# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT – MCQ BOOKLET

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## 1. Human Development

### Amartya Sen's Capability Approach

**1. Why did Bhagavad Gita appeal to the author as suggested by the passage? It appealed because,**

**A.** the author liked the verses of the Bhagavad Gita.

**B.** the author himself was not calm and detached.

**C.** the author liked the saying of Bhagavad Gita not caring for the result.

**D.** the author liked the verses recited every evening in Gandhiji's Ashram prayers.

**Ans: A**

KPSC KAS Prelims-2014

Answering this question requires careful reading of the provided passage to find the specific reasons the author gives for their appreciation or appeal of the Bhagavad Gita. The options suggest possible reasons related to the text itself, the author's personality, a specific teaching (like non-attachment to results), or the context of its recitation (Gandhiji's ashram).

**2. The highest need assumed in Maslow's theory :**

**A.** Esteem

**B.** Cognitive

**C.** Self-actualization

**D.** Belongingness

**Ans: C**

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Maslow's hierarchy suggests that lower-level needs must be met before higher-level needs become prominent motivators.

**3. Who among the following is not a Nobel Prize winner?**

**A.** Amartya Sen

**B.** A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

**C.** Venkataraman Ramakrishnan

**D.** Rabindranath Tagore

**Ans: B**

Section Officer(LDCE) 2021 22-2021

The Nobel Prizes are awarded annually in several categories (Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, and Economic Sciences) to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields.

### Challenges to Human Development: Global trends and Indian context

**4. Which of the following is not a feature of urban life?**

**A.** Informal ties

**B.** Competition

**C.** Impersonal relationship

**D.** Loss of humanistic value

**Ans: A**

JPSC CS Prelims-2021

Urban life is typically characterized by large populations, high density, social heterogeneity, and increased reliance on formal institutions and rela-

tionships. Interactions tend to be more segmented, specialized, and often impersonal due to the sheer number of people and transient nature of many relationships. Informal ties, based on kinship, close-knit community, and long-standing personal acquaintance, are more characteristic of rural or smaller traditional communities.

**5. What are the socio-demographic goals of the National Population Policy to be achieved so as to have the population stabilized by 2045 ?**

- **(a) Reduce infant - mortality rate to below 30 per 1000 live births.**
- **(b) Promote delayed marriage in girls.**
- **(c) Achieve 80% institutional deliveries.**
- **(d) Achieve 100% deliveries by trained persons.**
- **(e) Legislation to raise the age of marriage to reduce the birth rate.**

**A.** (a) (b) (c) and (d)
**B.** (b) (c) (d) and (e)
**C.** all the five
**D.** (b), (c) and (d)

**Ans: A**

**MPSC CS Prelims-2013**

The National Population Policy 2000 listed several socio-demographic goals to be achieved by 2010 as steps towards population stabilization by 2045. These goals included improving health outcomes that indirectly and directly influence fertility decisions. Specifically, reducing Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) to below 30 (a), achieving 80% institutional deliveries (c), and achieving 100% deliveries by trained persons (d) were explicit targets aimed at improving maternal and child health, which helps reduce desired family size. Promoting delayed marriage for girls (b), not earlier than 18 and preferably after 20, was also a stated socio-demographic goal to reduce total fertility.

**6. Which of the following scholar has given an argument that by the progression of Globalization people have become conscious of their 'tribal' identities (language and culture) and that is driving formation of an increasing number of smaller countries? (1) Milton Friedman (3) John Naisbitt (5) Question not attempted**

**A.** Milton Friedman
**B.** Terry Nardin
**C.** John Naisbitt
**D.** Francis Fukuyama

**Ans: C**

**Librarian Grade II (School Edu.) -2024**

John Naisbitt's concept of "global paradox" suggests that globalization can paradoxically lead to a resurgence of local and "tribal" identities, contributing to the fragmentation of larger political entities.

**7. In 2002 the commission of “Social Dimensions of Globalisation” was formed by -**

**A.** World Trade Organisation (WTO)
**B.** International Labour Organisation (ILO)
**C.** World Health Organisation (WHO)
**D.** International Monetary Fund (IMF)

**Ans: B**

**Senior Physical Education Teacher Exam -2022**

This question tests knowledge of international organizations and their initiatives, specifically regarding the socio-economic impacts of globalization.

