



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 11.04.2023

Article link : <http://bit.ly/3ZPv87m> (Trapped at Home)

1. The author is least likely to agree with which of the following statements?

- A. Emergency situations such as wars and the Covid pandemic exacerbate existing vulnerabilities
- B. The lockdown disruption makes freelance careers precarious; more so for women than men
- C. Not many women seem actively involved in decision-making around the lockdown and pandemic response
- D. In view of escalating incidents of domestic violence, the necessity of the lockdown to tackle the pandemic must be reconsidered

Explanation: D

All options except D are true. Option D is not true based on the line, "Hardly anyone disputes the necessity of the lockdown in the face of a rapidly advancing pandemic."

2. "Considering the prevalence of gender-based violence is a huge improvement on denial but our gender sensitivity cannot stop with protecting the woman's body." The author says so because:

- A. In the context of the Indian household, silence and denial underpin violence against women
- B. The lockdown disruption could result in downsizing, layoffs and loans called in
- C. The lockdown has returned women to their homes, endangering not only their livelihoods, but also their mobility and agency
- D. The government must begin planning for life after the pandemic during this time.

Explanation: C

According to the author, gender sensitivity cannot stop with just protecting the woman's body but must also consider her job/career. Note what the author says in the lines following the quoted

line. The author talks about the importance of jobs for women and how the pandemic has engendered jobs which equip women with mobility, agency and livelihood.

3.The last line of the article mentions 'status quo ante'. This refers to:

- A.The state of affairs during a specified period
- B.The existing state of affairs
- C.The previously existing state of affairs
- D.The future state of affairs

Explanation:

Correct option C

Status quo ante= the previously existing state of affairs

