

1. Read the following passages and answer the items that follow. Your answer to these items should be based on the passages only.

Passage 1:

Evil, according to Arendt, becomes banal when it acquires an unthinking and systematic character. Evil becomes banal when ordinary people participate in it, build distance from it and justify it, in countless ways. There are no moral conundrums or revulsions. Evil does not even look like evil, it becomes faceless.

Q. Which of the following is the best explanation of the above passage?

- A. There are no evil people, only evil acts
- B. True evil is difficult to identify
- C. Evil becomes banal when people perform evil acts without critical reasoning ✓
- D. Ordinary people participating in evil acts is much more dangerous

- Your Answer :
- Correct Answer : C

◦ **Answer Justification :**

A is wrong as the statement is completely unrelated to the passage. Same goes for Statement B. D is extraneous to the passage. Banality of Evil is the central concept being talked about in the passage which refers to the normalization of evil, when it becomes a part of system and people perform evil acts in the absence of critical reasoning. Hence C.

2. Passage 2:

If 'right to life' is accepted to be a concrete doctrine, then providing adequate social security -- defined as supporting the people against the risks and costs of sickness, unemployment, old age, accident, maternity and disability - cannot be outside the government's top priorities. Without that help, human life turns miserable, and the right to life - guaranteed by Article 21 of our Constitution, by the directive principles of state policy enshrined in it, and by international mandates like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights becomes an empty slogan; ornamental in nature, useful only for nations to brag about their magnanimity.

Q. Which of the following is the most logical and essential message conveyed by the above passage?

- A. Constitutional safeguard to right to life is a necessary and sufficient condition to ensure social security
- B. Without direct government support, rights lose their meaning ✓
- C. International covenants do not hold much value in domestic policy making
- D. Nations are not worried about implementation of fundamental rights

- Your Answer :
- Correct Answer : B

◦ **Answer Justification :**

The passage conveys the message that rights guaranteed in constitution and international covenants are merely ornamental in nature if the government of the day is not serious about