

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. Certain words/phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them.

As financial markets worldwide tumbled over concerns that Greece would default on its debt to the troika comprising the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the people of Greece were being presented with a Hobson's choice by its government led by the leftist party platform, Syriza. In the midst of intense negotiations with representatives of the troika over rolling over debt payments, the Syriza government sought to extend the deadline for payments in order to allow it to put the conditionalities of the troika for a bailout extension to a referendum vote. Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has denied that this referendum, scheduled for July 5, is on whether or not to continue within the eurozone; he says it is only on the acceptance of the troika's demands. But with the troika unrelenting on the June 30 deadline for repayment of debts to the IMF, and Greece being in no position to pay, the referendum could more or less be on remaining in the eurozone. This presents a difficult choice for the people of Greece. After all, the Syriza was voted to power in January 2015 precisely on the promise of halting the programme of austerity imposed by creditors that has resulted in a drastic contraction of Greece's economy and increase in unemployment. Yet, the mandate was also for negotiations to remain within the eurozone as Greek voters had realised that the Grexit would mean too much pain (at least in the near term) due to capital flight, a run on the banks and other troubles in returning to the drachma as currency. Over the past five months, Syriza representatives, true to their mandate, have sought to alter Greece's terms of engagement with its creditors, seeking debt relief that would allow fiscal expansionary policies to spur the economy. Yet, the troika's response has been to stonewall the proposals and instead push Greece to further the austerity measures it has pursued following the first major bailout in 2010 and another in 2012. The troika's reasoning is simple: tolerating a Greek default would amount to sending signals to other creditor-nations about similar leniency. Instead, the troika has merely offered a five-month extension of Greece's bailout programme with fresh funds but with persisting austerity conditions. With barely a concession to the Greek position, there remains a wide gap between the Greek people's expectations and the EU recommendations. With Greece already having to impose capital controls and bank holidays to avoid further capital flight — measures that were supposed to be taken in the event of an exit from the EU — it begs the question whether the Grexit is inevitable.

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1. Choose an appropriate title for the passage.

1) The woes of Greece

2) Greek economic crisis

3) Greece debt crisis

4) Greece, the weak link in the Eurozone.

5) None of these

2. Which of the following can be true according to the passage?

A) Syriza was voted to power in January 2015 precisely on the promise of halting the programme of austerity imposed by creditors.

B) Alexis Tsipras has denied that this referendum, scheduled for July 5, is on whether or not to continue within the Eurozone.

C) The troika's reasoning is simple: tolerating a Greek default would amount to sending signals to other creditor-nations about similar leniency.

1) A and B

2) A and C

3) B and C

4) All A, B and C

5) None of these.

3. Why Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has denied the referendum?

1) because this presents a difficult choice for the people of Greece.

2) because it is only on the acceptance of the troika's demands.

3) because seeking debt relief that would allow fiscal expansionary policies to spur the economy.

4) because the austerity measures it has pursued following the first major bailout in 2010 and another in 2012.

5) None of these.

4. Which of the following is not true according to the passage?

A) Syriza. In the midst of intense negotiations with representatives of the troika over rolling over debt payments.

B) Over the past twelve months, Syriza representatives, true to their mandate, have sought to alter Greece's terms of engagement with its creditors.

C) Over the past five months, Syriza representatives, true to their mandate, have sought to alter Greece's terms of engagement with its creditors.

1) Only B

2) Only A

3) A and B

4) B and C

5) All A, B and C

5. What does the Idiom 'Hobson's choice' as used in the passage mean?

- 1) have different choices
- 2) have only one choice.
- 3) No choice at all.
- 4) have many choices
- 5) None of these.

Studying recent human ... (6)... can be frustrating. Take lactose tolerance—the ability of some people, particularly of European ... (7)..., to digest this sugar, found in milk, even into adulthood. In the evolutionary past the ... (8)... for lactase, the enzyme that does the digesting, normally got switched off in adults. But one variant (known as an allele) of the gene that does the ... (9)... instead leaves the system running, ... (10)... adult lactose tolerance. That lets this allele's bearers consume a diet rich in dairy products, a useful trick for a species beginning to domesticate milk-producing animals.

6.
  - a) involvement
  - b) evolution
  - c) contribution
  - d) growth
  - e) bond

7.
  - a) descent
  - b) person
  - c) mass
  - d) category
  - e) gradient

8.
  - a) ingestion
  - b) maceration
  - c) system
  - d) gene
  - e) genetics

9.
  - a) shut down
  - b) pull up
  - c) switching off
  - d) ceasing of
  - e) switching

10.
  - a) entrusting
  - b) bequeathing
  - c) endowing
  - d) conferring
  - e) resolving

Directions (11-15): In the given paragraph, the first and last sentence is given, Rearrange the following five sentences (A),

(B), (C), (D), (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

1. Arguments for legalising prostitution depend on the strength of two arguments: that prostitution is a choice for those in it and that the harms of prostitution are decreased if it is legalised. There is little evidence that either of these arguments is true.

- A. They usually have options for escape.
  - B. For most, prostitution is not a freely-made choice because the conditions that would permit genuine choice are not present: physical safety, equal power with buyers, and real alternatives.
  - C. But zombie theories about prostitution never seem to die no matter how many facts we beat them down with.
  - D. The few who do choose prostitution are privileged by class or race or education.
  - E. Only a tiny percentage all women in prostitution are there because they choose it.
6. Most women in prostitution do not have viable alternatives. They are coerced into prostitution by sex inequality, race/ethnic inequality, and economic inequality.

Q11. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) A

Q12. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q13. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) A

Q14. Which of the following will be the Fifth sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q15. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) A

- 1. (1)
- 2. (4)
- 3. (2)
- 4. (1)
- 5. (3)

- 6 B
- 7A
- 8D
- 9C
- 10 D

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. The logical and correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph will be CEBDA.

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. The logical and correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph will be CEBDA.

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. The logical and correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph will be CEBDA.

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. The logical and correct order of the sentences of the given paragraph will be CEBDA.

S15. Ans.(c)

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