

Reading Comprehension Questions Overview

Reading Comprehension Questions have a good weightage in the Banking Exam and the type of question asked in Banking exam is similar to the question mentioned below. It has been solved and explained by Gargi.ai Experts and they have tried to elaborate the concept used in Reading Comprehension Questions.

Reading Comprehension Questions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. As India awaits the arrival of the annual summer monsoon, hopes are particularly high for normal rainfall that is so vital for agriculture, the health of forests, rivers and wetlands. The India Meteorological Department has forecast normal rainfall of 96% of the long period average of 89 cm rain, with an onset date in the first week of June in Kerala. It has also signalled a significant possibility of a deficit. (1) The monsoon bounty is _____ for the 60% of gross cropped area in farming that is rain-fed, and represents, in the assessment of the National Commission on Farmers, 45% of agricultural output. Given the erratic patterns of rainfall witnessed over the past few decades and their possible connection to atmospheric changes caused by a variety of pollutants, the distribution of monsoon 2019 will add to the insights. The southwest monsoon is a determinant of India's overall prosperity, and sustained efforts to make the best use of rainfall are absolutely important for farms, cities and industry. Considering that there has been a 52% decline in groundwater levels based on tests conducted last year over the previous decadal average, State governments should have pursued the setting up of new recharging wells and made improvements to existing ones on a war footing. They also have lagged in building structures to harvest surface water and helping farmers raise the efficiency of (2) irrigation. The approach to the farming sector, however, has been influenced more by the imperatives of an election year, and the Centre's biggest intervention was to announce a cash handout to specified categories of small farmers. A normal summer monsoon over the subcontinent brings widespread prosperity, but does not guarantee a uniform spread. This, as scientists point out, may be due to the effect of particulates released through various industrial and agricultural processes. Some of these aerosols suppress the rainfall and disperse it across the land, causing long breaks in (3) precipitation, while others absorb heat and lead to a convection phenomenon that increases rainfall in some places. Such evidence points to the need for India to clean up its act on rising industrial emissions, and burning of fossil fuels and biomass in order to improve the stability of the monsoon. An equally key area of concern is freshwater availability for households, which, NITI Aayog says, account for 4% of available supplies, besides 12% used by industry. Urbanisation trends and the severe water stress that residents experience underscore the need for mandatory rainwater harvesting policies and augmented efforts by States to preserve surface water by building new reservoirs. Yet, governments are adopting a commodity approach to the vital resource, displaying deplorable indifference to the pollution and loss of rivers, wetlands and lakes that hold precious waters. This is no way to treat a life-giving resource.

Question

Which of the following will fit the best in the blank(1) given in the passage?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 153 Seconds

Options :

1. Petty
2. Peripheral
3. Trivial
4. Crucial
5. Inconsequential

Solution

The correct answer is option 4 i.e. Crucial.

Concept/Grammar Rules	Application
<p>The question seeks for an appropriate representative for the blank in order to make the entire passage contextually absolute. Option 4, i.e. "Crucial" seems to be the correct answer here.</p>	<p>The statement seems to be providing instances of the critical monsoon bounty for the 60% of gross cropped area in farming that is rain-fed.</p> <p>So, among the given words, "Crucial" seems to be the appropriate representative here due to its denotation i.e. "decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something".</p> <p>Further, the remaining words contain different connotations not relevant for the matter of the passage.</p>