

When I visited the town for the first time..



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MODEL QUESTIONS

Directions (Q.No. 1 - 4): Read the following passage and answer the questions as directed.

Paragraph - 1: Do Indians have the potential to pay more tax? Most individual taxpayers will respond with a vehement 'No'. But the Finance Minister is quite convinced that there's **room** to collect more. Recently pointing out that India is still "far from being a tax-compliant society", he noted that the tax-to-GDP ratio is low, and there's room to bump it up by another 1.5 percentage points. So, why is there such a sharp dichotomy between the perception of citizens - who feel they are taxed at every turn - and the government - which thinks that there's room to extract more? The answer could lie in the flawed measurement of tax compliance.

Paragraph - 2: The metric that is often used to drive home the poor culture of compliance in India, is the small proportion of population paying direct taxes. In FY18, 6.84 crore entities (individuals, HUFs and businesses) filed their Income Tax Returns. Of these, there were about 6 crore individual assesses. A straight forward comparison of this number with the population estimate (132 crore) suggests that only 4.5 per cent of Indians pay income tax. But that's a flawed comparison because an individual can be said to 'evading' income tax only if he is (____) to pay it in the first place. Therefore, the most important step to assessing actual tax compliance in India, is to estimate the proportion of the population that is liable to pay income tax.

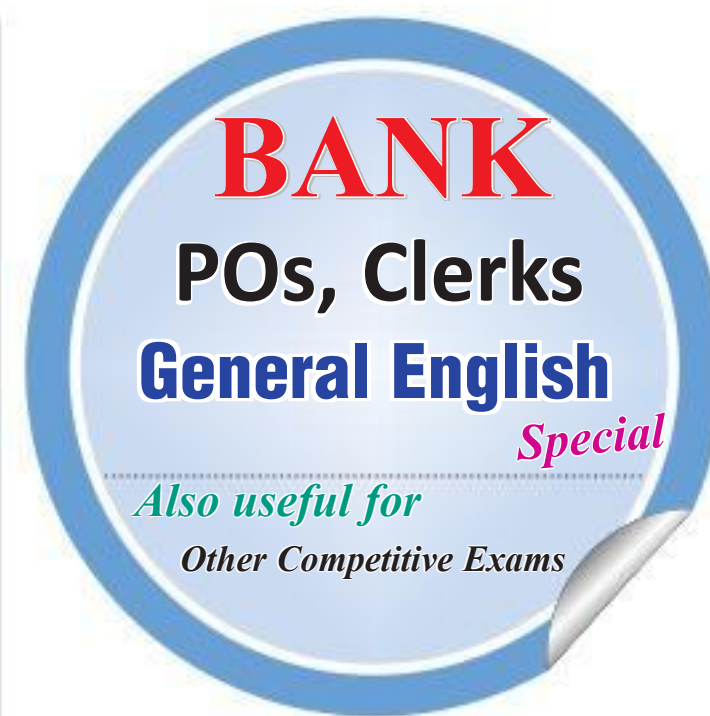
- Which of the following can be inferred as the theme of the passage?
 - 1) People are quite convinced that there's room to collect more Individual taxes
 - 2) India needs more collection of taxes to meet the financial needs of the country
 - 3) Most people in India are reluctant to pay direct taxes
 - 4) India needs more stringent laws to stop tax evasion
 - 5) The govt and the citizens do not think alike.
- Which of the following can replace the word given in bold in the passage?
 - 1) Home
 - 2) Requirements
 - 3) Range
 - 4) Scope
 - 5) Leeway
- What is the tone of writing in the passage?
 - 1) Nostalgic
 - 2) Didactic

- 3) Critical
- 4) Sarcastic
- 5) Satirical
4. Which of the following words can be filled in the blank to make it meaningful?
 - 1) Unable
 - 2) Compatible
 - 3) Willing
 - 4) Capable
 - 5) Liable

Directions (Q.No. 5-7): Read the following paragraph and answer the questions as directed.

Though India is among the top nations in the world in software development, we have lagged behind in facilitating the spread of IT in services across sectors. Over the past decade though, we have been making up in many ways. Singapore leads in connectivity and speed, thanks to strong government impetus on using technology to deliver better citizen services, and in due course we too should catch up, despite our huge size. Singapore is the most tech-savvy government and the US, **surprisingly**, does not find a place in the top 10, which has two Asian and three Arab nations. We must look to developing IT standards sector-wise to achieve seamless digitization. *We can work on this aspect in parallel, to provide ease of consumer use and reliability.*

5. Which of the following has been assumed in the given passage?
 - 1) Whatever efforts may the Indian government make in IT, it cannot deliver better citizen services.
 - 2) India is not a tech-savvy country.
 - 3) The huge population of India is a great obstacle in the spread of IT in services across sectors.
 - 4) Though the government has made efforts to spread IT in services across sectors, yet a lot requires to be done to catch up IT standards sector-wise.
 - 5) In facilitating the spread of IT in services across sectors we lag behind two Asian and three Arab nations.
6. Which of the following words is opposite of the word given in bold?
 - 1) Especially
 - 2) Usually
 - 3) Exceptionally
 - 4) Notably
 - 5) Principally
7. Which of the following is the best way of writing the line given in italics in the paragraph, without changing its intended meaning?
 - 1) In order to provide ease of consumer use and reliability we can work side by side to develop IT standards sector-wise.
 - 2) To achieve the target of flawless digitization we can work on this aspect in parallel.
 - 3) For consumer satisfaction and reliability full digitization is required.
 - 4) To achieve full digitization we should work on this aspect in parallel.
 - 5) None of these



Directions (Q.No. 8-10): Read the following paragraph and answer the questions as directed.

