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There are many indicators with which to access or measure corruption. One of them is the affluent living habit of the public official compared to his/her declared income. Corruption occurs when a public official expects to be induced to perform an act which that public official is ordinarily required to do by law.

Corruption can show down development. One of the most widely discussed consequences of corruption is the distortion of governmental expenditure. This often results in public money being wasted on white elephant projects, rather than people-oriented services such as health and education. As a result, more opportunities are presented for corrupt use or diversion of funds. Raising the ethical standards of governance can lead to many benefits especially for the economic, political and social development of country.

Fight corruption and promoting good governance is therefore crucial to developing an environment that facilitates the social, political and economic development of the people. However, while there are often general statements made about the effect of corruption on poverty and development, there is not an explicit recognition that corruption is more than just wealth misappropriation or abuse of power. Corruption impoverishes countries and deprives their citizens of good governance. It destabilizes economic system when organized crime and other illegal activities, basic public functions are eroded and the quality of life of the people is reduced. Bribery, for example, is universally regarded as a crime measure, and the involvement of the society at large.

Another implication of global measures against corruption is making government work better by preventing the economy. Finally, redesigning political and regulatory structures will reduce corruption and other anti-system players that encourage corrupt practices.

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1. According to the writer, corruption is triggered off by (a) Selfish interest (b) public officers (c) private officials (d) unnecessary affluence
2. From the passage, one of the consequences of corruption is that (a) it is beneficial to wealthy people who stole public wealth (b) people get what they want with so much money to spend (c) it impedes the progress of a nation (d) large projects are executed
3. Who, according to the writer, should prevent corruption? (a) corruption public officers (b) the people (c) the government (d) lawyers and police
4. Which of the following is an indication of ethical standard of governance? (a) socio-economic instability (b) bloated expenditure (c) democratic governance (d) fundamental human right
5. The essence of fighting corruption, according to the passage is to (a) promote good governance (b) make people richer (c) punish corrupt politicians (d) send the corrupt to goal

In each of questions 6 to 10, choose the option that best completes the gap.

6. A wide range of options ___ made available to students in their final year last year (a) were (b) was (c) are (d) is
7. Paper is made ___ wood pulp (a) of (b) with (c) from (d) on
8. The federal government has ___ child trafficking (a) projected (b) proscribed (c) prescribed (d) postulated
9. Based on the fact before me, I have no alternative ___ to hold you responsible (a) as (b) but (c) than (d) only
10. Many people would always find reasons to ___ the law (a) debase (b) circumspect (c) circumvent (d) arrogate

In each of question 11 to 14, choose the option opposite in meaning to the word or phrase underlined

11. The principal was advised to be flexible on critical issues (a) livid (b) cautious (c) evasive (d) rigid

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