

ANSWER KEY — RC Class 1

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Detailed Explanations

Passage 1 — Constitutional Morality

Q1 (Ans: D) — D — The author explicitly argues that 'abandoning the concept would be worse than policing it' and that the task is to tether constitutional morality to identifiable values while disciplining it against judicial adventurism. A, B, C all misstate the author's position.

Q2 (Ans: B) — B — The author defends constitutional morality while conceding critics' concerns are 'not entirely misplaced' and must be 'policed.' This is qualified defence, not polemic (A), cynicism (C), or uncritical eulogy (D).

Q3 (Ans: A) — A — 'Protean' derives from Proteus, the shape-shifting sea-god; the author uses it to signal morality's variability, which is why grafting it onto review is risky.

Q4 (Ans: C) — C — If empirical data showed invocations of constitutional morality tracked judicial ideology rather than constitutional text, the author's claim that it can be disciplined and anchored to constitutional values would be directly undercut. B, D are orthogonal; A is biographical, not substantive.

Q5 (Ans: B) — B — The passage's prescriptive core: 'tether the phrase to identifiable constitutional values... rather than to the personal intuitions of whoever happens to be on the bench.'

Q6 (Ans: D) — D — The passage's thesis is precisely 'discipline, not discard.' A is too narrow (origins only); B, C invert the author's position.

Passage 2 — The Gig Economy and Worker Rights

Q7 (Ans: A) — A — The author states classification 'has become the central battleground' and closes by warning that evading the question shifts the cost onto workers. B, C, D overstate or invert the argument.

Q8 (Ans: C) — C — The phrase directly targets the defender's claim that worker 'consent' justifies the contractor label, noting that consent in informal markets with limited alternatives is thin.

Q9 (Ans: B) — B — The author calls the Code a 'cautious middle path' and notes both the attempt and its contested adequacy. Neither celebration (A) nor hostility (D).

Q10 (Ans: D) — D — Comparative empirical evidence that reclassification improves worker outcomes without collapsing platforms directly strengthens the author's claim that classification matters substantively. A, B, C are tangential.

Q11 (Ans: A) — A — 'Inexorably' means impossible to stop; the author uses it to emphasise that if law leaves gaps, work will be reshaped to fit them without remedy.

Q12 (Ans: B) — B — The passage is organised around the classification question. A, C overstate; D imputes a position the author does not take.

Passage 3 — Climate Justice and the Global South

Q13 (Ans: C) — C — The author argues throughout that historical responsibility, not just present emissions, must shape any just regime, concluding with three concrete demands.

Q14 (Ans: D) — D — 'Rhetorical ornament... invoked at every summit, watered down in every final text' directly implies verbal honour without operational force.

Q15 (Ans: A) — A — The author's argument depends on the persistence of wealth/advantage generated by historical emissions. If such wealth had been comprehensively redistributed and vulnerability no longer correlated with historical responsibility, the moral asymmetry the argument rests on would dissolve.

Q16 (Ans: B) — B — The author cites Aristotle to support the claim that 'justice... sometimes requires treating relevantly different cases differently,' responding to the symmetry-as-fairness counter-argument.

Q17 (Ans: D) — D — In context, the author contrasts 'meaningful' finance with further debt; 'non-loanised' therefore means grants/compensation rather than loans.

Q18 (Ans: C) — C — The title captures the passage's three organising ideas: justice, history/asymmetry, and a liveable atmosphere. A is too narrow; B, D are peripheral.

Passage 4 — Judicial Review and the Idea of Democracy

Q19 (Ans: B) — B — The author explicitly argues review, properly disciplined, is 'one of the means by which democracy persists over time.' A is the objection the author rebuts; C, D caricature the argument.

Q20 (Ans: A) — A — The Ulysses-and-the-mast image is offered as an illustration of precommitment: tying one's hands in advance against future weakness.

Q21 (Ans: D) — D — The author acknowledges overreach risks, urges discipline, and builds a reasoned defence. This is analytical and qualifiedly defensive, not celebratory (B) or despairing (A).

Q22 (Ans: C) — C — Comparative empirical evidence that democracies without effective review more often see majorities dismantle the rules that produced them directly supports the author's precommitment argument.

Q23 (Ans: B) — B — The passage states legislative outputs reflect 'coalitions, compromises, horse-trading, and... the intensity of a well-organised minority rather than the preference of any majority.'

Q24 (Ans: A) — A — 'Cannibalise' here means consume in a self-defeating way: majorities that destroy the rules producing them.

Passage 5 — Artificial Intelligence and Human Dignity

Q25 (Ans: C) — C — The author's thesis is that AI governance has displaced dignity-talk with risk-talk, and that the former must be recovered to govern well.

Q26 (Ans: D) — D — The author corrects the framing: the comparison is 'between two imperfect decision-making systems with very different relationships to contestation, explanation, and appeal.'

Q27 (Ans: A) — A — The author calls the principle a 'dignity-preserving floor' and explicitly rejects the technophobia reading.

Q28 (Ans: B) — B — In context, 'metricise' refers to converting concerns into quantifiable indicators regulators can measure, contrasted with dignity, which 'resists quantification.'

Q29 (Ans: C) — C — The author's dignity critique rests on algorithmic decisions being less contestable, less explainable, and less appealable than human ones. Replicated evidence that they are in fact more so, across all affected groups, would directly undercut the argument.

Q30 (Ans: A) — A — The title tracks the passage's three organising terms: beyond risk, AI and dignity, vocabulary of governance. The others are off-topic or reverse the author's claim.

Answer Distribution Audit

A = 8 → Q3, Q7, Q11, Q15, Q20, Q24, Q27, Q30

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