If consumers and businesses expect 'no change' or contraction, the promised growth may not materialise. How much is the Indian economy likely to grow by? This remains a moot question, especially in the wake of the recently released GDP estimates. A perusal of the RBI's recently released Forward Looking Surveys may provide an important lens into what we can expect in the near future. In particular, three of these surveys, focusing on consumer confidence, business expectations and the demand conditions in the manufacturing sector _____ attention. The main drivers of growth in an economy are domestic consumption and investment. With India being largely a consumption-driven economy, consumption spending must grow to drive overall growth. Consumer spending depends to a large extent on growth in disposable incomes. However, an important factor, which is often overlooked is consumer confidence regarding the general economic situation captured in consumer's perceptions and expectations.

8. Which of the following is true from the paragraph?
 - 1) According to an estimate by the RBI, India's economy is likely to register a negative growth.
 - 2) Consumer spending depends to a large extent on growth in taxable incomes.
 - 3) The growth of an economy is driven by foreign direct investment.
 - 4) The main drivers of growth in an economy are domestic consumption and investment.
 - 5) None of the above.
9. Which of the following words should be filled in the blank in the paragraph?
 - 1) Merit
 - 2) Must
 - 3) Pay
 - 4) Deserve
 - 5) Both 1 & 4
10. Which of the following can be the next line after the last line of the paragraph?
 - 1) The Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) may indicate either consumer pessimism (if less than 100) or optimism (if above 100) regarding the general economic situation, price levels, consumer's own income,

- employment and spending.
- 2) The latest RBI survey indicates that the current CCI (at 96.7) continues to remain below 100, even two years after the disruptions to the economy through demonetisation, and later through the imposition of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- 3) Consumers, however, expect the future to be rosier.
- 4) Negative perceptions lead to negative consumer sentiments, which are likely to halt consumer spending - a major lever for growth in India, accounting for 56 per cent of GDP.
- 5) The rate hikes / cuts by the RBI have dominated public discussion in the last few quarters, especially since the RBI adopted a policy stance of calibrated tightening since October 2018.

Directions (Q.No. 11-20): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

India has become, in purchasing power parity terms, the third largest economy in the world. India's economic (11) since 1980 has been among the (12) rapid. Although India managed its one incipient crisis in the early 1990s, it avoided the catastrophic losses (13). While many (14) that exposing India's economy to global competition would reveal India's economic (15), it has rather revealed strengths and often unexpected strengths in new areas no planner would have (16) of. India is increasingly taking its (17) on the global stage and in international forums as a 21st century superpower. The generations of politicians and policy makers who have been (18) of leading India to where it is today can be justifiably (19) of the transformation. But achievements create new (20) two of which are improving service delivery, particularly to the poor, through greater accountability and expanding the benefits of rapid growth across sectors, regions and people.

11. 1) Decline 2) Policy
3) Crisis 4) Treaty
5) Growth
12. 1) Several 2) Very
3) Most 4) Much
5) So
13. 1) End 2) Deterioration
3) Thus 4) Together
5) Elsewhere
14. 1) Asked 2) Feared
3) Think 4) Spoke
5) Believe
15. 1) Growth 2) Space
3) Gain 4) Weakness
5) Void

16. 1) Questioned 2) Dreamed
3) Arranged 4) Plan
5) Wanted
17. 1) Matter 2) Place
3) Life 4) Generation
5) Mark
18. 1) Part 2) Issues
3) Humans 4) Figment
5) Thought
19. 1) Worried 2) Angry
3) Honoured 4) Distinguished
5) Proud
20. 1) Impossibilities
2) Evaluation 3) Challenges
4) Comparisons
5) Dangers

Directions (Q.No.21-25): Rearrange the following six sentences (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

- (1) When I visited the town for the first time, I was struck by startling changes.
 - (2) And not only that, they were happy to remain so.
 - (3) But what surprised me most was the realization, that people over there were strangers to one another.
 - (4) As a young boy, I had not moved far from my small native village.
 - (5) Swift moving vehicles and tall buildings drew my attention and almost baffled me.
 - (6) I had intimate relationship with everybody in my village.
21. Which of the following will be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement?
 - 1) 2
 - 2) 3
 - 3) 4
 - 4) 5
 - 5) 6
 22. Which of the following will be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?
 - 1) 2
 - 2) 3
 - 3) 4
 - 4) 5
 - 5) 6
 23. Which of the following will be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?
 - 1) 2
 - 2) 3
 - 3) 4
 - 4) 5
 - 5) 6
 24. Which of the following will be the **SIXTH** sentence after rearrangement?
 - 1) 2
 - 2) 3
 - 3) 4
 - 4) 5
 - 5) 6
 25. Which of the following will be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?
 - 1) 2
 - 2) 3
 - 3) 4
 - 4) 5
 - 5) 6

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- 1) 3
- 2) 4
- 3) 3
- 4) 5
- 5) 3
- 6) 2
- 7) 1
- 8) 4
- 9) 5
- 10) 4
- 11) 5
- 12) 3
- 13) 3
- 14) 2
- 15) 4
- 16) 2
- 17) 2
- 18) 1
- 19) 5
- 20) 3
- 21) 2
- 22) 5
- 23) 4
- 24) 1
- 25) 3