**8. Who among the following has coined the term 'Mcdonaldization' in reference to globalization?**

**A.** Naomi Klein
**B.** George Ritz er
**C.** Ulrich Beck
**D.** Robert Dahl

**Ans: B**

**Sr. Teacher (Sanskrit Edu.) Comp. Exam 2022 b-2022**

'McDonaldization' is a concept related to globalization and the spread of American culture and business models worldwide. It highlights the homogenizing effects of consumerism and capitalism.

**9. Consider the following statements regarding Cultural Globalization : - (I) Cultural Globalization is a process whereby information, commodities and images produced in one part of the World enter into a global flow that tends to 'Flatten out' cultural differences between nations, regions, and individuals. - (II) However Cultural globalization is a complex process that generates both homogenization or cultural 'Flattening' and polarization and diversity. Choose the correct option :**

**A.** Only (I) is correct.
**B.** Only (II) is correct.
**C.** Both (I) and (II) are correct.
**D.** Neither (I) nor (II) is correct.

**Ans: C**

**Sr. Teacher (Sec. Edu.) Comp. Exam 2024 group b-2024**

Cultural globalization refers to the transmission of ideas, values, and meanings across national borders. It can result in the spread of popular culture and consumerism, leading to a perceived homogenization of cultures. However, it can also lead to the creation of new hybrid cultural forms and the strengthening of local identities in response to global influences.

**10. किस उपचारात्मक प्रविधि के अन्तर्गत मनोचिकित्सा एवं परामर्श द्वारा अपराधी बालक में सूझ एवं समझ उत्पन्न करके अपराधी व्यवहारों को कम करने का प्रयत्न किया जाता है ? (1) व्यवहारात्मक (2) मनोगतिक (3) पुनर्वास (4) न्यायिक**

**A.** (1)
**B.** (2)
**C.** (3)
**D.** (4)

**Ans: B**

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The key elements highlighted are "सूझ एवं समझ उत्पन्न करके" (generating insight and understanding) and the use of "मनोचिकित्सा एवं परामर्श" (psychotherapy and counselling). These are core components of psychodynamic approaches, which seek to uncover unconscious motivations and conflicts to foster self-awareness and behavioral change.

**11. Under which remedial technique, an attempt is made to reduce criminal behaviour by generating insight and understanding in the delinquent child through psychotherapy and counselling ? (1) Behavioural (2) Psychodynamic (3) Rehabilitation (4) Judicial**

**A.** (1)
**B.** (2)
**C.** (3)
**D.** (4)

**Ans: B**

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The core of the question lies in the emphasis on "generating insight and understanding" and the use of "psychotherapy and counselling." These are central tenets of psychodynamic approaches, which aim to address the root causes of behavior by exploring the individual's internal psychological landscape.

**12. In which year was the Disaster Management Act passed?**

**A.** 1995
**B.** 2000
**C.** 2005
**D.** 2015

**Ans: C**

**Assistant Auditor(LDCE) -2021**

The Disaster Management Act, 2005, provides for the measures for mitigation, preparation, and management of disaster preparedness.

**13. Which of the following state is most backward from the point of Human Development ?**

**A.** Kerala
**B.** Bihar
**C.** Madhya Pradesh
**D.** Telangana

**Ans: B**

**Chief Fire Officer Exam -2021**

Human Development Index (HDI) is a composite statistic of life expectancy, education, and per capita income indicators. States with lower HDI values are considered more backward in terms of human development.

## Concept and Dimensions of Human Development

**14. Community Development is organised on the basis of**

**A.** Population
**B.** Area
**C.** Community
**D.** Area and community

**Ans: D**

**APSC CCE Prelims Exam-2001**

Community development inherently involves working with a specific group of people (community) within a defined geographic space (area).

