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Answer all questions.

Question 01

Read the text below and answer the questions.

POPULAR PROTESTS: A MANIFESTATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FAILURE

Popular protests over diverse local issues have frequently **figured** in the media in recent years. These protests are often **spontaneous** and attract many local people who are directly affected by the issues concerned. When one or more television stations show live pictures of people protesting, public officials and politicians often cannot ignore them. While the police officers intervene to prevent the disruption of public order, local political leaders come forward to offer solution to the problem in order to **diffuse** the situation. However, when an issue does not lead to public protests and agitations, affected people presumably continue to suffer in silence.

If we look at a sample of public protests reported from around the country in recent years, it becomes quite clear that the institutions charged with the responsibility of addressing various issues have failed due to various reasons. Some of the reasons might be **inadequate** resources, mismanagement, political interference, and **demoralization** of employees due to poor leadership. Parents protesting outside schools, farmers shouting slogans about irrigation water, prices etc., villagers demanding protection from wild elephants, pedestrians demanding strict law enforcement against **errant** drivers, and rural people asking for proper maintenance of local roads are all pointing to the failure of a range of institutions not only to serve their original purpose but also to live up to people's expectations.

When we look at the nature of issues mentioned above, it appears that they do not usually affect the privileged sections of the population. It is often the **underprivileged** people living in marginalized areas who are disproportionately affected by these and similar issues. Given the fact that access to facilities and services is highly unequally distributed both socially and spatially, people who suffer due to various issues are acutely aware of the persisting inequality. Due to the high rate of **spatial** mobility of people including overseas travel, the high density of electronic media, and the increasing political consciousness of the masses, the sense of relative deprivation is acutely felt by the ordinary people. So, when a particular institution does not satisfy people's **aspirations**, many people **perceive** it as social injustice.

(Source: *TOWARDS SANE SOCIETY*, Siri Hettige)



Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In the spaces given for questions 1-5, write

- TRUE** - if the statement agrees with the information
FALSE - if the information contradicts the information
NOT GIVEN - if there is no information on this

- i. When there are public protests, politicians and public officials ignore them but police officers come forward to find solutions to the problems faced by the people.
- ii. Most public protests in the recent past were a result of relevant institutions not fulfilling their responsibility.
- iii. All the underprivileged people who suffer due to failure of institutions are rural people.
- iv. Access to facilities and services depends on the social class of the people and the areas which they live in.
- v. The high density of electronic media has increased the political consciousness of the masses.

(05 marks)

Write the meaning of the words in the bold type (as they appear in the text) in your own words. They are given below.

- vi. figured
- vii. spontaneous
- viii. diffuse
- ix. inadequate
- x. demoralization
- xi. errant
- xii. underprivileged
- xiii. spatial
- xiv. aspirations
- xv. perceive

(10 marks)



Answer the following questions.

xvi. Who are the people that deal with protesting people?

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xvii Why do pedestrians protest?

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xvii How do people become aware of the inequality around them?

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xix. Write four (04) factors given by the writer to suggest that the institutions have failed.

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xx. What do people think as social injustice?

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(05 marks)
(Total marks 20)

Question 02

Match the beginning of each sentence in column A with the most appropriate ending in column B. Write the relevant letter of column B in the brackets shown.

Column A			Column B	
i.	The article explores the origins	(.....)	a.	major consequences for larger families.
ii.	One small explosion set off a chain	(.....)	b.	precedents for his decision.
iii.	The confusion probably stemmed	(.....)	c.	rise to widespread sense of disillusionment.
iv.	The proposed new tax could have	(.....)	d.	of the concept of democracy.
v.	The disastrous events of 2003 gave	(.....)	e.	reaction, causing massive damage.
vi.	The judge explained that there were	(.....)	f.	from a lack of communication.
vii.	We should never accept the notion	(.....)	g.	of what low price and high quality mean.
viii.	The book expresses his viewpoint	(.....)	h.	that intelligence is connected to race.
ix.	Consumers have different perceptions	(.....)	i.	on family healthcare which changed everything.
x.	The report laid out a new model	(.....)	j.	on the role of the United Nations in times of war.

(20 marks)

Question 03

Fill in the blanks in the following passage using the correct modals and conditionals. Verbs may be either in active or passive voice.

There is a public debate in the country at present whether the government (1) continue recruiting unemployed graduates to the public sector. Some argue that if the present trend of recruitment continues, the whole public sector (2) face a crisis in the near future because the taxpayers have to bear up the burden of maintaining them. However, others argue that if the government did not intervene in solving graduate unemployment, that (3) (lead) to youth unrest. They further argue that if the successive governments (4) (introduce) necessary policies to expand the private sector investment at least a decade

ago thereby creating better paid jobs, the graduates (5)(join) the public sector for a small salary.

There is another solution proposed by some quarters. Instead of recruiting for nonexistent jobs in the public sector, the government (6) (pay) them a dole of Rs 20,000/- a month and attach them to the private sector. Thus the additional costs of office space, furniture, computers, utility expenses (7) (save). The private sector should be advised to train them in an effective manner so that they (8) (get) better opportunities in the private sector with improved skills.

Another solution to this problem is to explore the international job market and direct them to follow the degree courses which are job oriented. If such far reaching action had (9) (take) at the correct time in the past, the graduates (10) (be) a burden to the public sector as we witness today.

(20 marks)

Question 04

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in the brackets. When there is no word given, fill the blank with a suitable preposition given below. They can be used more than once.

Two examples are given.

of, in, with, to, from, on

Delineation of Maritime Boundaries

The delineationof.... maritime boundaries can have a profound impact 1.....the sustainable ...development.....(develop) of Commonwealth member countries, owing to its 2.....(imply) for the important sovereign rights of coastal states. The Secretariat's work 3..... the delineation of maritime boundaries has become one of its flagship assistance programmes. Much of this work is carried out by the Secretariat's in-house legal advisers, making the delivery of this assistance 4..... (exception) cost-effective.



For many years, the focus was on the 5.....(establish) of maritime zones and the 6.....(negotiate) of agreed boundaries 7.....neighboring coastal states recognizing that such actions require the 8.....(consider) of a range 9..... political, legal, 10..... (science) and technical issues.

Since 2008, the focus has also been 11.....assistance to countries seeking to lodge 12..... (submit) 13..... the United Nations 14..... areas of extended continental shelf. The claiming of areas of extended continental shelf carries the prospect of securing 15..... (exclude) access to additional areas of seabed and benefiting 16..... potentially lucrative living and non-living natural resources, 17..... (include) oil, gas, and mineral deposits. The Commonwealth Secretariat is the only organization 18the world that provides fully-funded legal and technical assistance 19..... its members 20.....this regard.

(20 marks)

Question 05

You have been nominated for a foreign training programme related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A paper should be submitted by you prior to the program indicating how you would benefit from the program, its relevance to your career development and what contribution you intend to make to the national development of the country on your return.

Selecting one of the following SDGs write your paper using 250-300 words.

- i. Quality Education
- ii. Good Health and Wellbeing
- iii. Responsible Consumption and Production
- iv. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

(20 marks)

