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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should religion be taught in our schools ?

Arguments : I. No. Ours is a secular state.

II. Yes. Teaching religion helps inculcate moral values among children.

- A. If only argument I is strong
- B. If only argument II is strong
- C. If either I or II is strong
- D. If neither I nor II is strong and
- E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Ours is a secular state does not mean that religion and religious values should be eradicated. In fact, these inculcate moral values. So. argument I is vague and only argument II is strong.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should education be made compulsory for all children upto the age of 14 ?

Arguments : I. Yes. This will help to eradicate the system of forced employment of these children.

II. Yes. This would increase the standard of living.

- A. If only argument I is strong
- B. If only argument II is strong
- C. If either I or II is strong
- D. If neither I nor II is strong and
- E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

Clearly, education is necessary to make the children better citizens. So. none of the arguments is strong enough.

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I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should selection tests be of the objective rather than of the descriptive type ?

Arguments : I. Yes. The assessment of answers to objective type questions is fair and impartial.

II. No. The descriptive type test is certainly a better tool than the objective type test.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, judgement in subjective tests depends upon the individual who judges while that in objective tests is fair and impartial So, argument I alone holds and argument II is vague.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should smoking be prohibited ?

Arguments : I. Yes. It is wrong to smoke away millions of money.

II. No. It will throw thousands of workers in the tobacco industry out of employment.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

Clearly, smoking needs to be abolished because it is injurious* to health and not only to save money. So, argument I is vague. Clearly, to provide employment one cannot



continue a hazardous task. So, argument II is also vague.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should the tuition fees in all post-graduate courses be hiked considerably ?

Arguments : I. Yes. This will bring in some sense of seriousness among the students and will improve the quality.

II. No. This will force the meritorious poor students to stay away from post-graduate courses.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

A hike in fees is no means to make the students more serious in studies. So, argument

I is vague. However, with the increase in fees, poor meritorious students would not be able to afford post-graduate studies. So, argument II holds.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should the system of Lok Adalats and mobile courts be encouraged in India ?

Arguments : I. Yes. It helps to grant speedy justice to the masses.

II. No. These courts are usually partial in granting justice.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Courts are meant to judge impartially. So, argument II is vague. The system of local

courts shall speed up the justice So, argument I holds.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should all refugees, who make unauthorised entry into a country, be forced to go back to their homeland ?

Arguments : I. Yes. They make their colonies and occupy a lot of land.

II. No. They leave their homes because of hunger or some terror and on human grounds, should not be forced to go back.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Clearly, refugees are people forced out of their homeland by some misery and need shelter desperately So. argument II holds Argument 1 against the statement, is vague.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should those who receive dowry, despite the law prohibiting it, be punished ?

Arguments : I. Yes. Those who violate the law, must be punished.

II. No. Dowry system is firmly rooted in the society since time immemorial.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, laws are made to ensure that no person pursues the practice. So, persons



who violate the laws need to be punished. Thus, argument I holds. A wrong practice, no matter how firmly rooted, needs to be ended. So. argument II is vague.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should higher education be reserved for deserving few ?

Arguments : I. No. It will increase unemployment.

II. Yes. It will minimise wastage in higher education.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Clearly, higher education in no way reduces unemployment. So. argument I is vague.

If higher education is imparted to only those who are worth it, the wasteful expenditures on undeserving shall be reduced. So. argument II also holds.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should students' union in universities be abolished ?

Arguments : I. Yes. Students can pay full attention to their career development

II. No. All the great leaders had been students' union leaders.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, abolishing students' union would relieve the students of the unnecessary

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activities and enable them to concentrate well on studies. So, argument I holds.

However, it is not that participation in students' unions only can make one a great leader. So, argument II is vague

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should India have no military force at all ?

Arguments : I. No. Other countries in the world do not believe in non- violence.

II. Yes. Many Indians believe in non-violence.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

Clearly, India needs to have military force to defend itself against the threat of other military powers in the world. So, both the arguments do not hold strong.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should India give away Kashmir to Pakistan ?

Arguments : I. No. Kashmir is a beautiful state. It earns a lot of foreign exchange for India.