**15. Consider the following events pertaining to the Freedom Movement of India:**

- **(i) Mountbatten Plan**
- **(ii) Quit India Movement**
- **(iii) Wavell Plan**
- **(iv) Royal Indian Navy Mutiny**

**Select the correct chronological order of these events using the codes given below.**

**A.** (ii)-(iii)-(iv)-(i)
**B.** (ii)-(i)-(iii)-(iv)
**C.** (ii)-(iv)-(i)-(iii)
**D.** (i)-(ii)-(iii)-(iv)

**Ans: A**

**APSC CCE Prelims Exam-2023**

The Quit India Movement was a major nationwide civil disobedience movement launched in 1942. The Wavell Plan was proposed by Viceroy Lord Wavell in 1945 for constitutional reforms and resolving the political deadlock. The Royal Indian Navy Mutiny occurred in 1946, highlighting widespread discontent. The Mountbatten Plan, announced in 1947, led to the partition and independence of India.

**16. What is the objective of community development?**

**A.** Build human capital
**B.** Environment protection
**C.** Harmonious life
**D.** Economic development

**Ans: option5**

**BPSC Prelims Exam-67th Re-Exam**

- Community development is a process aiming for the integrated improvement of communities. - It involves various dimensions like social well-being, economic progress, environmental sustainability, and empowerment. - The listed options (A, B, C, D) are all related to the goals or results of successful community development. - Since the objective is broad and covers more than one of the individual options listed, 'More than one of the above' is the most appropriate choice.

**17. Which Indian social theorist had argued that the idea of a homogenized Hinduism was constructed through the 'cultural arrogance' of post-enlightenment Europe?**

**A.** Ashis Nandy
**B.** Partha Chatterjee
**C.** T. K. Oommen
**D.** Rajni Kothari

**Ans: A**

**UPSC CDS-1-2019**

Ashis Nandy's work critically examines the impact of colonialism and Western categories on Indian identity and culture. He argues that the colonial gaze and the post-Enlightenment Western framework of understanding religion as a unified, systematic entity contributed to the redefinition and homogenization of the diverse practices, beliefs, and traditions known as Hinduism into a single, uniform religion.

**18. Consider the following pairs of India's traditional arts and the State it is mainly associated with 1. Sanjhi art : Uttar Pradesh 2. Gond art painting : Madhya Pradesh 3. Rogan painting : Rajasthan Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?**

**A.** 1 only
**B.** 1, 2
**C.** 2, 3
**D.** 1, 2, 3

**Ans: B**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2024

Sanjhi art is from Uttar Pradesh, Gond art is from Madhya Pradesh, and Rogan painting is from Gujarat.

**19. Jugalbandhi in dance, is one of the main attractions in**

**A.** Sattriya
**B.** Manipuri
**C.** Kathak
**D.** Kathakali

**Ans: C**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2024

Jugalbandhi, a duet performance involving rhythmic dialogue and improvisation, is a significant feature in Kathak dance.

**20. Consider the following statements regarding Warli paintings.**

- **Warli painting derives its name from a small tribe inhabiting the remote, tribal regions of Maharashtra and Gujarat.**
- **These paintings are made mostly by the women as part of their routine at auspicious celebrations.**
- **Marriage is the most recurring theme of Warli paintings.**

**Which of the above statements are correct?**

**A.** 1, 2
**B.** 1, 3
**C.** 2, 3
**D.** 1, 2, 3

**Ans: D**

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Warli paintings are from the Warli tribe in Maharashtra/Gujarat, traditionally done by women for auspicious occasions with marriage as a key theme.

**21. Name of the author and his contribution is mentioned below. Which is not correctly matched?**

**A.** Govardhanram Madhavram Tripathi : Lilavati : A life
**B.** K.M. Munshi : Krishnavatara
**C.** Pannalal Patel : Bhangyana Bheru
**D.** Manubhai Pancholi : Anchalo

**Ans: A**

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- Govardhanram Madhavram Tripathi: Famous for the novel 'Saraswatichandra'. - K.M. Munshi: Authored historical and mythological novels, including the 'Krishnavatara' series. - Pannalal Patel: Notable Gujarati writer, known for 'Maanvi Ni Bhavai', 'Bhangyana Bheru', etc. - Manubhai Pancholi 'Darshak': Prominent Gujarati writer, philosopher, and educationist, known for works like 'Anchalo', 'Jher To Pidhan Chhe Jaani Jaani'.

