

SECTION B: VERBAL

a. Sentence Completion

Directions: For each question in this sub-section select the letter corresponding to the **word or pair of words** from the given choices which **best completes** the sentence. Then fill in the corresponding oval on your answer sheet.

1. American Vice-president Dick Cheney's burden on the Bush administration grew _____ yesterday after a former senior US state department official said he could be guilty of a war crime over the _____ of prisoners.

(A)	heavier	abuse
(B)	lighter	help
(C)	taller	recruitment
(D)	more	allegations
(E)	less	observation

2. The first heavy snow fell across the region at the weekend but while there has been no spike in the _____ rate, more deaths were _____ unless aid reaches victims soon, aid officials said.

(A)	morality	expected
(B)	birth	outcome
(C)	mortality	inevitable
(D)	production	regarded
(E)	shelter	predicted

3. Civilizations that are destined to fall do not disappear from the face of the earth overnight but rather _____ to a creeping process of decay and _____ that is often so slow that it is imperceptible while it is in progress.

(A)	longer	danger
(B)	crawl	gluttony
(C)	succumb	degeneration
(D)	headlong	partying
(E)	evolve	regeneration

b. Passage Comprehension

Directions: Each passage in this section is followed by questions based on its content. After reading a passage, choose the best answer to each question from the five choices

marked (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Then fill in the corresponding oval on your answer sheet.

I have lost count of the number of accusations levelled against al-Jazeera and the incidents of harassment to which it has been subjected since it was founded in 1996. It was rumoured to have been set up by Israel's Mossad intelligence agency with the purpose of improving Israel's standing in the Arab world. It has also been accused of being a CIA mouthpiece designed to disseminate western culture among the Arabs. Some have suggested that it is part of an international conspiracy to break up the Arab world by means of stirring up discord and creating problems for the Arab regimes. Others decided it was a front for Osama bin Laden and the Taliban; or funded by Saddam Hussein. And, at the same time, it has been condemned by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and bitterly criticised by Donald Rumsfeld.

We know that the intelligence services of some Arab regimes have resorted to spreading rumours about al-Jazeera in an effort to deter Arab viewers from watching it. These are the same regimes that recalled ambassadors from Qatar in protest at its hosting al-Jazeera, and the same regimes that closed the station's offices in their countries and detained its correspondents.

Until 2001, al-Jazeera was perceived in a positive way in the west as a whole and the US in particular. It was seen as the single most important force for reform and democracy across the Arab region. Harassment by Arab regimes was considered proof of its professionalism and testimony to its objectivity. Indeed, al-Jazeera had from its foundation the slogan of "the opinion and the other opinion" and refused to favour one side over another at the expense of truth. As a result, in record time al-Jazeera became the Arabs' number one channel, and last year it was voted the fifth most influential brand name in the world, after Starbucks, Ikea, Apple and Google.

4. According to the author, Al-Jazeera has had:
 - (A) A smooth sailing since its launch
 - (B) Respect from all the governments
 - (C) An extremely rough ride
 - (D) Offers to launch a Sports channel
 - (E) Support from all the Arab governments

5. From this passage, it can be deduced that Al-Jazeera is:
 - (A) Set up by Israel's Mossad intelligence agency
 - (B) CIA's mouthpiece
 - (C) Part of an international conspiracy
 - (D) Front for Osama bin Laden
 - (E) None of the above

6. Would it be fair to say that according to this passage, some Arab governments' tactics can best be described as:
- (A) Gentle nudging
 - (B) Soft diplomacy
 - (C) Happy acceptance
 - (D) Smear campaign and diplomatic arm twisting
 - (E) All of the above
7. 14. Al-Jazeera has become a brand-name because:
- (A) People like this rather exotic name
 - (B) It allows you to 'Google' for free
 - (C) Viewers have come to associate it with certain credibility
 - (D) It is run by an American multi-national company
 - (E) It was the only Muslim brand among the top ten in the world

c. Sentence Correction

Directions: The following sentences describe the same event. Select the most grammatically correct choice. Choose the best answer to each question from the five choices marked (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Then fill in the corresponding oval on your answer sheet.

- 8.
- (A) England today stand on the brink of their first series defeat in two years after their bowlers were ground into the Lahore dust by Mohammad Yousuf and Kamran Akmal.
 - (B) England today stand on the brink of their first series win in two years after their bowlers were ground into the Lahore dust by Mohammad Yousuf and Kamran Akmal.
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10.

- (A) The recent earthquake was a grim reminders of this region's shared vulnerabilities, and of the facts that we do not have even the beginnings of common institutions with which to respond.
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12.

- (A) Lt-Gen Imtiaz Hussain observe the continuous demand the Pakistan troops to shoulder onerous tasks in troubled areas of the world was ample testimony to the fact that "our soldiers enjoy international acclaim for their professionalism".
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