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Comprehension Passages

Anxiety and conscience is a pair of powerful dynamos. Of course, I can only speak for myself: Between them, they have ensured that one shall work hard, but they cannot ensure that one shall work at anything worthwhile. They are blind forces which drive but do not direct. Fortunately, I have also been moved by a third motive— the wish to see and understand. Curiosity is another motive for action. It is also one of the distinctive characteristics of human nature and contrasted with the natures of non-human animals. All humans have curiosity in some degree and we also all have it about things which are of no practical use. Curiosity may be focused on anything in the universe, but the spiritual reality of the phenomena should be the ultimate objective of all curiosity for it to be fruitful. Thanks to my mother my approach to this ultimate objective is through the story of human affairs.

Q1. What is the main objective of this passage?

- (a) Distinguish between human beings and animals
- (b) Project curiosity as a potent motivating factor
- (c) Project anxiety and conscience as inadequate motivators
- (d) Motivation and spiritual reality

Q2. A characteristics peculiar to human beings that is referred to is

- (a) Superior intelligence
- (b) Spirit of inquiry
- (c) Capacity to rationalize and analyse
- (d) Ability to sift the practical from the impractical

Q3. Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?

- (a) Animals are as curious as human beings
- (b) Curiosity is the only motive for action
- (c) People motivated by curiosity do not need other motives to guide them
- (d) People motivated by anxiety and conscience alone can be misdirected

Q4. According to the author

- (a) Those who have little curiosity are curious about unimportant things.
- (b) Apart from humans no other no other living beings have the gift of curiosity
- (c) The highest form of curiosity can be satisfied by study of human affairs alone
- (d) Spiritual reality is the ultimate goal of humans through action

Q5. The author subscribes to the view

- (a) One's curiosity should focus beyond the façade on the latent meaning of things
- (b) Curiosity is an inherent family characteristic.
- (c) A study of human affairs is the most effective method of satisfying one's curiosity
- (d) In order to motivate, curiosity must be coupled with anxiety and conscience.

Answers

- A 1. D
- A2. B
- A3. D
- A4. D
- A5. D

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Directions. In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five choices are given, tick the most appropriate answer

There is a considerable amount of research about the factors that make a company innovate. So is it possible to create an environment -----(1)----- to innovation? This is a particularly pertinent -----(2)----- for India today. Massive problems in health, education etc . -----(3)----- be solved using a conventional approach but -----(4)----- creative and innovative solutions that can ensure radical change and -----(5)----- . There are several factors in India's -----(6)----- . Few countries have the rich diversity that India or its large, young population -----(7)----. While these -----(8)----- innovation policy interventions certain additional steps are also required. These include -----(9)--- investment in research and development by -----(10)----- the government and the private sector, easy transfer of technology from the academic world etc.

- Q 1. (a) stimuli (b) conducive (c) incentive (d) facilitated (e) impetus
- Q 2. (a) objective (b)controversy (c)doubt (d)question (e)inference
- Q 3. (a) cannot (b)possibly (c)should (d)never (e)must
- Q 4. (a) necessary (b) apply (c) need (d) consider (e) requires
- Q 5. (a) quantity (b) advantages (c) increase (d) chaos (e) growth

- Q 6. (a) challenges (b) praises (c) favour (d) leverage (e) esteem
- Q 7. (a) blessed (b) enjoys (c) endows (d) prevails (e) occurs
- Q 8. (a) aid (b) jeopardise (c) promotes (d) endure (e) cater
- Q 9. (a) acute (b) utilising (c) restricting (d) inspiring (e) increased
- Q10. (a) both (b) besides (c) combining (d) also (e) participating

Answers

- A 1. B
- A2. D
- A3. A
- A4. E
- A5. E
- A6. C
- A7. B
- A8. A
- A9. E
- A10. A
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Directions. Each of these questions consists of a word in CAPITAL letters followed by four choices. Select the word with the most similar meaning.

- Q1. MACABRE
- (a) Innocent (b) Tarried (c) Gruesome (d) Pleasing
- Q2. DENOUEMENT
- (a) Outcome (b) Eschew (c) Action (d) Character
- Q3. MANACLE

(a) Fetter (b) Ornament (c) Spectacles (d) Order
Q4. FEIGN

(a) Hesitate (b) Pretend (c) Deserve (d) Attend
Q5. ASSAY

(a) Attack (b) Accept (c) Case (d) Evaluate

Answers

A1. C

A2. A

A3. A

A4. B

A5. D

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