

1. Read the text given below:

(1) Held every year on 21 May, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

(2) A recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis. It has also underscored the sector's potential to generate economic growth, something which is too often underestimated.

(3) With the adoption in September 2015 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations, and the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, the message of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is more important than ever. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can best be achieved by drawing upon the creative potential of the world's diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure that all members of society benefit from sustainable development.

(4) Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a

means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. This is captured in the culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.....

Answer the following questions based on the above passage:

(i) Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 points to describe the purpose of UNESCO leading the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Answer:

1. Highlighting the richness of the world's cultures.
2. Emphasizing the essential role of intercultural dialogue in achieving peace and sustainable development.

(ii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from para (2).

The recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis.

(A) the real worth of cultural sector at generating social cohesion during pandemics

(B) the real worth of creative sector at undermining the social cohesion during an international emergency

(C) questioning the real worth of creative sector at generating education resource during an international emergency

(D) highlighting the real worth of cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion and educational resource during an international emergency

Answer: Option (D)

(iii) Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved.

Answer: By drawing upon the creative potential of diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure all members of society benefit from sustainable development.

(iv) What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph (4)?

Rationalise your response in about 40 words:

"Cultural diversity is an asset."

Answer: Positive and affirmative

(v) The phrase 'bridging the gap' in paragraph (4) refers to:

(A) widening the differences

(B) connecting two desperate ideas

(C) supporting the bridging

(D) filling in the space between two connected things

Answer: Option (D)

(vi) In sets a-e below, identify two sets of synonyms.

a. richness and poverty

b. intellectual and moral

c. reduction and promotion

d. essential and intrinsic

e. urgent and crucial

Options:

(A) a and c

(B) b and e

(C) d and e

(D) b and d

Answer: Option C

(vii) Complete the sentence appropriately:

The Second Committee of UN General Assembly in 2015 adopted

_____.

Answer: the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development.

(viii) Complete the following sentence:

_____ is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development.

Answer: Bridging the gap between cultures

2. Read the extract given below:

(1) The National Education Policy 2020 proposes the revision and 10 Marks revamping of all aspects of education, including the educational structure, regulations and governance, to create a new system which is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century students. According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education, for which a clear action plan with targets and timelines are to be developed.

(2) The policy aims to overcome the social status hierarchy associated with skill education and integration of skill education into mainstream education

in all educational institutions in a phased manner. Beginning with skill exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school, quality skill education will be integrated smoothly into school and higher education.

(3) Every child will learn at least one skill and is exposed to several more. This would lead to emphasizing the dignity of labour and importance of various vocations involving Indian arts and artisanship.

(4) The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of 'academic' or other capacities. To achieve this objective, secondary schools will have to collaborate with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIS), Polytechnics, Local Industry, etc. Skill labs will also be set up and created in the schools in a Hub and Spoke model, which will allow other schools to use the facility. Higher education institutions will offer skill education either on their own or in partnership with industry and other institutions.

(i) Based on the reading of the extract, list 2 objectives of NEP 2020.

Answer: Revise and revamp all the aspect of Education in India

The statement :

"The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of academic or other capacities" is a / an _____ (fact /

opinion) because it is a / an _____ (subjective judgement / objective detail)

Answer: opinion and judgement

iii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the statement given below :

"According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education."

(A) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.

(B) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.

(C) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

(D) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

Answer: (C) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

(iv) Based on the understanding of the passage, complete the following statement appropriately

The benefit of the hub and spoke model will be _____.

Answer: To allow other schools to use skill labs of some schools.

