

COMPREHENSION

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government jobs and proposes to do similarly in higher education but certain Indian states like Tamil Nadu, which currently reserves 6Q% seats, have followed caste-based reservations since 1921 in 2006, Indian education minister Azjun Singh announced extension of reservation benefits to the "Other Backward Castes" (OBCs) in central government educational institutions. There are ongoing disputes about statistical data used by Government of India and Indian states for offering reservation benefits to the socially and economically backward communities as identified by caste.

Consider the following questions related with the above passage and answer them accordingly:

1. Reservations are intended to —
 - (a) Mean of accommodating certain groups in the system
 - (b) Another method of political parties to gain stronghold among the lower classes.
 - (c) Increase the social diversity in campuses and workplaces
 - (d) A form of affirmative action

2. Consider the following questions and accordingly choose your answer-
 1. The framers of the Constitution believed that, due to the caste system, SCs and the STs were historically oppressed and denied respect and equal opportunity in Indian society and were thus under-represented in nation-building activities.
 2. The stipulated time limit for reservations was not revised for the fear of losing votes.
 3. It is a well known fact that the so-called backward communities are active in politics and their people vote.
 4. The majority of highly educated Indians do not vote during the general elections. Which of the above statements are correct in regard to the paragraph given-
 - (a) 1, 2 and 4
 - (b) 1, 2 and 3
 - (c) 2, 3 and 4
 - (d) All of the above

PASSAGE 3

Directions: The following passage in this section is followed by questions based on the content of the reading passage. Read the passage carefully and chose the best answer to each question. The questions are to be answered on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage.

Urbanization is an important index of socio-economic structure of a region as urban centers have special role to play in its development. In statistical sense, urbanization connotes to the ratio of urban population to the total population size, its characteristics and the administrative setup of a particular area. Statistics reveal that nearly half the world's population lives in cities. Between 1960 and 1992 the number of city dwellers worldwide rose by 1.4 billion. Most of this city growth has occurred in developing countries, where the number of people living in cities is increasing every year. Cities with more than 10 million inhabitants are known as mega cities. It is predicted that by 2015, 22 of the 27 mega cities would be in developing countries. Historically, the city was the place where arts and sciences were flourishing. Democracy was a new type of governance that found its seedbed in the city and still nowadays political power is largely concentrated in cities and governments have established their premises in cities. The administrative functions are usually executed in capital cities of countries. The city is the market place for economic activity.

Consider the following questions related with the above passage and answer them accordingly:

1. Consider the following statements —
 1. The city brings together communication, competence and creativeness.
 2. Average wages and income for urban areas are higher than in rural areas, even making allowance for higher living costs in the cities.
 3. In developing countries today urban health conditions seem to be better than in rural areas.
 4. Higher life expectancy and low child and women mortality rate in the urban areas of developing countries sound like one of the blessings of urbanization.Which of the above statements are correct in context of urbanization?
 - (a) .1, 2 and 3
 - (b) 1, 3 and 4
 - (c) 2, 3 and 4
 - (d) All of the above

2. Consider the following statements —



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