

READING COMPREHENSIONS_22

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases are given in the bold to help you to locate them, while answering some of the questions.

It is time, we looked at the **latent** causes. Where does the strength of India lie? Not in numbers, not necessarily in our moral stands on international issues. In modern times, the strength of a nation lies in its achievements in science and technology. This is not to say that other fields do not count.

In the five decades after independence, we have yet to demonstrate our originality in applied science and technology. Though Japan also started like us, yet by cultivating the technology of the West, the Japanese adapted, improved and displayed originality in several areas of science and technology. The generation which is at the helm of affairs in science and in our country after independence mostly consisted of self seekers. By and large with a few exceptions. The science and technology managers in India concentrated in gaining power and influence. They loved publicity. Most of them stopped doing science while they managed science. Things would have been better had they been humble enough to acknowledge the difference between doing and managing science. Instead they claimed they were the foremost in science and technology, simply because they were at the helm of affairs. As a result, they ceased to inspire the younger lot. India continues to be a borrowers of science and technology, even though its potential for originality is substantial.

Our achievements in nuclear science and technology may be **dazzling** to our people. But, in worth and originality, they are ordinary and routine. While our own people remain ignorant the people of other countries know all about the pretensions to knowledge of our nuclear science and technology managers. Our subtle way of sabotaging our nuclear goals is to help hollow persons reach and remain at the helm of affairs. International bodies come in as **handy** tools in that subtle process. The veil of secrecy effectively protects the mismanagement in our nuclear establishments. The talk of national security comes as an easy weapon to prevent any probe into mismanagement. On nuclear matters the media in our country, by and large avoid the mismatch between promise and hence performance in the nuclear field does not get exposed as much as the mismanagement in other fields.

1. What does the author mean by “doing” science?

- a) Demonstrating exaggerated performance without achieving the desired level
- b) Managing effectively the administrative functions involved in the power game
- c) Concentrating on such researches which have very low practical utility
- d) Displaying genuine acumen and performance in scientific studies

2. “Doing science” and “managing science” are implied by the author is analogous to

- a) Set target and achieving it
- b) Fact and fantasy
- c) Originality and adaptability
- d) Scientific inventions and discovery of principles

3. The author of the passage has

- a) Criticised the power hungry Indian technocrats
- b) Appreciated the Japanese scientists unduly and exorbitantly
- c) Hailed India’s technological advancement in the past five decades
- d) Underestimated the Japanese and Chinese scientists and technologists

4. Which of the following is the commonality between the Indian and the Japanese scientists?

- a) Both have displayed originality in applied sciences
- b) Both have displayed advancement of substandard quality
- c) Both have displayed greed for influence and power
- d) Both have displayed remarkable just for publicity

5. Which of the following is the correct assessment of India’s postindependence nuclear and scientific advancements?

- a) Originality and adaptability is duly displayed in the field of applied science
- b) Our achievement in nuclear science and technology are dazzling
- c) Our achievements are of a very ordinary quality and routine nature
- d) Our scientists have done full justice to the developmental needs of nuclear science

6. Find out the word from the given Answers, which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word given in bold as used in the passage.

Latent

- a) Cautions
- b) Hidden
- c) Overt
- d) Brilliant

7. Find out the word from the given Answers, which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word given in bold as used in the passage.

Handy

- a) Silent
- b) Hand-rolled
- c) Suitable
- d) Solemn

8. Find the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word given in bold as used in the passage.

Dazzling

- a) Tremendous
- b) Domineering

- c) Deafening
- d) Brilliant

9. Find the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word given in bold as used in the passage.

Humble

- a) Doctile
- b) Lethargic
- c) Stupid
- d) Cunning

Answer:-

- 1. Answer: B
- 2. Answer: C
- 3. Answer: A
- 4. Answer: D
- 5. Answer: B
- 6. Answer: D
- 7. Answer: B
- 8. Answer: C
- 9. Answer: A

