SKIP THE TRAPS · SOLVE THE SCALABLES

THE PASSAGE | READING COMPREHENSION

> Our cities are extremely vulnerable to climate change because of large concentrations of populations and poor infrastructure. Moreover, population densities are increasing in them but we have not yet developed the systems to address climate change impacts. Our cities contribute to 65 per cent of the GDP, but there are not enough facilities to cater to the needs of the people. It is important to address the issues of air quality, transport, etc., that are vital to identifying sustainable solutions. We need to involve citizens in city planning and create an ecosystem that meets the needs of the people.

Which among the following is the most logical and rational inference that can be made from the passage given above?

Logical Inference | Problem and Way Out | Hidden Trap: a named mechanism the passage never proposes

(a) Our cities need to have well-defined administrative set-up with sufficient autonomy.
Administrative autonomy is not discussed anywhere in the passage.

(b) Ever increasing population densities is a hindrance in our efforts to achieve sustainable development.
Density is listed as a vulnerability, not named a hindrance to sustainable development.

(c) To maintain and develop our cities we need to adopt sustainability related interventions. ✓
Problems lead to the call for sustainable solutions, air quality, transport and citizen involvement.

(d) Public-Private Partnership mode of development is the viable long-term solution for the infrastructure and sustainability problems of India.
PPP is never mentioned, and 'the viable long-term solution' is absolute.

CRACK THE HIDDEN RULE

Break the passage into problem and way out. Problem: vulnerable cities, poor facilities, rising density. Way out: sustainable solutions with citizens involved.

The safe inference joins the two at the passage's own level, with no named mechanism.

Problem: vulnerable cities. Way out: sustainable solutions.

PROBLEM	WAY OUT	INFERENCE
Vulnerable, poor facilities	**Sustainable solutions**	**Adopt sustainability measures**

WORKED IN 3 CLEAN STEPS

1 Mark the problems
Cities are vulnerable to climate change, densities are rising, facilities are insufficient.

2 Mark the way out
Address air quality and transport for sustainable solutions, and involve citizens in planning.

3 Match the option
(c) joins problem and way out. (a) and (d) name a mechanism (autonomy, PPP). (b) turns density into a hindrance the passage does not claim.

ANSWER: (c) To maintain and develop our cities we need to adopt sustainability related interventions

THE 3-SECOND SHORTCUT

Cross out options with a mechanism the passage never names (autonomy, PPP). What remains is the one that restates the way out.

problem and way out | no named mechanism | avoid absolutes

→ Option (d) fails twice: PPP is never named and 'the viable' is absolute.
→ Option (b) feels natural but the passage lists density as one vulnerability among others.

WHY ASPIRANTS LOSE MARKS HERE

1. **Choosing (d) because infrastructure needs money.** Funding models are not in the text.
2. **Choosing (a) because governance seems relevant.** Autonomy is never mentioned.
3. **Choosing (b) because density is repeated.** Repeated is not the same as named as a hindrance.

ATTEMPT	FLAG	SKIP
~40 sec	if (b) tempts you	rarely
Problem, way out, match.	Check whether it is stated or just natural.	Easy elimination.

THE ONE-LINE TAKEAWAY

Join the problem to the passage's own way out, and reject options that add a named mechanism.

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