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| Question | Directions for the following 3 (three) items :  Read the following three passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.  Passage – 1  In a robust democracy, reality, howsoever inconvenient it may be, finds its expression both in the speech of political leaders and the other social forms of assertion. The existence of the real has to be transparent, both through its circulation in and by the media as well as its argumentative articulation in deliberative democracy. A normatively responsible media through its communication effect has the responsibility to circulate the content of reality without distortion.  Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage ? |
| Type | multiple-choice |
| Option | Responsible media should not distort the real in an ideal democracy. |
| Option | Fake news seems inherent in the life of an ideal democracy. |
| Option | There should not be any kind of restrictions on the freedom of expression in an ideal democracy. |
| Option | Irresponsible media and political leaders cannot be effectively controlled in an ideal democracy. |
| Answer | 1 |
| Solution |  |
| Positive Marks | 2.5 |
| Negative Marks | 0.83 |

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| Question | Passage – 2  Now-a-days there is a growing trend to use interconnected home devices. As consumers increasingly network their homes, the connected home device manufacturers and service providers will seek to overcome “thin profit margins by gathering more of our personal data—with or without our agreement—turning the home into a corporate storefront”. Corporate marketers will have powerful incentives to observe consumer behaviour to understand the buying needs and preferences of the device owners.  Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational and practical message implied by the passage ? |
| Type | multiple-choice |
| Option | Knowledge of consumer behaviour leads to more capital expenditure in manufacturing sector. |
| Option | Knowledge of consumer behaviour stimulates the growth of commerce and trade and thus helps in the overall economic development of the country. |
| Option | Interconnected devices give a lot of comfort to home users and improve the overall quality of life. |
| Option | Interconnected devices can be at security risk and home users may have privacy risk. |
| Answer | 4 |
| Solution |  |
| Positive Marks | 2.5 |
| Negative Marks | 0.83 |

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| Question | Passage – 3  Green growth involves rethinking growth strategies with regard to the impacts on environmental sustainability and the environmental resources available to poor and vulnerable groups. In rethinking growth, we need to focus on the current reality of a resource-constrained world. Resource intensive and, in particular energy intensive processes will need to make way for more efficient and resource frugal development strategies if we are to avoid an economic dead end or a world in which only a small elite is able to enjoy affluence in the midst of a sea of poverty.  Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage ? |
| Type | multiple-choice |
| Option | Environmental sustainability is inimical to our objective of achieving a high rate of GDP growth. |
| Option | Poverty eradication is not possible without a rapid economic growth and the consequent environmental degradation. |
| Option | Maintaining high environmental standards is now a prerequisite for achieving a steady, sufficient and inclusive growth. |
| Option | With large populations, rampant poverty and limited resources of today’s world, environmental degradation cannot be prevented and inequalities are inevitable. |
| Answer | 3 |
| Solution |  |
| Positive Marks | 2.5 |
| Negative Marks | 0.83 |