

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE &amp; LOGICAL REASONING

1. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** The journalist's tone is neutral and reportorial — balancing cultural history, political statements, and legal developments.

2. Correct Answer: B

**Explanation:** The idiom “only in books” conveys legal existence without practical effect — symbolic compliance.

3. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** The paradox lies in *continued illegality coexisting with covert practice*, showing conflict between law and tradition.

4. Correct Answer: B

**Explanation:** Legislators defend dhirio as “not cruel” and “like boxing,” showing *justification* under the guise of cultural defence.

5. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** Historical continuity strengthens the “heritage” argument — a rhetorical strategy used by supporters to frame legality as cultural preservation.

6. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** Injury confirms cruelty, directly violating Section 11 of PCA.

7. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** Supporters claim *cultural protection* — similar to Jallikattu being defended as a cultural practice under Article 29.

8. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** Constitutional morality requires upholding compassion and dignity over tradition when they conflict.

9. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** Courts balance rights — cultural vs. welfare — using proportionality.

10. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** Ethical reasoning prioritises *intrinsic dignity* and opposes commodification of life for sport.

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Legal Reasoning

11. Correct Answer: D

**Explanation:** Judicial precedents (*Nabam Rebia, Punjab Case 2023*) establish that the Governor's discretion is subject to constitutional constraints. The phrase "as soon as possible" imposes a duty of timely action. Indefinite withholding constitutes constitutional impropriety and breaches legislative supremacy.

12. Correct Answer: B

**Explanation:** Article 200 explicitly provides that after reconsideration, if the Legislature passes the Bill again—with or without amendments—the Governor **must grant assent**. Judicial precedents prohibit repeated returns.

13. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** Article 200's "as soon as possible" phrase compels reasonable promptness. Courts have held that indefinite delays erode democratic accountability and amount to a constitutional wrong.

14. Correct Answer: C

**Explanation:** The Governor's referral to the President must be based on **specific constitutional grounds**, primarily where the Bill affects the High Court's powers or raises significant constitutional questions. Political or economic justifications alone are insufficient.

15. Correct Answer: D

**Explanation:** The Governor's silence beyond a reasonable time is unconstitutional. Article 200 allows only three options—assent, return, or reserve. Pocket veto is inconsistent with constitutional accountability and violates legislative sovereignty.

16. Correct Answer: B

**Explanation:** After reconsideration, the Governor's only option is to assent. The second referral undermines legislative supremacy and violates *Nabam Rebia* principles.

17. Correct Answer: A

**Explanation:** As per constitutional convention and judicial interpretation, the Governor must exercise functions based on the Council of Ministers' advice. Reservation without such consultation is unconstitutional.

18. Correct Answer: C

**Explanation:** "As soon as possible" creates a mandatory duty of timely action. Courts interpret it as requiring reasonable promptness, not indefinite delay. Judicial review ensures accountability.

19. Correct Answer: D

**Explanation:** Once the Bill is re-passed, the Governor's role becomes ministerial. Multiple returns breach constitutional design and obstruct legislative function, violating cooperative federalism.

20. Correct Answer: B

**Explanation:** Article 200 obliges the Governor to act promptly. Withholding assent without communication violates constitutional norms and judicial precedent. The correct procedure is to either assent, return, or reserve—not ignore.

**General Knowledge**

| Q  | Correct | Explanation                                                                     |
|----|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 | A       | NMCG functions under Jal Shakti & implements National Ganga Council's programs. |
| 22 | A       | Established under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.                           |
| 23 | B       | Chaired by PM-led National Ganga Council (not in passage, inferred).            |
| 24 | A       | Focus areas listed explicitly—pollution, biodiversity, groundwater.             |
| 25 | C       | Hybrid Annuity Model introduced for STPs.                                       |
| 26 | A       | Arth Ganga = economic linkage with conservation.                                |
| 27 | A       | JICA & World Bank cited as partners.                                            |
| 28 | C       | Untreated sewage, coordination issues, groundwater overuse—mentioned.           |
| 29 | B       | Namami Gange launched 2014 (fact-based inference).                              |
| 30 | A       | Passage ends with the stated goal of river rejuvenation.                        |

| Q  | Correct | Explanation                                                                                                                                                  |
|----|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31 | A       | Lift-off at Sriharikota, payload NVS-02. It did not use LVM3. (P)                                                                                            |
| 32 | A       | 17th flight of GSLV, 11th with indigenous cryo stage per ISRO brochure. (P)                                                                                  |
| 33 | B       | 90% foreign launches claim appears in broader reports but not in the passage. This is inference/outside. (O)                                                 |
| 34 | A       | Statement is attributed to the Ministry of Science & Technology in the press note. (P)                                                                       |
| 35 | A       | The passage states ~19 minutes later it entered GTO. (P)                                                                                                     |
| 36 | C       | Retirement of GSLV series is not implied — others are logical inference. (O)                                                                                 |
| 37 | A       | The Indian Space Policy 2023 formally opened up India's space sector to private players, complementing ISRO's growing ecosystem — inferred contextually. (O) |
| 38 | A       | Passage emphasises milestone as marker of global competitiveness. (P)                                                                                        |
| 39 | A       | NVS-02 is part of NavIC. (P)                                                                                                                                 |
| 40 | A       | Passage mentions the new ISRO chairman joined at this stage. (P)                                                                                             |

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**Quantitative Technique**

41. (d) More =  $40 - 25 = 15$

More % =  $15 \times 100 / 25 = 60\%$

42. (C) CND

43. (a)  $40 + 45 + 35 + 25 + 40 + 30 / 6 = 215 / 6 = 35.83\%$

44. (b)  $40 \times 135\% = 54$  lakh

45. (d) CND Explanation

**Explanation:** (46 - 50)

Total rent =  $5500 \times 24 = 132000$

Total expenses on utility =  $3400 \times 24 = 81600$

Total tuition fee =  $250000 \times 4 = 1000000$

Total exp on study =  $132000 + 81600 + 1000000$   
= 1213600

Loan by bank =  $80\%$  of 1213600 = 970880

Expenses bear by her =  $20\%$  of 1213600 = 242720

46. C

47. A

48. B

49. A

50. C



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