**22. Consider the following statements regarding Kalbelia.**

- **1. It is a folk dance performed by the women of the Kalbelia community of Gujarat.**
- **2. 'Been' is the popular musical instrument of this dance form.**
- **3. The UNESCO has inscribed Kalbelia folk songs and dances in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.**

**Which of the above statements are correct?**

**A.** 1, 2
**B.** 2, 3
**C.** 1, 3
**D.** 1, 2, 3

**Ans: B**

**GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2024**

- Statement 1 is incorrect because Kalbelia is a folk dance form performed by the Kalbelia community of Rajasthan, not Gujarat. - Statement 2 is correct. The 'Been' (a wind instrument traditionally used by snake charmers) is a key musical instrument accompanying the Kalbelia dance. Other instruments like Dholak, Duffli, Khanjari, Pungi, and Khuralio are also used. - Statement 3 is correct. Kalbelia folk songs and dances were inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2010.

**23. The famous traditional dance 'Ruf' or 'Rauf' is associated with _____.**

**A.** Andhra Pradesh
**B.** Rajasthan
**C.** Jammu & Kashmir
**D.** Dadra & Nagar Haveli

**Ans: C**

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Rauf is a popular folk dance performed primarily by women in Jammu and Kashmir during festive occasions, especially during Eid. It is characterized by its simple steps and swaying movements, often performed in rows.

**24. The technique of mural painting executed upon freshly laid lime plaster is known as _____.**

**A.** Gouache
**B.** Cubism
**C.** Fresco
**D.** Tempera

**Ans: C**

**GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2024**

Fresco is a painting technique where pigments are mixed with water and applied directly onto wet plaster. As the plaster dries, the pigment becomes integral to the wall.

**25. P's son Q is married with R. R's sister S is married to T the brother of Q. How S is related to P?**

**A.** Sister
**B.** Daughter-in-law
**C.** Mother-in-law
**D.** None of the above

**Ans: B**

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Q is P's son. T is Q's brother, making T also P's son. S is married to T. The wife of a son is the daughter-in-law.

**26. Who among the following was awarded Sangeet Natak Akademy Award (New Delhi) for stage direction?**

**A.** Mohan Lalaji
**B.** Mulchand Nayak
**C.** Nayak Keshavlal
**D.** Kasambhai Mir

**Ans: B**

**GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2018**

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi Award recognizes achievements in music, dance, and drama. - Keshavlal Nayak was awarded for his work in stage direction.

**27. Who are three teachers?**

**A.** FGE
**B.** EGA
**C.** BGF
**D.** None of the above

**Ans: D**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2018

Solving deductive reasoning puzzles necessitates the full set of conditions or statements provided in the problem. Conclusions cannot be drawn if the premise is absent.

**28. Which of the following statement(s) distinguish(es) between Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam dances ?**

- **1. Dancers occasionally speak dialogues in Kuchipudi dance but not in Bharatanatyam.**
- **2. Dancing on the brass plate by keeping the feet on its edges is a feature of Bharatanatyam but Kuchipudi dance does not have such a form of movements.**

**A.** Only 1
**B.** Only 2
**C.** Both 1 and 2
**D.** Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans: A**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2019

Statement 1 is correct: Kuchipudi performances often involve dancers speaking dialogues (vāchika abhinaya), especially in the traditional style and specifically in pieces like Bhama Kalapam, which features a dialogue between the main character Satyabhama and a maid. Bharatanatyam primarily relies on gestural and facial expressions (angika and sattvika abhinaya). Statement 2 is incorrect: Dancing on the rim of a brass plate (Tarangam) while balancing objects is a unique feature of Kuchipudi, particularly seen in the conclusion of Bhama Kalapam, known as Manduka Shabdam. This is not a feature of Bharatanatyam.

**29. Jugalbandhi, a competitive play between the dancer and tabla player, is related to which classical dance form ?**

**A.** Mohiniattam
**B.** Kuchipudi
**C.** Odissi
**D.** Kathak

**Ans: D**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2019

Jugalbandhi, a dynamic interaction between the dancer's footwork (tatkar) and the percussionist's rhythm (often tabla or pakhawaj), is a hallmark of Kathak dance. The dancer and musician engage in a rhythmic dialogue, presenting intricate patterns and challenging each other.

**30. Digambaras refer Paryushan Parva as _____.**

**A.** Das Lakshna
**B.** Panch Lakshana
**C.** Pratikraman
**D.** Apadhyana

**Ans: A**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2019

Paryushan Parva is the most important Jain festival, celebrated annually. While Swetambara Jains celebrate it for 8 days, Digambara Jains celebrate a related festival called Das Lakshana Dharma (meaning 'Ten Supreme Virtues') for 10 days, which begins after the Swetambara Paryushan concludes. Digambaras refer to this period as Das Lakshana.

