

Reading Comprehension

Solutions

1. (4) The incident is mentioned to show Bowles' inclination towards the macabre.
2. (3) The first statement cannot be inferred, but all the other statements can be inferred from the passage.
3. (3) "often westerners at the mercy of unpredictable events...."
4. (1) Directly implied in the sentence.
5. (4) Mr. Bowles did not make a film.
6. (1) The article is an assessment of the life of Paul Bowles.
7. (4) Explained in the line that follows this one in the passage.
8. (2) End of the first paragraph mentions American ways.
9. (1) Directly stated.
10. (3) He is uneasy with his new bride.
11. (3). Both are missing.
12. (2) A new secularized intelligentsia was created...
13. (3) "There is a more vital difference..."
14. (4) No reasons are given. The author merely says "no wonder..." but why the poet was chosen cannot be said.
15. (3) Because there is nobody to take the place of the renaissance Bengali.
16. (1) The theme is obvious from the reading of the passage.
17. (2) The restatement of Columbus' words indicates the author's bitterness regarding the European and sets the tone for the passage. Hence (2).
18. (3) The farmers were required to purchase agrochemicals, not "irrigation equipment" from the west. Hence (3).
19. (1) Refer to paragraph 5. The author doesn't disagree with the concept of patents but with the way it is being used. Hence (1).
20. (3) The author obviously supports UNESCO's stand a) cannot be inferred because the "call of duty" is not defined in the passage. Hence (3).
21. (3) Claiming the natural resources of a country amounts to biopiracy - prohibition to save seeds would come under it. Hence (3).
22. (2) Refer to paragraph 9. A Trojan horse comes in unchecked by the defenses. Hence (2).
23. (3) Refer to paragraph 2. "Suitably fat Swiss bank accounts" refers to the corruption of the incoming administration. Hence (3).
24. (2) Refer to paragraph 5, last line. Hence (2).
25. (1) Refer to the last paragraph the relevant law is mentioned. Hence (1).

26. (1) The passage fiercely takes up cudgels for the third world and the author sees patenting and biopiracy as just an extension of colonization.
27. (2) The clear-cut answer has been given in paragraph 2, the first 3 statements.
28. (3) From paragraph 7, the last line. The author in that paragraph is continuously discussing cooperatively owned organizations.
29. (3) Refer to paragraph 8, the first statement. The answer is explicitly given.
30. (1) Refer to paragraph 10, the first statement that tells us of the leap between state and private ownership.
31. (4) This has not been discussed in the passage at all.
32. (2) Refer to the last statement of the passage where proper use of management is advised to run a government.
33. (4) Refer to paragraph 5, the last two sentences that tell you about the discussions in the West.
34. (3) Refer to paragraph 7, sentence 2, which explicitly gives you the answer.
35. (4) Refer to 5th statement of paragraph 1 where author discovers how wrongly formed his opinion was and why it was so.
36. (1) Paragraphs 5, 6, where several examples tell us that 'good people' have suffered due to changing times and prevalent trends of the societies.
37. (2) Refer to the last line. The satire mentioned can be easily expanded to form the statement given in (2).
38. (4) a), c), b) are absurd and can be seen nowhere in the paragraph. Satire is hidden with the author's categorization of 'good people'.
39. (4) Nowhere have these points been mentioned in the context of the names stated.
40. (2) Refer to the last 5 statements of paragraph 2 and the answer is obvious.
41. (1) Examples and facts about individual lives have been given. Critical appreciation has also been done. Personification is absent.
42. (1) This answer is derived from the combined effect of statement 5 paragraph 3, statement 2 paragraph 4, statement 5 paragraph 4.
43. (1) Throughout the passage, the author has discussed upon the way definitions have changed about 'good man' and the examples are abundant. They were considered to be bad because they behaved in an iconoclastic way, not in tune with their times.
44. (2) The title "Harm...Do" is a vicious satire on society's dogmas, which are borne by the passage.
45. (1) Only (a) can be inferred from the way author tries to find out things behind the behavior of people.
46. (1) Refer to paragraph 1, statement 7 that explicitly gives the answer.
47. (4) The question is a fairly simple one. To paraphrase, why is the laying down of pipelines considered to be a slow process? Now scan the passage for the answer to this question and you will find that there is no help available and that leaves us with no option but mark (4)

48. (1) It is stated that, “Bangladesh’s ruling party, (which) is considering export of surplus gas to India...”
49. (3) Reference is made frequently to the Ambanis, but not to Dhirubhai.
50. (4) If you have been thorough with the text (something that rarely happens in real exam situations) you will not need to go back to it to arrive at (4) as the right answer. The Ambanis realize that there remains a lot to be done if their dream of reaching crude and gas to their western coast facilities in India were to come true, after all. Attaining the long-term objectives outlined in (1) and (3) is critically dependent on being able to bring peace and political stability to the region where the oil reserves lie (2). The passage reveals that the Ambanis have been active to that already (4) is the right choice.
51. (2) The first sentence of the last paragraph cannot be interpreted to mean what is stated in (1). The second last sentence of the third last paragraph can definitely be interpreted to defend (2), which is the right choice
52. (1) The second sentence of the last paragraph says, “...the nation's crucial power sector accounts for nearly 45 mmscmd gas...” There is also the first sentence of the seventh paragraph. a) is the obvious choice.
53. (2) The passage is about the latest version of the Great Game, the new Great Game. And the passage details the intricacies of this new version from the point of view of the interests and the objectives of the Ambanis, the Indian private player in the cast that includes many nations and corporations. It is logical to conclude that the passage is about the Indian interest in the game, not only in the form of the interests of the Ambanis, who are Indians, but also of the Indian government, which needs the oil and the gas for more than one purpose (2) is the obvious choice, because it is able to allude to this central concern of the passage, i.e., not just the Great Game but that game from the perspective of Indian interests.
54. (4) 2.7% of oil reserves = 31 billion barrels.
55. (4) We are told that the situation calls for “...a quick and painless execution of all white elephants.” The implication is that white elephants are a non-productive, resource-sapping burden, and that they should be, sensibly speaking, the first to get the axe as part of any move that is undertaken to remedy the situation.
56. (3) The second paragraph refers to the narrator’s proposal. See also the answer to Q28 above. Rent out unproductive space, the university’s property, to the photocopier, in exchange for concessionary photocopying rates to be charged by the latter...
57. (1) This is a difficult question, but only if you fail to register the ironical nature of the author’s remarks. The authorities concerned were aghast that the proposal dared contemplate handing over university space to a private player. They failed to see that the proposal would benefit the university.
58. (4) ‘lost money, but the family silver was saved from the private enemy’ is directly given.
59. (4) Refers to the public sector in general.
60. (3) Can be inferred from ‘leasing out land for commercial purposes ... was never implemented’.
61. (3) Clearly stated in the passage.
62. (2) Stated in paragraph ‘If the government were to move.... deficit of India would be wiped out.’
63. (4) All three reasons are stated.

64. (1) 'VIP housing...unobtrusive burden.... of quite mind-boggling proportions.' is stated.
65. (3) Can directly be inferred from the first paragraph.
66. (1) 'prepared by the user.....be sure that they include all the requirements needed,' explains this.
67. (2) 'It is the responsibility of the purchasing departments to buy products...' justifies this.
68. (4) 'At least as much ...that do their job as on its cost-reduction and schedule activities,' is stated.
69. (4) Clearly stated in the last paragraph.
70. (3) Directly stated in the last line.
71. (2) 'can only be solved by co-operation of the relevant departments.' is clearly given.
72. (1) 'In supplier quality control, the emphasis must be on conformance.'" The first line of the passage makes this clear.