

Critical Reasoning For CAT

Question 1: Which one of the following best expresses the similarity between American individualist anarchists and free-market liberals as well as the difference between the former and the latter?

Options

- A) Both reject the regulatory power of the state; but the former favour a people's state, while the latter favour state intervention in markets.
- B) Both prioritise individual autonomy; but the former also emphasise mutual dependence, while the latter do not do so.
- C) Both are sophisticated arguments for capitalism; but the former argue for a morally upright capitalism, while the latter argue that the market is the only morality.
- D) Both are founded on the moral principles of altruism; but the latter conceive of the market as a force too mystical for the former to comprehend.

Answer -Choice B

Question 2: The author makes all of the following arguments in the passage, EXCEPT:

Options

- A) Individualist anarchism is actually constituted of many streams, all of which focus on the autonomy of the individual.
- B) The popular perception of anarchism as espousing lawlessness and violence comes from a mainstream mistrust of collectivism.
- C) For anarchists, the state is the enemy because all states apply violence and terror to maintain their control.
- D) The failure of the French Revolution was because of its betrayal by the new class of politicians who emerged from it.

Answer -Choice B

Question 3: According to the passage, what is the one idea that is common to all forms of anarchism?

Options

- A) There is no idea common to all forms of anarchism; that is why it is anarchic.
- B) They all focus on the primacy of the power of the individual.
- C) They all derive from the work of Pierre-Joseph Proudhon.
- D) They are all opposed to the centralisation of power in the state.

Answer -Choice D

Question 4: The author believes that the new ruling class of politicians betrayed the principles of the French Revolution, but does not specify in what way. In the context of the passage, which statement below is the likeliest explanation of that betrayal?

Options

- A) The new ruling class rode to power on the strength of the workers' revolutionary anger, but then turned to oppress that very class.
- B) The anarchists did not want a new ruling class, but were not politically strong enough to stop them.
- C) The new ruling class was constituted mainly of anarchists who were against the destructive impact of the Revolution on the market.
- D) The new ruling class struck a deal with the old ruling class to share power between them.

Answer -Choice A