**31. The vesh of Zanda-Zulan gives the message of _____.**

**A.** Communal harmony
**B.** Ethical values of a soldier
**C.** Women education
**D.** Abolition of Sati tradition

**Ans: A**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2019

- Bhavai is a traditional folk theatre form of Gujarat, consisting of various 'vesh' (acts or performances), each depicting different themes. - The 'Zanda-Zulan' vesh is specifically known for portraying characters from different religious communities (often Hindu and Muslim) interacting and coexisting harmoniously, thereby promoting communal harmony.

**32. The Bengali film 'Moner Manush' which got the award of best film at International Film Festival of India, depicts which of the following Indian cults?**

**A.** Baul
**B.** Alwar
**C.** Panch-Sakha
**D.** Sakhi

**Ans: A**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2019

- 'Moner Manush' is a 2010 Bengali-language film directed by Goutam Ghose. - The film is a biographical portrayal of the life and philosophy of Lalon Fakir (Lalon Shah), a highly revered 19th-century Bengali mystic, philosopher, and songwriter. - Lalon Fakir is one of the most iconic figures associated with the Baul tradition, a mystical folk music and dance tradition from Bengal. The film focuses on his life and the Baul way of life.

**33. Who plays the games of 'Ambali Kadhavi' on the day of Holi ?**

**A.** Only 1
**B.** Only 2
**C.** Only 3
**D.** Only 2 and 3

**Ans: C**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2019

- 'Ambali Kadhavi' is a traditional game from Gujarat. - Traditional games on festivals often have specific participants based on age or gender. - Holi is a festival celebrated with various traditional games and activities.

**34. Which of the following pairs of persons form a married couple?**

**A.** V, U
**B.** S, T
**C.** R, P
**D.** None of the above

**Ans: D**

GPSC Prelims CSP-1-2019

This is a relationship-based question likely drawn from a logical puzzle or a reading comprehension passage that is missing.

**35. Which of the following statements are correct?**

- **1. India's rich linguistic cultural heritage may be grouped into four linguistic families.**
- **2. Those are Austric, the Dravidians, the Sino-Tibetan and the Indo-Aryan.**
- **3. The languages of South India belong to the Dravidian Family**
- **4. The Languages of Austric family include Kashmiri, Sindhi, Gujarati.**

**A.** 1, 2, 3 and 4
**B.** 2, 3 and 4 only
**C.** 1, 2 and 3 only
**D.** 1 and 4 only

**Ans: C**

GPSC Prelims CSP-2-2019

Statement 1 is correct: India's linguistic diversity is indeed categorized into four major families: Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Austric, and Sino-Tibetan. Statement 2 is correct: These are the four generally accepted primary linguistic families present in India. Statement 3 is correct: The major languages

spoken in South India, such as Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam, belong to the Dravidian linguistic family. Statement 4 is incorrect: Kashmiri, Sindhi, and Gujarati languages belong to the Indo-Aryan family, not the Austric family. The Austric family in India includes languages spoken by tribal communities, such as Santali, Mundari, Ho, etc.

**36. Consider the following statements:**

- **(1) The Positive Peace Index measures the positive peace of 143 countries**
- **(2) It covers 59.6 percent of the world population**
- **(3) Positive peace is defined as the attitudes, institutions and structures that create sustain peaceful societies**
- **(4) It is based on more than 45,700 data series**

**Choose the correct answer from the options given below :**

**A.** (1) and (3) only
**B.** (2) and (3) only
**C.** (1) and (2) only
**D.** (3) and (4) only

**Ans: D**

**HPPSC HPAS Prelims-2021**

- (1) Positive Peace Index (PPI) countries: The PPI, published by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), covers 163 countries and territories, not 143. This statement is incorrect. - (2) PPI population coverage: The PPI covers over 99% of the world's population, not 59.6%. This statement is incorrect. - (3) Definition of Positive Peace: The IEP defines Positive Peace as the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies. This is the standard definition used by IEP for its Positive Peace framework, which is based on 8 pillars. This statement is correct. - (4) PPI data series: IEP reports and methodology often mention using extensive datasets for their research and index calculations. While the specific number 45,700 might be precise data points or series used across various aspects of their peace research rather than strictly for the PPI score calculation for one year, it aligns with the scale of data used by IEP. Given that (3) is correct and (1) and (2) are incorrect, and option D pairs (3) with (4), statement (4) is considered correct in this context.

