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Direction (1-5): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Migration is intertwined with technology and innovation and there exists a large body of analysis that has assessed how international migration acts to support (and sometimes limit) the transfer of technology and knowledge, often working in tandem with investment and trade flows along with historical, geographic, and geopolitical connections between countries and communities. Technology is increasingly critical throughout the migration process, especially newer forms of technology. In recent years, for example, we have witnessed the use of ICT by migrants to gather information and advice in real-time during migration journeys; an issue that is raising interest and, at times, concern. The use of ICT, such as apps to share the latest information, including to support **clandestine** border crossings, together with the consolidation of social media platforms to connect geographically dispersed groups with common interests, has raised valid questions concerning the extent to which technology has been used to support irregular migration, as well as to enable migrants to avoid abusive and exploitative migrant smugglers and human traffickers.

Due to the ever-increasing access to emerging technology at low cost, migrants have also developed applications to support better integration in receiving countries, while maintaining social links and financial support to their families and societies back home, including through the increasing prevalence of "mobile money" apps. Other connections between migration and technology are also emerging in migration debates. As artificial intelligence is progressively taken up in key sectors, its consequences for migrant worker flows and domestic labour markets are areas of intense focus for policymakers and businesses in origin and receiving countries. Recent discussions have also turned to blockchain technology and its consequences for migration, especially for remittances, but also for digital identities and global mobility. Social media technology is also increasingly impacting the politics of migration, with a surge of far-right activism on social media platforms seeking to influence political debates and ultimately political decisions. It is within this current context of great change and increasing _____ that the World Migration Report 2020 seeks to draw upon the body of available data, research and analysis to contribute to a more nuanced understanding of some of the most important and pressing global migration issues of our time. By their very nature, the complex dynamics of migration can never be fully measured, understood and regulated. However, as this report shows, we do have a

continuously growing and improving body of data and evidence that can help us make better sense of the basic features of migration and how they are changing – as well as understanding how the context in which migration is occurring is evolving.

This is increasingly important as public debates, littered with misinformation and untruths, are increasingly able to utilize the ongoing expansion of open "new media" platforms to achieve distortion and misrepresentation of migration and migrants. The first World Migration Report was published 20 years ago, initially as a one-off report designed to increase the understanding of migration by policymakers and the general public. It was conceived at a time when the effects of globalization were being felt in many parts of the world and in a multitude of ways. Indeed, the first World Migration Report states that part of its genesis was due to the effects of globalization on migration patterns and that the report, therefore "looks at the increasingly global economy which has led to an unprecedented influx of newcomers in many countries...". The report highlighted the fact that despite being an "age-old phenomenon", migration was accelerating as part of broader globalization transformations of economic and trade processes, which were enabling greater movement of labour as well as goods and capital. The report states that while some aspects have stayed fairly constant – the proportion of female international migrants as well as the overall proportion of the world's population who were migrants – other aspects have changed dramatically. International remittances, for example, have grown from an estimated 126 billion in 2000 to 689 billion in 2020, underscoring the salience of international migration as a driver of development. This helps to partly explain the emergence of migration as a first-tier global issue that has seen United Nations Member States take a series of steps to strengthen global governance of migration, most notably since 2000. It is unsurprising then that the International Organization for Migration (IOM) itself has grown in size, with a significant increase in membership over the last two decades up from 76 to its current membership of 173 States. Also of note in table 1 is the rise in international migrants globally (up to around 85%) as well as of refugees (up around 80%) and internally displaced (up around 97%); all the while remaining very small proportions of the world's population.

Q:1 What does the phrase "first-tier global issue" imply as mentioned in the passage?

1. First hand uncertainty
2. Highest level of concern

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3. Being the first implication
4. Topmost allegation
5. None of the Above

Q:2 Which of the following will be the synonym of the word "Clandestine" as given in the passage?

1. Agape
2. Furtive
3. Extended
4. Unbolt
5. Unfurl

Q:3 Which of the following will fit the best in the blank given in the passage?

1. Uncertainty
2. Absolute
3. Complex
4. Dynamic
5. Impressive

Q:4 According to the passage, what is the "age-old phenomenon" mentioned in here?

1. Digital Technology
2. ICT
3. Mobile money
4. Social media
5. Migration

Q:5 According to the report, which aspects have changed dramatically?

1. Together with the consolidation of social media platforms to connect geographically dispersed groups with common interests.
2. A large body of analysis that has assessed how international migration acts to support (and sometimes limit) the transfer of technology and knowledge.
3. The proportion of female international migrants as well as the overall proportion of the world's population who were migrants.
4. Digital identities and global mobility.
5. The ongoing expansion of open "new media" platforms to achieve distortion and misrepresentation of migration and migrants.

Direction (6-10): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The term digital native describes a person who has

grown up in the digital age, rather than having acquired familiarity with digital systems as an adult, as a digital immigrant. Both terms were used as early as 1996 as part of the Declaration of the Independence of **Cyberspace**. They are often used to describe the digital gap in terms of the ability of technological use among people born from 1980 onward and those born before. The terms 'digital native' and 'digital immigrant' were popularized by education consultant Marc Prensky in his 2001 article entitled Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants, in which he relates the children raised in a digital, media-saturated world, require a media-rich learning environment to hold their attention, and Prensky dubbed these children 'digital natives'. Marc Prensky defines the term 'digital native' and applies it to a new group of students enrolling in educational establishments referring to the young generation as 'native speakers' of the digital language of computers, videos, video games, social media and other sites on the internet.

