

CRITICAL REASONING - VERBAL

1. Studies last year concluded coffee drinking had little, if any, effect on the risk of pancreatic or kidney cancer. A study of 59,000 women in Sweden found no link between caffeine and kidney cancer. Another review suggested that those who drink coffee have half the risk of pancreatic cancer. Which of the following statements, if true, would weaken the conclusion drawn above?

- A. *The study is done in cold countries only, countries in arid and semi-arid regions are not considered under this study.*
- B. *Indians drink more coffee than the Swedish do.*
- C. *The caffeine content is different in different varieties of coffee.*
- D. *Intake of 15 ml to 30 ml of milk per day offsets the negative effects of caffeine. The study did not consider the milk intake.*

Answer: Option D

2. The cause of corruption in medical education is shortage of seats, and fewer doctors than required for the population and even fewer specialists.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above?

- A. *Students pay bribes to the management of institutions to avail seats.*
- B. *The criteria to select students to fill medical seats are flexible.*
- C. *There is a set standard regarding the doctors to population ratio.*
- D. *Most of the doctors are general physicians.*
- E. *None of these*

Answer: Option C

3. When the tourist boat capsized, the crime branch arrested the forest department's ticket collector, Prakashan, based on the allegation that he did not check the tickets properly. But could Prakashan, who works on daily wages be the real culprit?

Which of the following is not what the passage is intended to indicate?

- A. *Prakashan may not be the real culprit.*
- B. *Prakashan has not checked the tickets properly.*
- C. *Prakashan may not be the main person behind the mishap.*
- D. *The police have behaved irresponsibly.*
- E. *None of these*

Answer: Option C

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Which of the following, if true, would weaken the conclusion drawn in the above argument?

- A. *Those who are already using the above new products report greater difficulty in transition from new products to regular ones than from the regular ones to the new ones.*
- B. *The cost of manufacturing these new products is not more than the cost of manufacturing the regular ones and the new products last longer than the regular ones.*
- C. *The number of offices using the new products is increasing month by month.*
- D. *These products need to be purchased in huge lots and need to be stored in special conditions. The cost of procurement and strong is quite high.*
- E. *It is found that children get adapted to the new products faster than grown ups.*

Answer: Option D

5. A study revealed that a major part of the accidents involving two wheelers takes place when they are being driven at speeds above 50 km.hr. It is also observed that the two wheelers are driven at this speed mostly on roads having scanty traffic.

Which of the following can be concluded from the given paragraph?

- A. *Accidents do not take place because of heavy traffic.*
- B. *It is not possible to drive two wheelers at speeds above 50 km/hr on the roads having heavy traffic.*
- C. *Two wheelers drivers tend to become reckless while driving on roads having scanty traffic.*
- D. *Most of the accidents involving two wheelers take place on roads having scanty traffic.*
- E. *Accidents involving four wheelers also take place at speeds above 50 km/hr.*

Answer: Option D

6. "Yoga sessions should be conducted for the Indian Army personnel to keep them mentally and physically fit which in turn keeps them motivated and helps them win the local population's trust" - A comment by the Ministry of Defence of the Government of India.

A. Yoga helps in curing certain kinds of heart ailments.

B. Different countries use different methods to keep their armed forces personnel motivated.

C. Yoga is not part of training provided to armed forces personnel at present.

D. It is found that yoga is the only way to gain physical and mental fitness.

E. Animosity between the army personnel and the local people will decrease.

Which of the following weakens the ministry's argument for the need of yoga sessions?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Answer: Option D

7. The Indian Ministry of Defence has objected to the building of roads by Pakistan's military close to the line of actual control (LOC), a corridor of width 2 km on either side of which has been declared as no military zone under a bilateral agreement between the two countries into Indian territory. However Pakistan argues that it enables its government to develop thickly populated tribal areas tucked close to the LOC on the side of Pakistan.

A. Roads built by Bangladesh government along the West Bengal state border have been effectively used by the Maoists to transport their cadre in to the forests in West Bengal and further down south.

B. Prime Minister of India should take up the matter with the head of the Pakistani government.

C. Terrorists cannot use these roads as these roads are well within the range of the Indian military radars. Even a slightest movement in this area can easily be detected and action can be taken very quickly.

D. A large area of forest cover has to be declared to lay these roads which would reduce the cover which is essential for the terrorists to infiltrate in to the Indian side.

E. These roads are being built at a distance less than 2 km from the LOC.

Which of the statements A, B, C, D and E mentioned above would best represents a course of action which can be taken by the Indian government to stall the laying of roads by the Pakistani military?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Answer: Option B

8. While expressing concern over the rapid pullout of foreign institutional investor (FII) money, the finance minister said that it is mainly due to the economic crisis in Europe and the pullout is adversely affecting the Indian stock market. FIIs said that they are in need of funds to stabilise their operations in the European markets.

A. *There is no lock-in period for the FII money for pullout.*

B. *The pulled out FII money will be used by the institutions for their European operations.*

C. *Some FII money that was pulled out was invested in the Indian stock market.*

D. *The domestic institutional investors may also pull out of the Indian stock market.*

E. *The FIIs do not have sufficient money to handle European crisis and also to remain invested in the Indian stock market.*

Which of the statements A, B, C, D and E mentioned above represents an inferences that can be drawn from the above statement?

- A. *A and E*
- B. *B alone*
- C. *C and E*
- D. *D alone*
- E. *E alone*

Answer: Option E