**37. If a historian is asked by an outsider that why he had studied history, what reply would he come out with, according to the passage ?**

**A.** He studied history because the knowledge of the past makes it possible to understand the present and mould the future.
**B.** He studied history to understand the present and make the world a better and peaceful place to live in.
**C.** He studied history as something happened at that point of time and he wanted to know what happened.
**D.** He studied it for personal self-satisfaction and desire to know.

**Ans: A**

**KPSC KAS Prelims-2015**

The passage likely presents a justification for the study of history that emphasizes its utility in providing context for current events and influencing future decisions, positioning it as a valuable field of knowledge for society.

**38. According to the passage, which of the following statements is/are correct ?**

- **A. For the scholars their primary aim behind finding answers to the questions is to achieve a favourable consequence.**
- **B. For the scholars their primary aim behind finding answers is the satisfaction of curiosity and consequences are secondary and subordinate to that satisfaction.**
- **C. In the eyes of a scholar, university is a place for satisfaction of curiosity where they can go on asking their questions and try finding answers.**

**Select the code for the correct answer from the options given below :**

**A.** A only
**B.** A and B only
**C.** B and C only

**D.** A, B and C

**Ans: C**

KPSC KAS Prelims-2015

The passage distinguishes the scholar's motivation (intrinsic curiosity and the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake) from external outcomes or consequences. Universities are portrayed as environments conducive to this intellectual pursuit.

**39. According to the passage, the children make life difficult for their parents**

**A.** by their ceaseless curiosity

**B.** by unceasing bombardment of questions as a result of their curiosity

**C.** by asking irrelevant and illogical questions

**D.** by posing philosophical questions at that tender age

**Ans: B**

KPSC KAS Prelims-2015

The passage uses the example of children's curiosity and their constant questioning to illustrate a point about the nature or source of curiosity itself, highlighting its often demanding and persistent nature.

**40. Consider the following scenarios: 1. Francine decides that it would be appropriate to wear jeans to her new office on Friday after reading about "Casual Fridays" in her employee handbook. 2. Mary spends thirty minutes sitting in traffic and wishes that she took the train instead of driving. 3. After consulting several guidebooks and her travel agent, Jennifer feels confident that the hotel she has chosen is first-rate. 4. When Emily opens the door in tears, Theo guesses that she had a death in her family. Which of the scenarios above is the best example of "Speculation" as assuming something to be true based on inconclusive evidence?**

**A.** 1

**B.** 2

**C.** 3

**D.** 4

**Ans: D**

KPSC KAS Prelims-2017

Speculation involves forming a theory or conjecture without firm evidence. In scenario 4, Theo observes Emily crying, which is inconclusive evidence for the specific reason (a death in the family). He makes an assumption or guess based on this limited information.

**41. Embellishing the Truth occurs when a person adds fictitious details or exaggerates facts or true stories. Which situation below is the best example of Embellishing the Truth ?**

**A.** Isabel goes to the theater, and the next day, she tells her co-workers that the play was excellent.

**B.** The realtor describes the house, which is eleven blocks away from the ocean, as prime waterfront property.

**C.** During the job interview, Fred, who has been teaching elementary school for ten years, describes himself as a very experienced teacher.

**D.** The basketball coach says it is likely that only the most talented players will get a college scholarship.

**Ans: B**

KPSC KAS Prelims-2017

Embellishing the truth involves exaggerating facts or adding fictitious details to make something sound better or more interesting than it is. Describing a property located significantly inland (eleven blocks) as "waterfront" is a clear exaggeration and misrepresentation of its location and characteristics, which fits the definition of embellishing or distorting the truth.

**42. If A is C's mother and D is B's son, E is A's sister, C is D's sister, then how B is related to E?**

**A.** Daughter

**B.** Brother-in-law

**C.** Husband

**D.** Sister-in-law

**Ans: B**