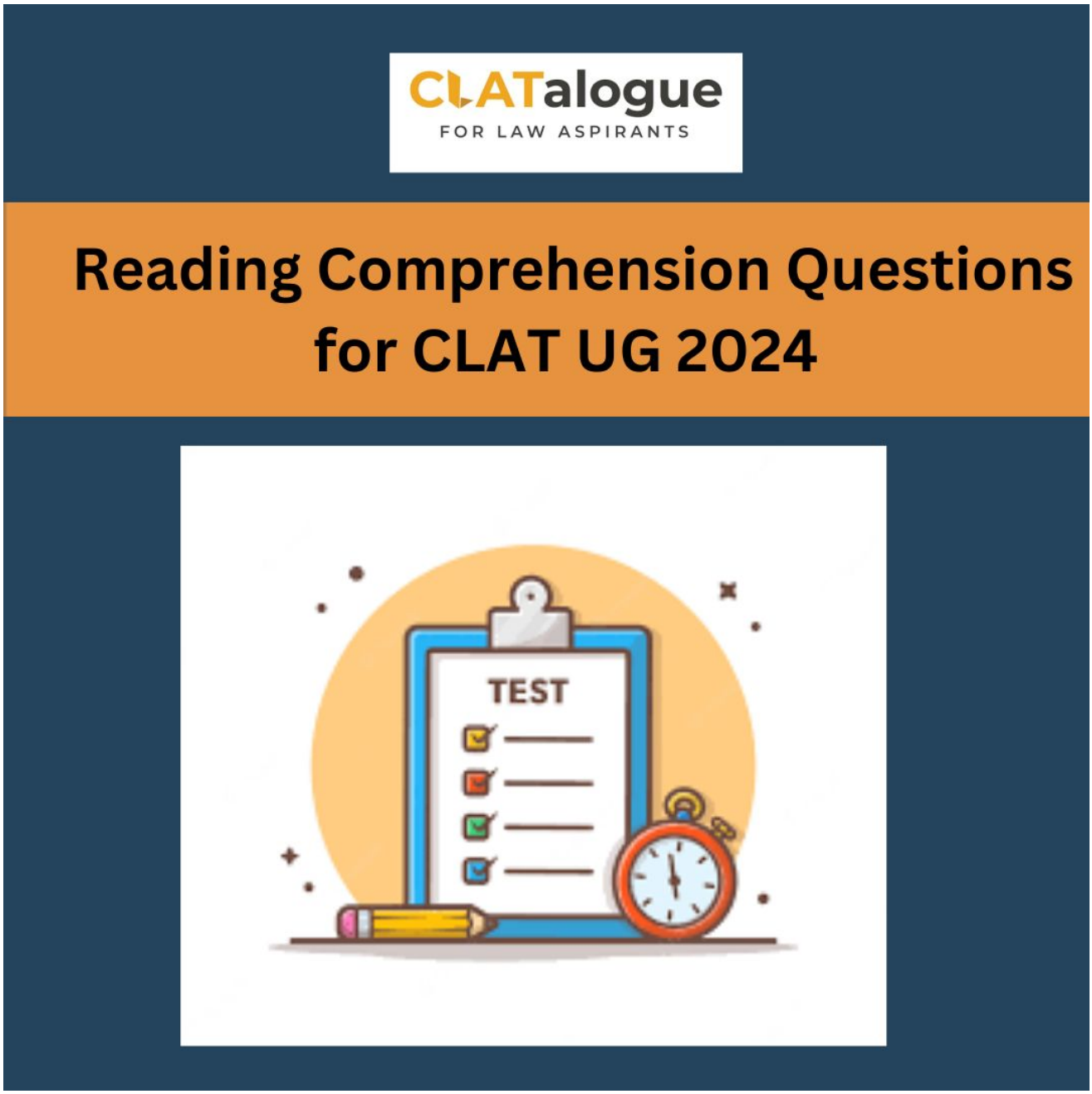
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Passage-based Reading Comprehension Questions for CLAT 2024

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Introduction

Passage-based Reading Comprehension Questions for CLAT 2024 are designed to test your understanding of passages of about 450 words each. Each passage will be followed by a series of questions that will require you to demonstrate your comprehension and language skills.



PASSAGE

The ancient city of Machu Picchu, nestled high in the Andes Mountains of Peru, stands as a testament to the architectural and engineering prowess of the Inca civilization. Built in the 15th century and later abandoned, Machu Picchu remained hidden from the outside world until its rediscovery by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a symbol of the Inca Empire’s remarkable achievements.

Perched on a mountain ridge at an altitude of nearly 8,000 feet, Machu Picchu offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and peaks. Its well-preserved structures, including temples, terraces, and residential areas, provide a glimpse into the daily life and religious practices of the Inca people. The precision with which the stones were cut and fitted together, without the use of mortar, highlights the advanced architectural techniques employed by the Inca builders.

One notable feature is the Intihuatana, often referred to as the “Hitching Post of the Sun.” This carved stone structure served as an astronomical and religious tool, aligning with the sun during the solstices. It reflects the Inca’s deep connection with celestial events and their sophisticated understanding of astronomy.

The construction of Machu Picchu involved intricate planning and labor. Massive stones, some weighing over 50 tons, were quarried from nearby mountains and transported to the site. The precise fitting of these stones required careful craftsmanship, demonstrating the Inca’s mastery of stonecutting techniques.

Despite its significance, Machu Picchu faces challenges, including the impact of tourism and natural elements. Preservation efforts are underway to protect the site from deterioration caused by foot traffic and environmental factors. Strict regulations control visitor access, and ongoing research aims to better understand and conserve this cultural treasure.

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS FOR CLAT 2024

1. In the passage, what phrase is used to describe Machu Picchu’s location in the Andes Mountains?

A) Tucked away
B) Perched high
C) Hidden below
D) Settled deep

2. What is the opposite of the word “abandoned” as used in the passage?

A) Forsaken
B) Deserted
C) Inhabited

D) Neglected

3. What is the opposite of the word “intricate” as used in the passage to describe the planning and labor involved in Machu Picchu’s construction?

A) Simple
B) Complex
C) Elaborate
D) Detailed

4. Which phrase is used to describe the Inca’s deep understanding of celestial events and astronomy?

A) Celestial Connection
B) Religious Precision
C) Intihuatana Alignment
D) Solstice Mastery

5. Identify the error in the following sentence: “Strict regulations control visitor access, and ongoing research aims to better understand and conserve this cultural treasure.”

A) Strict regulations
B) control visitor access,
C) and ongoing research aims to better understand and conserve this cultural treasure.
D) No error

ANSWERS

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. d

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