

**ANSWERS****SECTION 1****LANGUAGE**

The agriculture field has been very slow to develop even though it is primordial to our existence. It has taken numerous millenniums! But, great strides through innovative steps were achieved in various regions of the Earth and this helped in the development of sustainability, societies, and commerce. Various innovations were done in planned sowing, diversification and selection of livestock, irrigation, crop rotation, soil turning, pesticides, and fertilizers. This is called the domestication of plants and animals.

These great strides have also had negative effects. Numerous international studies have made clear relations between pesticides/insecticides and the effect on bird eggs, large use of fertilizers and the contamination of underground water and rivers, the loss of control of imported organisms in the environment, etc. Therefore a backlash has occurred against these large-scale practices. Throughout the World, there is now an increase in organic and sustainable farming techniques. In North America, this 'consciousness' is now reaching the city areas. Some property owners now go for low-impact organic gardening soils and fertilizers instead of quick-action chemically influenced products.

**PARAGRAPH 1**

**QUESTION 1** – What is meant by STRIDE?

- d) To advance considerably

**QUESTION 2** – What does the word SOWING mean?

- d) To put seeds in soil

**QUESTION 3** – The word CALLED is what in the sentence?

- b) The verb TO CALL in the past tense

**PARAGRAPH 2**

**QUESTION 4** – What is meant by BACKLASH?

- a) A reverse effect

**QUESTION 5** – In the sentence "In North America, this 'consciousness' is now reaching the city areas", please identify the Subject group.

- d) This 'consciousness'

**SECTION 2****ESSAY**

N/A.