

Q7. D

Assumption 1 is incorrect. The passage mentions, “...three small castes, all put together about 10 percent of the population, dominated the urban middle classes: Brahman, Baniya and Kayastha. What most urban Indians know as middle class culture is actually the culture of these three communities”. This justifies two separate things: One, Brahman, Baniya and Kayastha dominated the middle class. Two, what is generally known as middle class culture is the culture of these castes. This does not imply that Brahman, Baniya and Kayastha overpowered other cultures in India. Moreover, this observation is primarily for urban set-up; we cannot make a pan-India generalisation here. Hence, this statement is incorrect.

Assumption 2 is also incorrect. Refer to the line: “...the British census before independence told us that the Brahmin population was about 6 per cent, though the community's power and projection in urban India was disproportionate...” There is nothing wrong with the data of British census. The author only intends to say that despite their small population the Brahmin community had significant power and projection. Therefore, this answer option is incorrect.

Hence, option (d) is the most appropriate answer.

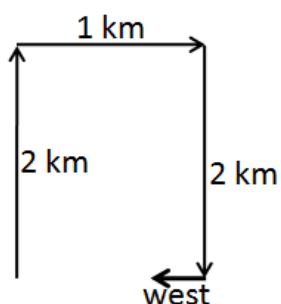
Q8. B

Suggestion 1 is correct. The option presents a solution to the issue discussed in the passage through the line “Some others have pointed out that only 30% of all farmers borrow from formal sources”. This shows that a relatively low percentage of farmers borrow from institutional sources which are very few and they need encouragement. So, it is correct to suggest that government should encourage institutional borrowings. Hence, this assumption is valid.

Suggestion 2 is incorrect. The only information related to farm loan waiver in the passage is in line - “The farm loan waivers from the state governments have been helpful in this regard, but yet, over 50% struggle to borrow from Shylockian sources”. So, considering farm loan waivers as a moral hazard will not be correct. There is a limited discussion only on how the waiver by state governments have helped farmers, or how much does it burden the fiscal resources of the government.

Q9. B

The path taken by Raj is shown in the picture below:



Clearly, at the end point, west direction lies on the right-hand side of Raj.

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

Q10. D

From the 1st condition – Vol. 2, Vol. 5

From 2nd condition - Vol. 6, Vol. 4.

From 3rd condition - Vol. 5, Vol. 1, Vol. 3

From this information we can conclude that the sequence is: Vol. 2, Vol.5, Vol 1, Vol. 3, Vol. 6, Vol. 4

Hence, option (d) is correct.