrayal, of joining the camp of the enemy, signifying treachery. Felt as existential threats, both outsiders and deviant insiders must be 'converted', brought in line or altogether _____(5).

- a) heed
- b) adhere
- c) compel
- d) stick
- e) All are correct



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Question 4

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- a) abhorrent
- b) loathsome
- c) abominable
- d) horrid
- e) All are correct



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Question 5

- a) pillaged
- b) expunged
- c) annihilated
- d) obliterated
- e) All are correct

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Question 6

- a) laced
- b) implicated
- c) entangled
- d) twined
- e) All are correct

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Question 7

- a) critical
- b) vital
- c) exigent
- d) pivotal
- e) All are correct

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Question 8

- a) trounce
- b) lambaste
- c) drub
- d) rout
- e) All are correct

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A compromise with an adversary is acceptable, even praiseworthy. On the other hand, with an enemy, a compromise spells defeat, an unacceptable concession, a betrayal. There are no permanent losers or victors; each competitor wins some and loses some in a fair contest. But all rules of fairness can be _____ (9) in a fight with an enemy. In this _____ (10) scenario, all politics is nothing but war.

Question 9

- a) neglected
- b) discarded
- c) squandered
- d) abandoned
- e) All are correct

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Question 10

- a) belligerent
- b) hostile
- c) inimical
- d) repugnant
- e) All are correct

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Homework

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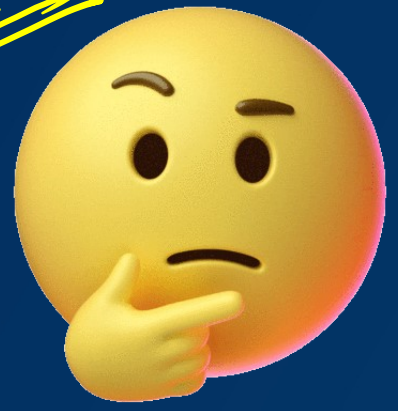


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It is wonderful how a word can acquire diagonally opposite meaning. Gandhiji called the socially downcast people by the name Harijans. [_____] But now the Harijans themselves feel that it is a word of insult.

- (a) Gandhiji was a social reformer.
- (b) Gandhiji had many Harijan friends.
- (c) Gandhiji expected to bring them respect by calling them the children of God.
- (d) Harijans have risen to such a high position that they feel their brand name 'Harijan' to be degrading.



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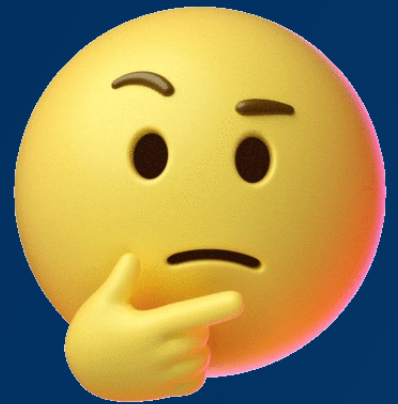
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Question 16

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With the breakdown of the joint family system and with more and more couples opting for a single child, a time will come when relatives will become fewer and fewer.

[_____]

- (a) People will gradually abandon the nuclear family
- (b) The role of friends will become even more important then.
- (c) Old age homes will flourish with more and more senior citizens joining them.
- (d) Family planning will no longer be valid.
- (e) Joint family system will gradually return.



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Question 17

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HW

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Information technology will usher in a more vibrant and responsive democracy where people are truly empowered. In the context of such an increasingly IT – oriented world we have to increase computer literacy in the country. [_____]

- (a) India, with its poor human resource base, cannot take advantage of the revolution that is happening.
- (b) Indian firms have to gear up suitably to meet the emerging challenges in the new millennium, as far as software exports are concerned.
- (c) Computer literacy in India needs to improve further.
- (d) Internet can be used to create and acquire knowledge in ways that would not be possible otherwise.
- (e) Access to computer and the internet should be made available to all so that benefits of technology are enjoyed by everyone.



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The recent economic liberalization by the Government has opened the sluice-valves for free flow of foreign consumer goods into the country. Goods from China and other East Asian markets have now flooded the Indian market. [_____]

- (a) The foreign goods which are now available in India are of inferior quality.
- (b) The bloodless war of the new millennium waged by China could cause greater havoc to this country.
- (c) Smuggling of goods has to be effectively prevented, to save the economy.
- (d) Indian products are unable to withstand the competition in price as well as quality from these foreign goods.
- (e) Chinese goods can never offer a stiff competition to Indian goods.



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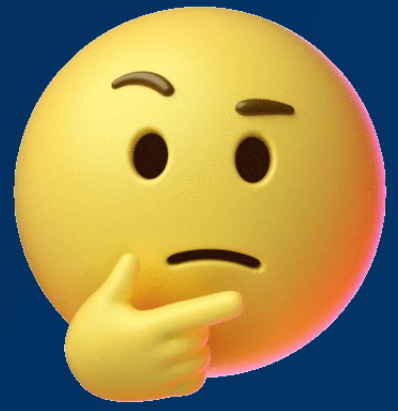
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Question 19

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Chess will always have limited spectator appeal.

[] It is too intellectual and far too rigid in its rules and mode of play for the average person.

- (a) It is not a game that can be called having fun with.
- (b) Chess has some advantages that other sports do not.
- (c) Chess is not a sport for egg heads only.
- (d) Chess players will always have a limited fan following.
- (e) With a little more encouragement chess players will perform better.



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Question 20

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Most people are poor observers, and receive only a vague or hazy impression of objects around them. [_____] But we receive impressions through the other senses too – touch, taste smell and sound.

- (a) Impressions perceived through the sense of sight are not capable of a vivid description.
- (b) A person who is blind, is a better observer in most cases than a person who is gifted with eyesight.
- (c) People cannot make use of their sense of sight in a productive manner.
- (d) Most descriptions are confined to what people see.
- (e) What we see we tend to believe and sometimes we see what we want to see



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