II. Yes. This would help settle conflicts.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, India cannot part with its state that is a major foreign exchange earner to

it So, argument I holds strong. Further, giving away a piece of land unconditionally

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and unreasonably is no solution to settle disputes. So, argument II is vague.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Are nuclear families better than joint families ?

Arguments : I. No. Joint families ensure security and also reduce the burden of work.

II. Yes. Nuclear families ensure greater freedom

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

Clearly, with so many people around in a joint family, there is more security. Also, work is shared. So, argument I holds. In nuclear families, there are lesser number of people and so lesser responsibilities and more freedom.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should officers accepting bribe be punished ?

Arguments : I. No. Certain circumstances may have compelled them to take bribe.

II. Yes. They should do the job they are entrusted with, honestly.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Clearly, officers are paid duly for the jobs they do. So. they must do it honestly.

Thus, argument II alone holds.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should untouchability be banned in India ?

Arguments : I. No. Menial people deteriorate the living standard of society.

II. Yes. All people should be equally treated in a democratic country like India.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Clearly, there is no question of 'menial' when all the persons are born equal. So, only argument II holds.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should loyalty be the only criterion for promotion in any organisation ?

Arguments: I. Yes. Without loyal men, no organisation can function.

II. No. It leads to hypocrisy and partiality.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

Clearly, the argument in support of the statement is quite vague. Also, when loyalty

is considered, hypocrisy does not matter much as the fact that efficiency is neglected

So, the arguments are not strong enough.



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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should so much money be spent on advertisements ?

Arguments : I. Yes. It is an essential concomitant in a capitalist economy.

II. No. It leads to wastage of resources.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, the advertisements are the means to introduce people with the product and its advantages.

So, argument I holds strong But argument II is vague because advertisements are an investment for better gain and not a wastage.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should judiciary be independent of the executive ?

Arguments : I. Yes. This would help curb the unlawful activities of the executive.

II. No. The executive would not be able to take bold measures.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, independent judiciary is necessary for impartial judgement so that the Executive does not take wrong measures. So, only argument I holds.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered



I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Is the Government justified in spending so much on defence ?
Arguments : I. Yes. Safety of the country is of prime importance.

II. No. During peace, this money could be used for the development of the country.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, defence is necessary for the safety of the country, which is of prime importance.

So, argument I holds Also, a country can concentrate on internal progress and development only when it is safe from external aggressions So, argument II is not valid.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should cutting of trees be banned altogether ?
Arguments : I. Yes. It is very much necessary to do so to restore ecological balance.

II. No. A total ban would harm timber based industries.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

Clearly, trees play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance and so must be preserved. So, argument I holds. Also, trees form the basic source of timber and a complete ban on cutting of trees would harm timber based industries. So, only a controlled cutting of trees should be allowed and the loss replenished by planting more trees. So, argument II is also valid.

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The following question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered

I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should public holidays be declared on demise of important national leaders ?

Arguments : I. No. Such unscheduled holidays hamper national progress.

II. Yes. People would like to pay their homage to the departed soul.

- A. If only argument I is strong B. If only argument II is strong
C. If either I or II is strong D. If neither I nor II is strong and
E. If both I and II are strong.

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, unscheduled and untimely holidays would naturally cause the work to suffer.

So, argument I holds strong. Also, a holiday is not necessary to pay homage to someone. So, argument II is vague.

22

Statement: Should all the youngsters below 21 years of age be disallowed from going to a beer bar?

Arguments:

- I.No. It is not correct to prevent matured youngsters above 18 years of age who can vote, from having fun.
II.Yes. The entry fee to such pubs should also be hiked.
III.No. There is no such curb in western countries.
IV.Yes. This will help in preventing youngsters from getting into bad company and imbibing bad habits.

- A. Only I is strong B. Only I and III are strong
C. Only III and IV are strong D. Only I and IV are strong

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

Clearly, our Constitution considers youngsters above 18 years of age, mature enough to exercise their decisive power in Government by voting. This implies that such individuals can also judge what is good or bad for them. Thus, argument I holds strong. However, at such places, youngsters may be lead astray by certain indecent guys and swayed from the right path into bad indulgences. So, IV also holds strong. Hiking the entry fees is no way to disallow them, and also the idea of imitating the western countries holds no relevance. So, neither II nor III holds strong.



