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# Logical Reasoning Questions for CLAT Exam

## Logical Reasoning Quiz 10

**Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.**

In a recent debate in Parliament BJP MP from Bhopal Pragma Singh Thakur suggested that Nathuram Godse-Mahatma Gandhi's murderer-was a deshbhakt or 'nationalist'. Pragma's Godse -bhakti has led to outrage. An embarrassed BJP has called her views 'condemnable'. The party seems to have coerced her into giving an apology and she's been dropped from a parliamentary panel on defence.

Yet the Pragma brand of strident Hindutva nationalism has been mainstreamed over the years. Large sections of voters endorse this way of thinking without realising the price they are paying in terms of their own personal liberties by doing so .After all, hard Hindutva brooks no dissent nor does it tolerate disagreement. It is focussed on a perpetual search for the 'enemy' both real and imaginary, a mindset which suppresses the free-spiritedness of spiritual Hinduism.

Today a vote bank driven electoral process is creating communalism and communal thinking. Over the years the Hindu vote bank has been assiduously cultivated and Pragma is only a visible example of what is increasingly considered an acceptable version of 'nationalism'. In spite of her views, Pragma won the Bhopal election by over three lakh votes, defeating two-time former CM Digvijaya Singh.

The BJP leadership's attempts to ostracise Pragma smack of hypocrisy. She was given a ticket to contest from the prestigious Bhopal seat even though at the time she was a terror accused under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, out on bail only on health grounds. Her endorsement of Godse's brand of violent religiosity under the garb of 'nationalism' pre-dates her parliamentary debut. During her campaign too she praised Godse as a true patriot. Responding to that, the PM said he would "never be able to forgive her fully" and party president Amit Shah spoke of disciplinary proceedings. We still don't know what 'disciplinary' action has actually been taken.

Since the Ayodhya agitation those who've spoken the language of militant Hindutva have been consistently rewarded. In the 1990s, Vinay Katiyar was repeatedly chosen by BJP to represent the party. Another hard Hindutva proponent Sakhi Maharaj is a multiple term BJP MP and yet another, Yogi Adityanath now holds the high post of CM. Each of these leaders has been used at various times to spur a sense of Hindu victimhood which effectively translates into majoritarian politics.

[ Extracted from editorial by Sagarika Ghose " The Pragma Singh Syndrome"]

1. According to the author Hindu victimhood is used as the a card to effectively translate into majoritarian politics. This implies

- A. Cultivation of Hindu vote bank by the BJP leaders.
- B. Cultivation of militant Hindutva amongst the masses.
- C. The BJP leaders want to ostracise hypocrites from the party.
- D. None of the above

2. Consider the following statements and answer accordingly

**Assertion(A)** : Pragma is only a visible example of what is increasingly considered an acceptable version of “nationalism”

**Reason(R)** : Vote bank driven electoral process is creating communalism and communal thinking.

- A. A is true but R is false
- B. A is false and R is true
- C. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- D. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A

3. According to the passage ‘Hard Hindutva is characterised by which of the following’

- A. It considers no dissent or people of different perceptions and ideology.
- B. It is intolerant to disagreement
- C. It focuses on perpetual search for the enemy both real and imaginary
- D. All of the above

4. Which of the following statements from the passage support the statement

“Since the Ayodhya agitation those who have spoken the language of militant Hindutva have been consistently rewarded.”

- A. Pragma was given a ticket to contest from the prestigious Bhopal seat even though at the time she was a terror accused under the Unlawful Activities Act (Prevention act)
- B. In the 1990s, Vinay Katiyar was repeatedly chosen by BJP to represent the party.
- C. Another hard Hindutva proponent Sakhi Maharaj is a multiple term BJP MP
- D. All of the above



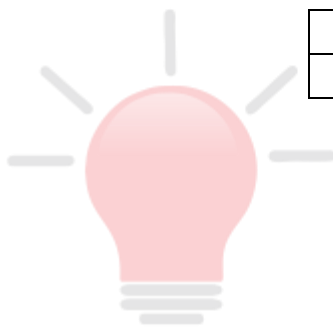
5. Consider the following statements from the passage and answer accordingly

**Assertion(A)** : In a recent debate in Parliament BJP MP from Bhopal Pragya Singh Thakur suggested that Nathuram Godse-Mahatma Gandhi murderer-was a deshbhakt or nationalist.

**Reason(R)** : Her endorsement of Godse's brand of violent religiosity under the garb of 'nationalism' pre-dates her parliamentary debut.

- A. A is true but R is false
- B. A is false and R is true
- C. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- D. Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A

**Correct Answers:**



1	2	3	4	5
A	C	D	D	D

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## Explanations :

1. The author has echoed a cause effect relationship. The Hindu victimhood is directly yielding results by joining more Hindu sentiments amongst the masses which is one step towards the communalism. Which in turn adds more Hindu votebank creating majoritarian politics.

So option A is the answer. Other options can be rejected by method of elimination.

2. According to the passage there is a causal connection between Pragya's election and communalism. In spite of her views she won the Bhopal election by three lakh votes which proves that communal thinking is linked to vote bank and Pragya is an example of it.

So option C is the answer.

3. Refer to the lines 9-10 of the passage where author mentions all the above options as the characteristics of hard hindutva.

So option D is the answer.

4. According to the passage the answer lies in the very fact that militant Hindutva has been used as a criteria to add people into the party repeatedly citing all the above examples of Pragya Thakur, Vinay Katiyar and Saksh Maharaj who are all hard Hindutva ideology proponents.

So option D is the answer.

5. There is no clear connection between the two statements but both being true as mentioned in the passage. Ofcourse she has endorsed Nathu Ram Godse as a nationalist in her parliamentary debut which reflects her ideology but that assertion just echoes the same thing in assertion with no evidence that why she considers him so.

So option D is the answer

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