



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 19.02.2024

Article link : [Link](#) (Pakistan's biometric ID scheme is stripping citizenship from thousands of people)

1. "Digitization may hold within it dreams of a more streamlined, secure and scrupulous world, but it rarely plays out that way." The article says so for all the following reasons except:

- A. Sometimes — or in the case of Pakistan, often — there is no electricity or internet, meaning that card readers cannot work
- B. Chip-based cards like NADRA's are not secure as biometric data is transferred over a network and hence they are vulnerable to attacks
- C. A significant number of people lack easily discernible fingerprints — most notably -manual laborers, but also some hairstylists, chemotherapy patients and older people — which complicates authentication
- D. Facial recognition isn't foolproof and sometimes automated systems can't tell two people apart, especially if they happen to be Brown or Black

Explanation : B

All options except B are true. Option B is false; note the line ' Chip-based cards like NADRA's are relatively secure: your biometric data isn't transferred over a network, so it can't be intercepted in that manner.'

2. According to the article, though proposals for identity schemes often meet with robust opposition across the world, there was no concerted movement against NADRA when it was established as:

- A. Pakistanis were familiar with the concept of a national ID card, with many having possessed a rudimentary paper version since 1973
- B. NADRA, as a concept, absorbed people's hopes and desires for Pakistan, as many hoped that it would bring about a more responsive state and help streamline bureaucracy

C. It was thought to be just a one-window hassle that could help in fraud prevention, reducing the discretion of a person to do mischief

D. All the above

Explanation: D

All given reasons are mentioned in the article.

3. Based on the article, which of the following is not true?

A. Developed in India but not indigenous, British but not evolved in Britain itself, fingerprinting incorporated into British tradition and then gradually re-transmitted to the world at large

B. NADRA's identification system has a patrilineal structure requiring women to move from their father's tree to their husband's upon marriage

C. In the NADRA system, the first and oldest person to enroll is registered as the head of the household and they have the right to receive benefits on behalf of the family

D. As Pakistan still has no data protection law, there's just no way of holding anyone accountable for leaks in NADRA data

Explanation: C

Option C is not true. Refer to the lines, 'The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' digital identity system, for instance, is also family-based. Unlike NADRA, however, the first and oldest person to enroll is registered as the head of the household.'