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Statement: Should there be only one rate of interest for term deposits of varying durations in banks?

Arguments:

I.No. People will refrain from keeping money for longer duration resulting into reduction of liquidity level of banks.

II.Yes. This will be much simple for the common people and they may be encouraged to keep more money in banks.

- A. Only argument I is strong
B. Only argument II is strong
C. Either I or II is strong
D. Neither I nor II is strong
E. Both the argument hold strong

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

Clearly, the proposed scheme would discourage people from keeping deposits for longer durations (the rate of interest being the same for short durations) and not draw in more funds. So, only argument I holds.

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Statement: Is caste-based reservation policy in professional colleges justified?

Arguments:

I.Yes. The step is a must to bring the underprivileged at par with the privileged ones.

II.No. It obstructs the establishment of a classless society.

III.Yes. This will help the backward castes and classes of people to come out of the oppression of upper caste people.

- A. Only I and II are strong
B. Only II is strong
C. Only II and III are strong
D. Only I and III are strong

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Clearly, capability is an essential criteria for a profession and reservation cannot ensure capable workers. So, neither I nor III holds strong. However, making one caste more privileged than the other through reservations would hinder the objectives of a classless society. So, argument II holds strong.

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Statement: Should officers accepting bribe be punished?

Arguments:

I.No. Certain circumstances may have compelled them to take bribe.

II.Yes. They should do the job they are entrusted with, honestly.

- A. Only argument I is strong
B. Only argument II is strong
C. Either I or II is strong
D. Neither I nor II is strong
E. Both the argument hold strong

Answer : Option B



Explanation :

Clearly, officers are paid duly for the jobs they do. So, they must do it honestly. Thus, argument II alone holds.

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Statement: Should there be compulsory medical examination of both the man and the woman before they marry each other?

Arguments:

I.No. This is an intrusion to the privacy of an individual and hence cannot be tolerated.

II.Yes. This will substantially reduce the risk of giving birth to children with serious ailments.

A. Only argument I is strongB. Only argument II is strong

C. Either I or II is strongD. Neither I nor II is strong

E. Both the argument hold strong

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Clearly, such a step would help to prevent the growth of diseases like AIDS. So, only argument II is strong.

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Statement: Should there be a world government?

Arguments:

I.Yes. It will help in eliminating tensions among the nations.

II.No. Then, only the developed countries will dominate in the government.

A. Only argument I is strongB. Only argument II is strong

C. Either I or II is strongD. Neither I nor II is strong

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Clearly, a world government cannot eliminate tensions among nations because it will also have the ruling group and the opposition group. Further, the more powerful and diplomatic shall rule the world to their interests. So, only argument II holds.

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Statement: Should the education at all levels be offered only in vernacular medium?

Arguments:

I.Yes. This is the only way to enhance performance of the students.

II.No. This will severely affect acquiring knowledge for want of good text books in vernacular medium.

A. Only argument I is strongB. Only argument II is strong

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- C. Either I or II is strong
D. Neither I nor II is strong
E. Both the argument hold strong

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Teaching in vernacular medium would surely make it easy for students to grasp. But the use of 'only' in argument I makes it invalid. Also, teaching in international language would open up more avenues for students - in procuring books and study material, in going abroad for studies as well as taking up jobs which require interaction with people of different nationalities. So, argument II holds strong,

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Statement: Should cutting of trees be banned altogether?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. It is very much necessary to do so to restore ecological balance.
II. No. A total ban would harm timber based industries.

- A. Only argument I is strong
B. Only argument II is strong
C. Either I or II is strong
D. Neither I nor II is strong
E. Both the argument hold strong

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

Clearly, trees play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance and so must be preserved. So, argument I holds. Also, trees form the basic source of timber and a complete ban on cutting of trees would harm timber based industries. So, only a controlled cutting of trees should be allowed and the loss replenished by planting more trees. So, argument II is also valid.