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Sectional Test on English Language for CLAT UG

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This English Language sectional test is designed to help CLAT UG aspirants strengthen their reading comprehension, vocabulary, and critical reasoning skills. Based on the CLAT pattern, the questions are passage-driven and focus on understanding tone, intent, inference, and contextual meaning.

Passage 1

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

> *"The idea that we must all achieve greatness in order to live meaningful lives is one of the most pervasive myths of modern culture. From childhood, we are told to dream big, to aim for the stars, to not settle. While ambition is not inherently negative, it becomes problematic when it creates a constant sense of inadequacy. The pressure to achieve exceptional success often overshadows the quiet, consistent acts of kindness, honesty, and responsibility that truly build a better society. Greatness, perhaps, lies more in how we treat the people around us than in how many accolades we accumulate."*

Q1. What is the primary purpose of the passage?

A. To encourage people to stop being ambitious

B. To highlight the dangers of mediocrity

C. To challenge the conventional idea of success

D. To praise people who achieve greatness

Q2. According to the author, what truly builds a better society?

A. Extraordinary ambition

B. Accumulating accolades

C. Grand achievements

D. Simple, consistent values and actions

Q3. The tone of the passage is best described as:

A. Critical and sarcastic

B. Reflective and persuasive

C. Optimistic and idealistic

D. Informative and neutral

Passage 2

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

> *"In recent years, public trust in mainstream news outlets has seen a significant decline. The rise of digital media has introduced both opportunities and challenges. While it allows access to multiple sources and voices, it has also created a breeding ground for misinformation and selective truth. Many users now form opinions not based on facts but on viral headlines or emotionally charged posts. In such a landscape, media literacy is not optional—it is essential. The ability to verify information, question sources, and approach news critically is no longer the domain of scholars alone but a civic responsibility."*

Q4. What is the central concern expressed in the passage?

A. Too much access to information

B. Loss of public interest in the news

C. Spread of misinformation and the need for media literacy

D. Growing popularity of digital media platforms

Q5. According to the author, media literacy is:

A. A helpful but optional skill

B. Primarily the responsibility of news editors

C. Necessary for every citizen

D. Only useful in academic settings

Q6. Which of the following statements would the author most likely agree with?

A. People should stop using digital media altogether.

B. Viral content is more accurate than mainstream news.

C. Everyone should learn how to critically evaluate news.

D. Scholars alone should be responsible for truth-checking.

Passage 3

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

> *"Climate change is not just an environmental problem—it is a deeply human one. As global temperatures rise and sea levels inch higher, communities across the world face unprecedented challenges. Entire livelihoods are at risk, especially in low-income and coastal regions. The brunt of the crisis is often borne by those who contributed the least to it. Thus, climate justice demands more than scientific solutions; it requires equitable policies and international cooperation. Without urgent collective action, the gap between those who can adapt and those who cannot will only grow wider."*

Q7. What does the author emphasize as essential to address climate change?

A. More technological innovation

B. Equitable and cooperative global efforts

C. Stronger national borders

D. Population control

Q8. What is implied by the line "the gap between those who can adapt and those who cannot will only grow wider"?

A. Economic inequality will reduce

B. Rich countries will suffer more than poor ones

C. Vulnerable communities will be disproportionately affected

D. Climate change affects everyone equallyStandalone Questions

Q9. Choose the word that best replaces the underlined portion:

*"The CEO was known for her **incisive** leadership and ability to make tough decisions."*

A. Dull

B. Sharp

C. Hesitant

D. Passive

Q10. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word:

"Despite facing numerous challenges, the young lawyer remained _____ in her pursuit of justice."

A. Fickle

B. Incoherent

C. Resolute

D. Tentative

Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

Q. No.	Answer	Explanation
1	C	The passage critiques the obsession with “greatness” and argues for rethinking success, making option C the most appropriate.
2	D	The author emphasizes consistent actions like kindness and honesty over ambition or accolades.
3	B	The tone is reflective (contemplative) and persuasive, encouraging a shift in mindset.
4	C	The main concern is misinformation and the need for media literacy in the digital age.
5	C	The author explicitly states that media literacy is a “civic responsibility,” showing its universal necessity.
6	C	The author clearly advocates for citizens to critically evaluate information, not rely blindly on sources.
7	B	While science is important, the author argues that equity and cooperation are critical to real climate justice.
8	C	The sentence implies that vulnerable or poorer communities are less able to adapt and will suffer more.
9	B	“Incisive” means sharp or clear-thinking, especially in decision-making — option B is correct.
10	C	“Resolute” means determined and unwavering — the right fit for someone persisting through challenges.