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Day-5

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TIPS TO SOLVE READING COMPREHENSION

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- **Size-Up the Task**
- **Ask Questions**
- **Decrease Subvocalization**
- **Read Group of Words**
- **Expand your Vocabulary**
- **Play the Recall Game**

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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions:



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In the rainforests of Costa Rica lives a unique creature, the resplendent quetzal. This bird is famous not only for its vibrant colors but also for its interesting mating habits. The quetzal's body is coated with bright green feathers, its belly is red, and its tail is adorned with extended plumes of feathers that can be up to a meter long. The male birds exhibit these extended tail feathers only during the mating season.

The male quetzal's method of attracting a mate is a fascinating display that involves the use of its tail feathers. To court females, a male bird will fly up into the canopy, make a series of elaborate movements, and allow the feathers to cascade behind him, creating an impressive spectacle. This technique is referred to as tail-flagging.

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What are the main measures being taken by conservationists to save the resplendent quetzal?

1. Habitat preservation and hunting regulations
2. Habitat preservation and captive breeding programs
3. Prohibiting the collection of feathers and captive breeding programs
4. Deforestation and captive breeding programs
5. None of these



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What is the purpose of the male quetzal's tail-flagging technique?

1. To warn other birds of danger
2. To display dominance to other male quetzals
3. To attract a mate
4. For personal grooming
5. None of the above



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Which one below best describes the appearance of the resplendent quetzal?

1. Plain with short feathers
2. Bright green with short feathers
3. Bright green and red, with long tail feathers
4. Red with medium length feathers
5. All of these



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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options:



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The United States said earlier this week that it was rejoining the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In 2017, the Trump administration withdrew from the organisation after the Obama administration ceased funding, in 2011. The reason for the U.S.'s return is ostensibly 'China', with senior U.S. administration officials stating that the U.S.'s absence had helped China gain "more influence" in setting the rules around artificial intelligence and the ensuing technological shifts. For a change, this is the first time that 'China' has been proffered as a reason for the U.S.'s re-entry into, rather than its exit of, a multi-lateral treaty. During the pandemic, in 2020, President Trump announced the U.S.'s withdrawal from funding the World Health Organization — the year too when he moved to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris

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Following political change, President Joseph Biden has now brought the U.S. back into the fold of funding WHO as well as rejoining the climate treaty. Unlike the 'America First' policies that propelled the Trump administration's exits, the U.S.'s UNESCO re-entry has little to do with why it exited it in the first place, which was, as it was believed, "an anti-Israel bias". The U.S., then and now, remains Israel's staunchest ally and does not recognise Palestine. It is not unreasonable to infer that the re-entry is a sign of America's growing paranoia about China. It is also appropriate to recall that the Reagan administration withdrew from UNESCO in 1984 for, among other things, "advancing Soviet interests". Developments in AI are slightly different from historical technological developments. Here,

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This feeds into a cycle of generating greater troves of data that in turn feed and improve machine learning systems that make its AI far more formidable. Unlike other technologies, no country can have a sustained, natural edge in AI indefinitely. America might bring in at least \$600 million in outstanding dues to the UNESCO but it is high time — and countries such as India would do well to point this out — that the organisation gets stricter on countries exiting and entering on frivolous grounds, alongside framing policies and research that accommodate the tussles of a hyper-connected world.

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Fill in the blank: This followed from the Trumpist world view that the U.S. was being shortchanged by major polluters such as China and India. In the case of WHO, the case was over its 'inadequate' response time ___ the gravity of the pandemic originating in China. Following political change, President Joseph Biden has now brought the U.S. back into the fold of funding WHO as well as rejoining the climate treaty."

1. towards
2. to
3. against



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What is the best synonym for the word "paranoia" as used in the passage?

1. Serenity
2. Delight
3. Anxiety
4. Apathy
5. Joy



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What is the best synonym for the word "ostensibly" as used in the passage?

1. Allegedly
2. Obviously
3. Explicitly
4. Secretly
5. Unmistakably



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What is the best antonym for the word "propelled" as used in the passage?

1. Hindered
2. Advanced
3. Pushed
4. Drove
5. Accelerated



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Which of the following is/are TRUE according to the given passage?

A. The U.S. pulled out of the World Health Organization and the Paris Agreement due to the perceived 'inadequate' response time to the pandemic and a belief of being shortchanged by major polluters.

B. President Joseph Biden has not made any moves to rejoin the WHO and the Paris Agreement.

C. China has a disadvantage in the development of artificial intelligence due to its smaller population and surveillance state.



1. Only A

5. Both A and C

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Which of the following is/are TRUE according to the given passage?

A. The U.S. originally exited UNESCO due to concerns over China's influence.

B. The Reagan administration withdrew from UNESCO in 1984 due to the organization "advancing Soviet interests".

C. The U.S. might bring in at least \$600 million outstanding dues to UNESCO upon rejoining.

1. Only A
2. Both B and C
3. Only C



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What inference is made in the passage regarding the reason for the U.S.'s re-entry into UNESCO?

1. The U.S. aims to counteract China's increasing influence
2. The U.S. is concerned about Israel's position in the organization
3. The U.S. intends to fulfill its outstanding dues of \$600 million
4. The U.S. wants to reverse the 'America First' policies of the previous administration

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According to the passage, how does China's position with respect to AI differ from other countries?

1. China has a smaller population
2. China has a more powerful surveillance state
3. China has less AI research and patents
4. China has lesser data for machine learning
5. China is lagging behind in AI developments



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What were some of the reasons for the Trump administration's decision to withdraw from the World Health Organization and the Paris Agreement?

1. Disagreement over the level of U.S. funding
2. Perception that the U.S. was being disadvantaged by major polluters such as China and India
3. Dissatisfaction with WHO's response time to the gravity of the pandemic
4. Both A and B

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What was the main reason given by senior U.S. administration officials for the U.S.'s return to UNESCO?

1. Outstanding dues of \$600 million
2. The increase of China's influence in setting AI rules
3. An attempt to rectify the previous administration's "America First" policy
4. The need for stricter enforcement of UNESCO membership policies
5. The need to resume funding for UNESCO

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