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Passage 1

The upcoming 2024 general election is seen as a crucial battle to preserve India's democracy against the backdrop of deteriorating democratic institutions and rising hate politics. Contrasting with the historic 1951-52 election, which symbolized the triumph of secularism and inclusivity, today's political landscape is marred by autocracy and communalism. Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership during the inception of Indian democracy emphasized secular values and inclusivity, despite facing internal challenges within the Congress party. In stark contrast, the current political climate is marked by the suppression of opposition voices and the erosion of democratic norms. Nehru's commitment to democratic principles and gender equality stands in contrast to the present situation, where dissent is branded as anti-national. The communal tensions during the 1951-52 election underscored Nehru's resolve to combat bigotry and uphold the secular fabric of the nation. Today, as India stands at a crossroads, citizens must uphold the pluralistic ideals of their forefathers and reject divisive politics. The ruling party's attempts to polarize society threaten the unity and integrity of the nation. In this critical juncture, it is imperative to heed Nehru's words and safeguard the essence of India's soul, ensuring that the nation remains a beacon of democracy and secularism for generations to come.

1. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational message conveyed by the author of the passage?
 - (a) The 2024 general election is merely a routine exercise in democratic governance.
 - (b) Nehru's leadership during the inception of Indian democracy serves as a timeless model for upholding secular values and inclusivity.
 - (c) The communal tensions during elections are inevitable and should be accepted as part of the democratic process.
 - (d) The ruling party's attempts to polarize society pose no threat to the unity and integrity of the nation.

Passage 2

World Consumer Rights Day on March 15 raises awareness about consumer rights, often overlooking

the needs of consumers with disabilities. Imagine being visually impaired shopping for a toaster, facing obstacles at every turn: inaccessible apps, lack of tactile pavements, and difficulty contacting customer support. This daily struggle undermines dignity and independence. Who holds responsibility for this widespread inaccessibility? Businesses could broaden their customer reach by making offerings accessible, recognizing the sizable population of persons with disabilities. Government policies, exemplified by FSSAI's QR code advisory, could ensure accessibility across goods and services. Legal frameworks like the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPWDA) and Consumer Protection Act (CPA) provide avenues for redress, yet enforcement remains a challenge. While the RPWDA empowers Disability Commissions to address grievances, the CPA lacks dedicated provisions for consumers with disabilities. Aligning the CPA with the RPWDA is crucial to ensure effective enforcement and protection of rights. Additionally, raising awareness about existing rights and resources is essential, particularly among consumers with disabilities who have been overlooked in consumer awareness initiatives. Together, businesses, government, and legal frameworks can enhance the consumer experience for persons with disabilities and uphold their rights to dignity and independence.

2. Which of the following statements best reflects the central theme of the passage?
 - (a) The challenges faced by consumers with disabilities in accessing goods and services.
 - (b) The importance of World Consumer Rights Day in promoting awareness about consumer rights.
 - (c) The role of businesses, government policies, and legal frameworks in improving the consumer experience for persons with disabilities.
 - (d) The historical context of consumer rights legislation and its evolution over time.

Passage 3

The analysis delves into two decades of welfare spending trends, distinguishing between programs under the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the United Progressive Alliance (UPA). Notably, the NDA introduced schemes like Swachh Bharat

