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DIRECTIONS:

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

PASSAGE

Genetic variation is the cornerstone of evolution, without which there can be no natural selection, and so a low genetic diversity decreases the ability of a species to survive and reproduce, explains lead author Yoshan Moodley, Professor at the Department of Zoology, University of Venda in South Africa.

Two centuries ago, the black rhinoceros – which roamed much of sub Saharan Africa – had 64 different genetic lineages; but today only 20 of these lineages remain, says the paper. The species is now restricted to five countries, South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Genetically unique populations that once existed in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mozambique, Malawi and Angola have disappeared. The origins of the 'genetic erosion' coincided with colonial rule in Africa and the popularity of big game hunting. From the second half of the 20th century, however, poaching for horns has dramatically depleted their population and genetic diversity, especially in Kenya and Tanzania.

Q1. What is important for evolution?

- a) Large population
- b) Survival of the fittest
- c) Genetic variation
- d) Mixing of species

Q2. Sub Sharan Africa has lost how many black rhino genetic lineages in 200 years?

- a) 20
- b) 30

c) 64

d) 44

Q3. Genetically unique black rhinoceros has been lost in all of the following countries, except?

a) Nigeria

b) Malawi

c) Tanzania

d) Chad

Q4. From the second half of the 20th century what has caused a dramatic fall in black rhinoceros population?

a) colonial rule

b) fall in genetic diversity

c) poaching

d) big game hunting

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Q5. Genetic diversity is proportional to _____.

a) the ability of a species to survive and reproduce

b) extinction

c) species population

d) inbreeding

DIRECTIONS:

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions given below them. Certain words are given in bold to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

PASSAGE

Since July 1991, the government of India has effectively put the liberalisation policy into practice. The drastic steps even include some administrative reforms for pruning the government agencies. Last year the Japanese business circles represented by the Ishikawa Mission called attention of their Indian counterparts to what they considered to be the major impediments in India. However, thanks to the almost revolutionary reforms put into effect by the Indian government, those **impediments** either have been removed or now are on their way out. This development gives a new hope for the future of economic cooperation between the two countries. At the same time, it should be borne in mind that there is a **stiff** competition with other countries, notably China and South-East Asian countries, in this regard. The success stories of ASEAN countries welcoming Japanese investments with adequate infrastructure are already known in India but it may be useful if further studies of Japanese joint ventures in ASEAN countries be made by Indian business circles. The coastal areas of China have initiated a very active campaign to welcome foreign economic participation.

Beyond our bilateral relationship, India's more active participation in global economy is needed. India certainly deserves a far bigger share of world trade considering its **vast** resources. It is strongly hoped that the Indian government's recently initiated effort of enlarging its export market would bear fruit.

India has **steadfastly** maintained its parliamentary democracy since independence. Considering its size, its population and its internal complexity, the overall maintenance of national integrity and political stability under parliamentary democracy is remarkable and admirable indeed. Here lies the base for the status of India in the world. By effectively implementing its economic reform with the support of public opinion, this democratic polity of India has again demonstrated its viability and **resilience**. At the same time, it gives hope and inspiration to the whole world which faces the difficult problem of North-South confrontation.

Q6. The Ishikawa Mission during its visit to India emphasized on

- a) need for a stiff competition.
- b) striking down revolutionary reforms.
- c) need for removing policy and/or implementation hurdles.
- d) future economic co-operation between Japan and India.
- e) None of these

Q7. How did the Indian government react to the hurdles in the way of bilateral trade between India and Japan?

- a) Government thought it was against liberalisation policy.
 - b) The Japanese delegation could not forcefully argue their case.
 - c) Bureaucracy succeeded in maintaining a status quo.
 - d) The government, in principle, agreed for removal of these hurdles.
 - e) It failed to remove these hurdles.
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Q8. What is the result of Japanese investments in ASEAN nations?

- a) China and South-East Asian countries objected to Japanese investments.
 - b) The passage does not provide complete information.
 - c) The experiment failed because of stiff competition from other countries.
 - d) It could not gather momentum for want of infrastructure.
 - e) None of these
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Q9. Which of the following is **TRUE** about the author's view regarding India's participation in world trade?

- a) India should refrain from making efforts in enlarging its export market.
 - b) India needs to first strengthen its democracy.
 - c) India's sharing in global economy has already been very fast and beyond its resources.
 - d) India should actively contribute in a big way as it had tremendous resources.
 - e) None of these
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Q10. On India's implementing liberalisation policy, the author seems to be

- a) appreciative.
 - b) unconvinced about its effectiveness.
 - c) sarcastic.
 - d) unreasonably critical.
 - e) None of these
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Q11. It can be inferred from the content of the passage that the author is a/an

- a) economist
 - b) Japanese politician
 - c) Japanese bureaucrat
 - d) political analyser
 - e) Indian Prime Minister
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Q12. The author seems to appreciate India's national integrity and political stability particularly in view of which of the following?

- A. The size of the country
- B. India's population
- C. Its internal complexity

- a) A and B only
- b) B and C only
- c) All the three
- d) None of the three
- e) A and C only

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Q13. The author feels that India has a better status in the world market because of its

- a) giant size.
 - b) effective bilateral relationship with other countries.
 - c) vast population.
 - d) success in political stability and national integration in democratic set-up.
 - e) foreign economic participation.
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Q14. Which of the following statements is **TRUE** in the context of the passage?

- A. India's successful experiment of economic reform has become an inspiration to the world.
- B. The size, population and internal complexity of our country are the barriers in the way of attaining national integrity and political stability.
- C. A few government agencies were not in favour of liberalisation policy at the beginning.

- a) C only
- b) All the three
- c) B only
- d) A only
- e) None of these

Q15. Choose the word which is most nearly the **SAME** in meaning to the word given in bold as used in the passage.

STEADFASTLY

- a) adversely
- b) religiously
- c) violently
- d) quickly
- e) faithfully

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Q2. Answer: (d)

Q3. Answer: (c)

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Q4. Answer: (c)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (c)

Japanese business circles represented by the Ishikawa Mission called attention of their Indian counterparts to what they considered to be the major impediments in India.

Q7. Answer: (d)

The Indian government put into effect revolutionary reforms to remove the hurdles.

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (d)

India deserves a far bigger share of world trade considering its vast resources.

Q10. Answer: (a)

Q11. Answer: (a)

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (d)

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (e)

The meaning of the word 'steadfast' as mentioned in the passage is 'firm and not changing'; 'constant'. Hence the words 'steadfastly' and 'faithfully' are synonymous.

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