



The Government's order asking YouTube to remove 45 videos from 10 channels can be seen as a justified response to growing concern over the propagation of hate and communally sensitive material over the free video-sharing website, but the frequent exercise of such a power is not without concerns. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has asked for the **claims** (1) of the content in these videos based on intelligence inputs and the ostensible reasons are not limited to the dissemination of hate against religious communities. They also relate to issues the Government considers "sensitive": references to Kashmir, the Agni path scheme, and what it says are false **removal** (2) about the rights of religious minorities being taken away and dissemination of material **portending** civil war.

Q1. Choose the **antonym of the word 'ostensible.'**

- 1. Salacious**
- 2. Purported**
- 3. Genuine**
- 4. Dour**
- 5. Abject**

Solution : The word 'ostensible' means appearing as such but not necessarily so.

Option 3

If these claims are true, and if the content..... the boundaries of free speech or threatens public order and security, such take-down orders may be justified. However, the manner of their passing remains an unrevealed process , as it is not known if the originators of the content were given an opportunity to explain their stand before the blocking orders were issued. Section 69A of the IT Act, which empowers the Government to block content, was upheld by the Supreme Court only after it noted that the rules provided procedural safeguards, including the need to issue notice to the originators or the intermediary ,before a blocking order. The latest order invokes the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

Q 2. Choose the synonym of the word 'portend'

- 1. Apothegm**
- 2. Surcease**
- 3. Sapient**
- 4. Presage**
- 5. Entrench**

Solution :Word 'portend'
means to be a sign or warning that is likely to happen in the future.

Option 4

It has a procedure by which an inter-departmental **panel** (3) considers complaints on content and makes recommendations. All such Authorised **committee** (4) has to take the approval of the Secretary, I&B, before directing the publisher or intermediary to block the relevant content. There is an emergency provision under which the Secretary may order content blocking as an interim measure, and thereafter confirm it after getting the committee's views. All such blocking orders are meant to be examined by a review committee, which ought to meet once in two months, but it is not known whether the **Officer** (5) meets regularly.

What will fit in the blank:

If these claims are true, and if the content..... the boundaries of free speech or threatens public order and security, such take-down orders may be justified.

1. **Sweeps**
2. **Subsume**
3. **Transgresses**
4. **Dissembles**
5. **Inures**

Solution : Transgresses denotes to cross the limits of what is morally acceptable

The Government, which disclose how many videos it has got removed, must also reveal the outcome of such reviews, if any. India ranks quite high in the list of countries that make regular requests for the removal of online content. There is no doubt that offensive content, such as hate speech, incitement to violence and child pornography -posing a challenge to the dignified use of online space -ought to be removed. However, the power to block online content must be used sparingly and with sensitivity towards key freedoms and due process.

Find the Grammatical error if any:

The Government,(A)/ which disclose how many videos (B)/it has got removed, must also reveal the outcome(C)/ of such reviews, if any(D)./No Error (E)

A

B

C

D

E

Solution : Subject Verb Agreement as the Government (Singular) So ,Verb should agree to the subject

Q 5 What is the central theme of the passage?

- 1. Power to remove online content must be used sparingly and responsibly**
- 2. Online content must be put under heavy surveillance.**
- 3. Countries that make regular requests for removal of online content**
- 4. Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021**
- 5. YouTube and dangerous contents**

Solution : Option 1

Q6. There are 5 fixed positions in the passage and one word has been placed in each position. Rearrange the words so that the passage makes complete sense.

- 1. removal, claims; officer, panel, committee**
- 2. claims, removal, committee, panel, officer,**
- 3. officer, claims, panel, removal, committee**
- 4. removal, claims, committee, officer, panel**
- 5. No Improvement**

Sentence : Option 4

Removal : action of taking away , Claims : Assertion that is true

Panel : Small group of people chosen to give advice , make a decision

Q7. Which of this/these pose(s) a challenge to the dignified use of online space:

- 1. Hate speech**
- 2. Child pornography**
- 3. Incitement to violence**
- 4. None of these 0**
- 5. All of 1, 2 & 3**

Solution : Option 5

Q8. As per the passage, which of the following is a matter of concern for freedom?

- 1. The Government's order asking YouTube to remove videos.**
- 2. Frequent exercise of the powers to block online content.**
- 3. Propagation of hate and communally sensitive material**
- 4. Incitement to violence**
- 5. Increasing child pornography**

Solution : Option 2