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Reading Comprehension Practice Questions for SLAT

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Passage 1

As you sow, so shall you reap is an old **adage** which holds true for Arnab Goswami, editor-in-chief of Republic TV. Goswami, who went hammer and tongs at actor Rhea Chakraborty, accusing her of being a member of drug mafia and — (1) — the suicide by Sushant Singh Rajput, cried foul when he was arrested from his residence for allegedly abetting the suicide committed by an architect Anvay Naik. In a suicide note recovered from the spot where Naik was found dead, he had alleged that Goswami and two others, namely Feroz Sheikh and Niteish Sarda, owed him substantial sums of money, and on account of non-payment by them, he and his mother were driven to commit suicide.

Although an FIR was registered against all three, it ended with the police submitting “a summary report” in the concerned court, which means that the investigation did not throw up sufficient evidence against the accused. Naik’s wife and daughter alleged that they were not informed about the closure report and it is only after they came to know of it that they ran from —(2)—, which resulted in the re-investigation of the case and the arrest of Goswami.

No one holds any brief for Rhea Chakraborty or Goswami insofar as the merits of the two cases are concerned. The power to pronounce them guilty or innocent rests with the courts and no one else. Unfortunately, a few TV channels have arrogated to themselves the role of judge, jury and executioner. Chakraborty is yet to be pronounced guilty or innocent by a court of competent jurisdiction, but she already stands convicted in the court of Goswami, which he conducts every night.

Source

Questions

1. The proverb ‘as you sow, so shall you reap’ means:

- Your actions dictate the consequences.
- One should do things on time.
- Time is of the essence.
- None of these

1. ‘Went hammer and tongs’ refers to

- Lethargically
- Energetically
- Consciously
- None of the above

1. The best-suited word for (1) is

- Abetting
- Causing
- Stopping
- None of these

1. The best-suited phrase for (2) is

- Head to toe
- Ground to sky
- Pillar to post
- None of these

1. The antonym of the word in bold in the passage is

- Harangue
- Axiom
- Proverb
- None of these

Passage 2

At a time when globalisation has lost its lustre and much of the world is looking inwards, 15 countries came together and signed the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

on the sidelines of an online ASEAN summit hosted by Vietnam on Sunday. India had been a part of negotiations for almost nine years till it pulled out in November 2019, stating that — (1) — safeguards and lowering of customs duties will adversely impact its manufacturing, agriculture and dairy sectors. By staying out, India has blocked itself from a trade bloc that represents 30 per cent of the global economy and world population, touching over 2.2 billion people.

There are strong economic and strategic reasons to not let the RCEP door remain shut permanently for India. The economic reasons first. Clearly, India's decision is influenced by China dominating the RCEP trade bloc since New Delhi already has a Free Trade Agreement with ASEAN, separate deals with South Korea and Japan, and discussions are on with Australia and New Zealand. Trade data suggests that India's deficit with China, with which it does not have a trade pact, is higher than that of the remaining RCEP constituents put together. So why blame trade deals? Moreover, trade deficits are not all bad, and definitely not for consumers. Even otherwise, the import of cheaper intermediate goods only helps add value to final products. Yes, some fears are not **unfounded**.

Trade policy reform always — (2) — pressure on the domestic industry in the transition period. Firms that do not rise to the occasion run the risk of falling by the wayside. So they did after the 1991 reforms when India started lowering tariffs. But providing stability in export-import policy and a favourable exchange rate did help the industry shape up, and match global quality and pricing. This is borne out of the experience of over two decades since 1991. India was much better off, both in terms of its share in global trade, FDI inflows, growth of the domestic industry, and rising income levels of its people.

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Questions

1. The best-suited word for (1) is

- Exerts
- Gives
- Takes
- None of these

1. The best-suited word for (2) is

- Sufficient
- Enough
- Inadequate
- None of these

1. The antonym of the word in bold in

- Substantiated
- Strong
- Ground
- Enough

1. Which of the following statement is not true as per the passage?

- India is not a party to RCEP.
- RCEP represents 30 per cent of the global economy
- An online ASEAN Summit was hosted by Vietnam.
- Export of cheaper intermediate goods only helps add value to intermediate products.

Answers

Passage 1

1. (a)
2. (b)
3. (a)
4. (c)
5. (a)

Passage 2

1. (a)
2. (c)
3. (a)
4. (d)