Prensky has since abandoned his digital native metaphor in favour of 'digital wisdom'. More recently, the Digital Visitor and Resident idea have been proposed as an alternative to understanding the various ways individuals engage with _____.(1)_____. It is also argued that digital native and digital immigrants are labels that oversimplify the classification scheme and that there are categories that can be considered 'undetermined' based on the framework of the previous assignments.

Because many digital immigrants are used to a life without digital technology, they can sometimes be at variance with digital immigrants in their view of it. The everyday regimen of work-life is becoming more technologically advanced with improved computers in offices, more complex machinery in the industry, etc. This can make it difficult for digital immigrants to keep pace, which has the potential to create conflict between older supervisors and managers and an increasingly younger workforce. Similarly, parents clash with their children at home over gaming, texting, YouTube, Facebook and other Internet technology issues. Much of the world's Millennials and Generation Z members are digital natives. According to law professor and educator John Palfrey, there may be substantial differences between digital natives and non-digital natives, in terms of how people see relationships and institutions and how they access information. In spite of this, the timetable for training young and old on new technology is about the same.

The formulation of the digital native is also challenged by researchers looking at emerging technology landscapes. The current discourse concentrates largely on developed



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technology and has a particular _____(2)_____ towards white, middle-class youth who have the privilege of access to technology. Nishant Shah (2009) says, 'It is necessary to promote research that grasps that not all Digital Natives are equal. Each context will have certain norms by which digital nativity is understood and experienced. **Dismantling** the universal Digital Native and considering contextualised Digital Native identities might also help us move away from speaking of the Digital Native as a necessarily elite power-user of technology and understand the identity as a point of departure from earlier technology-mediated identities within those contexts.'

Q:6 Which of the following is the meaning of the word "Cyberspace" as given in the passage?

1. A place that is real, where electronic messages exist while they are being sent from one computer to another.
2. A place that is real, where electronic messages exist while they are being sent from one mobile to another.
3. The notional environment in which communication over computer networks occurs.
4. The real environment in which communication over computer networks occurs.
5. None of these

Q:7 Which of the following will fit the best in the blank (1) given in the passage?

1. Gamification
2. Cyber libel
3. Modernization
4. Digital technology
5. Urbanization

Q:8 According to the passage, which of the following are considered to be the Digital natives?

1. Generation X
2. Millennials and Generation Z
3. Generation Y
4. Millennials
5. Generation Z

Q:9 Which of the following is the antonym of the word "Dismantling" as given in the passage?

1. Knock down
2. Assemble
3. Pull apart
4. Congregate

5. Muster

Q:10 Which of the following will fit the best in the blank (2) given in the passage?

1. Appal
2. Horrify
3. Distress
4. Impartial
5. Bias



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Answer Key

1. (2)	2. (2)	3. (1)	4. (5)	5. (3)
6. (3)	7. (4)	8. (2)	9. (2)	10. (5)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Highest level of concern.**

The question is based on identifying the correct implication of the phrase 'first-tier global issue'.

The phrase '**first-tier global issue**' implies '*the first or highest level of some matter.*'

Among the given options, option 2 seems to state the 'Highest level of concern' that pertains to the correct implication of the given phrase.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Highest level of concern.**

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Furtive.**

The question seeks for a word that contains a similar meaning with the given word.

The word '**Clandestine**' means '*kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit.*'

Among the given words, '**Furtive**' seems to be its synonym as it means '*secret, acting as though you are trying to hide something because you feel guilty.*'

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Furtive.**

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Uncertainty.**

The question seeks a representative that best explains the denotation of the provided statement.

The statement seems to be revealing about a situation that states the unpredictable nature of great change in the migration report, its data, research and analysis to contribute to a more nuanced understanding of some of the most important and pressing global migration issues of our time.

So, the correct word among the given options is '**uncertainty**'.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Uncertainty.**

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Migration.**

The question is based on direct observation from the passage.

According to the passage, being an "age-old phenomenon", Migration was accelerating as part of

broader globalization transformations of economic and trade processes, which were enabling greater movement of labour as well as goods and capital.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Migration.**

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **The proportion of female international migrants as well as the overall proportion of the world's population who were migrants.**

The question is based on direct observation from the passage.

According to the passage, '*The report states that while some aspects have stayed fairly constant – the proportion of female international migrants as well as the overall proportion of the world's population who were migrants – other aspects have changed dramatically.*'

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **The proportion of female international migrants as well as the overall proportion of the world's population who were migrants.**

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **The notional environment in which communication over computer networks occurs.**

The question is about finding the correct meaning pertaining to the given word.

The word '**Cyberspace**' means '*the notional environment in which communication over computer networks occurs.*'

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **The notional environment in which communication over computer networks occurs.**

Q:7 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **Digital technology.**

The question seeks an appropriate filler for the given blank in order to make the sentence seem meaningful.

The statement seems to portray about digital technology as the entire passage revolves around digitalization.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **Digital technology.**

Q:8 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Millennials and Generation Z.**

The question is based on direct observation from the passage.

According to the passage, '*Much of the world's Millennials and Generation Z members are digital natives.*'

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Millennials and Generation Z.**

Q:9 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Assemble.**



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The question seeks for a word that is opposite to the given word.

The word '**Dismantling**' means '*to take something to pieces; to separate something into the parts it is made from*'.

Among the given words, '**Assemble**' seems to be the antonym of it as it means '*to fit the parts of something together*'.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Assemble**.

Q:10 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Bias**.

The question seeks a representative to fit in the blank in order to make the sentence seem appropriate.

The sentence seems to be expressing terms with inclination or prejudice towards white, middle-class youth who have the privilege of access to technology.

So, the word '**Bias**' seems to fit in here as it means '*inclination or prejudice for or against one person or group, especially in a way considered to be unfair*'.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Bias**.

