

Most opposite word to 'Adamant' is?

PRELIMS - GRAND TEST

Directions (1-7): Read the following passage and answer the question that follows.

- ✓ Did you know that you could convert a piece of land in your backyard into a beautiful forest within a year? Shubhendu Sharma, an Industrial Engineer, is allowing you to bring nature home.
- ✓ It all started when Sharma volunteered to assist a naturalist, Akira Miyawaki, to cultivate a forest at the Toyota plant where he worked. Miyawaki's technique has managed to regenerate forests from Thailand to the Amazon, and Sharma thought to **replicate** the model in India.
- ✓ Sharma started to experiment with the model and came up with an Indian version after slight modifications using soil amender. He quit his job and spent almost a year to do research on the methodology. After much planning, research and **enthusiasm**, Sharma started Afforestt, an end-to-end service provider for creating natural, wild, maintenance-free, native forests in 2011.
- ✓ Shifting his career wasn't easy. Sharma was **adamant** on making his idea work and started the company without his family's knowledge; it was only after a couple of months of operation they got to know about it and finally made peace with it. Initial troubles with finding the market and sustaining the business were solved to some extent when they received their first order from a German furniture maker to plant about 10,000 trees. Since then, Afforestt has served around 43 clients and planted over 54,000 trees.
- ✓ The process starts with doing a soil survey and finding out what the soil is missing. The minimum land size should be 1,000 square feet. Sharma designs and formulates in what pattern, sequence and ratio should the saplings be planted for **rapid** growth. On an average, a sapling grows approximately 1 metre every year. The biggest plus point of Afforestt is its low-cost model.
- ✓ "The biggest challenge was to launch something which had no existing market and we didn't even know if it ever would," says Sharma. Apart from that, as this is a one-of-its-kind **initiative** in India, Sharma had to do a lot of research.
- ✓ Again, as this was a unique model, finding clients and convincing people that it is actually possible was again a huge task.
- ✓ Afforestt has created 33 forests so far across 11 cities of India and wants to increase the number. Sharma has a lot of plans to scale up and put this technology out there for more and more people to implement.

1. What does author mean by the phrase 'bring nature home'?

1. Getting connected to nature by increasing the use of organic products
2. Inculcating the elements of nature in the form of plants and trees in the landscapes and the gardens we create around our surroundings
3. Having a critical relationship between the plants and the creatures that depend on them
4. Understanding the bio diversity around you in better ways by spending time in nature around your homes
5. Living in a biologically balanced and beautiful surroundings that is a mix of

2. What among the following can be labelled as the biggest trouble that Sharma came across while building up his initiative?

1. Tough competition by the existing markets
2. Lack of resources to which reference could be made
3. Lack of trained workforce to implement the plan
4. Dearth of facilities in the market to accomplish the strategies
5. Absence of any prevailing market for the venture



3. What is the fundamental step of the plantation procedure adopted by Afforestt?

1. Examining the soil to find out the inadequacies
2. Spotting the landscapes that best suit the saplings
3. Designing and formulating the pattern and sequence for plantation
4. Creating a buzz about the process to spot the potential customers
5. Collecting the resources that would be required for plantation

4. Which of the following statements best defines the initiative 'Afforestt'?

1. An initiative that helps human beings connect to the elements of wildlife
2. Facilities that help you in floriculture and make your backyard lively
3. A movement that works to restore the balance in bio diversity
4. A service that works to create native woods
5. A set of utilities that help the naturalists to stay connected to the forests

5. What assisted Sharma to cope up the hardships in finding the market for his services?

1. Partnership with the German furniture maker to plant about 10 k trees
2. Help and support offered by the family members and the relatives to expand the client base
3. Order by the German furniture maker to plant about 10 k trees
4. Research on market to ensure the popularity of the services
5. Accuracy of the survey to provide credible results regarding the factors missing in the soil

6. Directions: Choose the word/group of words which is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage. **Initiative**

1. Approach 2. Advantage
3. Edge 4. Plot 5. Capacity

7. Directions: Choose the word/group of words which is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning of the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage. **Adamant**

1. Rare 2. Faint
3. Foolish 4. Stiff 5. Unsure

8. Directions: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

1) Science students can/ 2) attend their classes /3) on weekend and /4) working during the week. / 5) No error

1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 4. 4 5. 5

9. Directions: The following sentence has been divided into four parts marked (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of the parts may contain an error and if so, identify the part that contains the error and choose the letter corresponding to that part from the given options. If the sentence does not contain any error, mark (E) as your answer.

After the pile-up (A)/ on the highway, (B)/ everyone was fighting (C)/ with each other. (D)/ No error

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. E

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Of the forty-five students (A)/ in the institute, (B)/ as much as twenty managed (C)/ to score excellent marks. (D)/ No error

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. E

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After his father's death, (A)/ he is trying to concentrate himself (B)/ on finishing his degree (C)/ so that he can get a good job. (D)/ No error

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. E

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At first, I was looking (A)/ for a warm sweater (B)/ for myself, but I (C)/ ended buying a jacket. (D)/ No error

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. E

13. Directions: In the question below a sentence is given which is divided into five parts. The first part of the sentence (1) is correct and is given in bold followed by four parts named A, B, C and D. Rearrange the four parts of the sentence to make a coherent sentence. The rearranged sequence of the parts will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is then choose option (5).

We must communicate our feelings (1)/ we need from others, as well (A)/ emotional support and understanding (B)/ in order to get the (C)/ as to show our emotional support and understanding to them (D)

1. ACBD 2. BACD
3. CBAD 4. DBCA
5. No arrangement required



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We enjoyed the (1)/ bonfire during the first day and (A)/ on the beach with the fellow travellers (B)/ exotic beaches dense forests and (C)/ celebrated our anniversary (D)

1. DCBA 2. CADB 3. CBAD
4. BCAD 5. No arrangement required

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A panic caused by a (1)/ in the nation's capital (A)/ mistaken belief that (B)/ sent people running through the city's streets (C)/ a gun had been fired during a parade (D)

1. BDAC 2. ABDC 3. BACD
4. DBAC 5. No arrangement required

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The government should (1)/ and a practical time frame (A)/ for roll out of (B)/ electric vehicles in the country (C)/ follow a well laid out road-map (D)

1. BCAD 2. DBAC
3. ADBC 4. DABC
5. No arrangement required

ANSWERS

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