

Sample Questions for English Comprehension section (answers at the end)

Directions for questions 1 and 2: In each question, a sentence with two blanks is given. Four options are provided, each with a pair of words -- the first word of the pair corresponds to the first blank, and the second word to the second blank. Choose the option that best fills in the blanks.

1. In today's hectic world, many youngsters are _____ to spirituality in an attempt to _____ their inner conflicts.
 - A. turning, manage
 - B. harking, sustain
 - C. seeking, overcome
 - D. going, quell

2. Herbal dietary supplements, when used _____, can _____ to one's sense of well-being.
 - A. frequently, confer
 - B. representatively, jeopardize
 - C. discriminately, add
 - D. judiciously, contribute

Directions for questions 3 and 4: Read the short passage given below and answer the two questions that follow it.

Obesity levels are increasing faster in rural than in urban areas, even in many low- and middle-income countries. Rural areas in these countries have begun to resemble urban areas, because the modern food supply is now available in combination with cheap mechanized devices for farming and transport with the food supply in rural areas changing from traditional staples to modern ultra-processed foods. Ultra-processed foods are becoming part of the diets of poor people in these countries. Yet, policy efforts have been focused on tackling urbanization as a major driver of obesity, because the general thinking is still that people living in rural areas are much more likely to face hunger and undernutrition.

3. What is the main point being made by the author of this passage?
 - A. Rural obesity is driving the global rise in obesity, increasing faster than urban obesity.
 - B. Policy action has been based on wrong assumptions about rural areas and people.
 - C. Rural people's changing food habits are converging with urban food habits.
 - D. Changes in food habits combined with mechanization are leading to obesity.

4. Which of the following, if true, would weaken the claim of the author regarding the attention paid to urbanization as a driver of obesity?
 - A. A study reveals that ultra-processed foods are only now becoming part of the diets of poor people in low-income countries.
 - B. A research paper challenges the methods used to measure the rate at which obesity is increasing on technical grounds.
 - C. Some studies have shown that with development, the boundaries between rural and urban areas have become fuzzy.
 - D. A study shows that rural people are less likely to face hunger relative to urban populations.

Directions for questions 5 and 6: In each question, there are four sentences (I to IV) and below these, four answer options are given. Choose the option that contains the grammatically incorrect sentences.

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- I. We must prepare ourselves for worst, because the chances of this boy surviving this very serious accident are very low.
- II. Educationists have made extensive uses of motivation theory, originally developed by the psychologists to explain why the people behave the way they do.
- III. Members of asexually reproducing population are genetically identical, and are so susceptible to the same diseases.
- IV. ICT-led interventions in schools.

- A. I, II, III
- B. I, II, IV
- C. II, III
- D. III, IV

6.

- I. One of the important reason for depression is the inhuman conditions under which people work from morning to evening.
- II. There is no hardly any need to prepare such extensive back-up plans since our leader is going to deliver the goods.
- III. When prediabetes occurs, higher and higher amounts of insulin are churned out that no longer work as effectively.
- IV. Peter Berger showed that capitalism is a necessary but not sufficient condition for the success of democracy.

- A. I, III, IV
- B. II, III
- C. I, II
- D. II, IV

Answer Key:

- 1. A
- 2. D
- 3. B
- 4. D
- 5. A
- 6. C