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Answer Key

Q. 1 (b)	Q. 17 (b)	Q. 33 (b)	Q. 49 (d)	Q. 65 (c)
Q. 2 (c)	Q. 18 (a)	Q. 34 (a)	Q. 50 (a)	Q. 66 (a)
Q. 3 (c)	Q. 19 (d)	Q. 35 (d)	Q. 51 (c)	Q. 67 (c)
Q. 4 (b)	Q. 20 (c)	Q. 36 (d)	Q. 52 (d)	Q. 68 (b)
Q. 5 (a)	Q. 21 (a)	Q. 37 (c)	Q. 53 (c)	Q. 69 (c)
Q. 6 (c)	Q. 22 (a)	Q. 38 (b)	Q. 54 (c)	Q. 70 (d)
Q. 7 (d)	Q. 23 (c)	Q. 39 (d)	Q. 55 (d)	Q. 71 (c)
Q. 8 (b)	Q. 24 (a)	Q. 40 (d)	Q. 56 (d)	Q. 72 (c)
Q. 9 (a)	Q. 25 (a)	Q. 41 (d)	Q. 57 (a)	Q. 73 (b)
Q. 10 (c)	Q. 26 (b)	Q. 42 (a)	Q. 58 (d)	Q. 74 (a)
Q. 11 (b)	Q. 27 (c)	Q. 43 (a)	Q. 59 (c)	Q. 75 (c)
Q. 12 (d)	Q. 28 (b)	Q. 44 (d)	Q. 60 (b)	Q. 76 (b)
Q. 13 (c)	Q. 29 (a)	Q. 45 (d)	Q. 61 (a)	Q. 77 (d)
Q. 14 (b)	Q. 30 (a)	Q. 46 (b)	Q. 62 (b)	Q. 78 (d)
Q. 15 (c)	Q. 31 (d)	Q. 47 (c)	Q. 63 (a)	Q. 79 (a)
Q. 16 (d)	Q. 32 (c)	Q. 48 (b)	Q. 64 (b)	Q. 80 (d)

1. Correct Option: (b)**Explanation:**

- Option B reflects the most logical and rational message conveyed by the author. The passage contrasts Nehru's leadership during the inception of Indian democracy, which emphasized secular values and inclusivity, with the current political climate marked by autocracy and communalism. This implies that Nehru's approach serves as a timeless model for upholding democratic principles, making option B the most appropriate choice.

2. Correct Option: (c)**Explanation:**

- While the passage briefly mentions World Consumer Rights Day and the challenges faced by consumers with disabilities, its primary focus is on discussing the role of various stakeholders such as businesses, government policies, and legal frameworks in enhancing the consumer experience for persons with disabilities. This includes initiatives like making offerings accessible, issuing advisories, enacting legislation like the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPWDA) and Consumer Protection Act (CPA), and addressing the enforcement challenges associated with these legal frameworks. Therefore, option C captures the essence of the passage's main theme.

3. Correct Option: (c)**Explanation:**

- The passage mentions that despite economic growth, welfare expenditure stagnated, especially in schemes related to children's welfare, during the NDA regime. This indicates a disconnect between economic growth and welfare spending in certain areas, particularly those related to children's welfare. Options A, B, and D are not directly supported by the passage or involve assumptions not explicitly mentioned in the text.

4. Correct Option: (b)**Explanation:**

Here $96 - 12$ or 84 must be a multiple of x then the statement holds true in every case.

84 is $2^2 \times 3^1 \times 7^1$.

The total number of factors is $3 \times 2 \times 2$ or 12 which is the correct answer of the question.

5. Correct Option: (a)**Explanation:**

$$A \times (5/6) \times (11/8) = 2750$$

$$A = (2750 \times 48) / 55$$

$$A = 2400$$

6. Correct Option: (c)**Explanation:**

LCM of all the four numbers is the answer of the question.

$$40 \text{ cm} = 2^3 \times 5$$

$$42 \text{ cm} = 2 \times 3 \times 7$$

$$45 \text{ cm} = 3^2 \times 5$$

$$50 \text{ cm} = 2 \times 5^2$$

Now, to find the LCM, we need to take the highest power of each prime factor that appears in any of the numbers:

The highest power of 2 is 2^3

The highest power of 3 is 3^2

The highest power of 5 is 5^2

The highest power of 7 is 7^1

So, the LCM of 40 cm, 42 cm, 45 cm, and 50 cm is the product of these highest powers:

$$\text{LCM} = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7^1 = 8 \times 9 \times 25 \times 7 = 12600 \text{ cm} = 126 \text{ m}$$

Therefore, the LCM of 40 cm, 42 cm, 45 cm, and 50 cm is 12600 cm or 126 m.

7. Correct Option: (d)**Explanation:**

$65 +$ total number of students who passed in GS only = $100 - 22$

$45 +$ total number of students who passed in CSAT only = $100 - 22$

So, the required answer is $13 + 33$ or 46%

8. Correct Option: (b)**Explanation:**

$$x^2 - y^2 \text{ is } (x + y)(x - y)$$

The factors of 35 are 1, 5, 7, and 35.

So the possible pairs are

Case I. (1, 35)

Case II. (5, 7).

Solve for it for first case you get the value of x as 18 and y as 17.