

Unseen Passage

Class - 2



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Q 1 - Why is it that science cannot express friendship with a formula?

- (1) Science and friendship cannot co-exist. (2) It is abstract term which cannot be grappled by science. (3) **Friendship is beyond science’s mastery.**
(4) Friendship is unknown to scientists.

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Q 2 - The word magic refers to

- ~~(1) evening dusk.~~ ~~(2) the sunrise.~~ ~~(3) solar and lunar eclipse.~~
(4) setting of the sun, with all its beauty.

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Q 3 - Which of the following are beyond science’s reach, according to the passage?

(1) Love and laughter, pain and loneliness. (2) Derivation of a formula. (3) Complexity of time and tide. (4) Work of the mind.

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Q 4 - The verb flock refers to.

~~(1)~~ tourists in Britain. ~~(2)~~ local people. **(3) large number of foreign tourists visiting homes of playwrights, writers, poets.** ~~(4)~~ Indian tourists.

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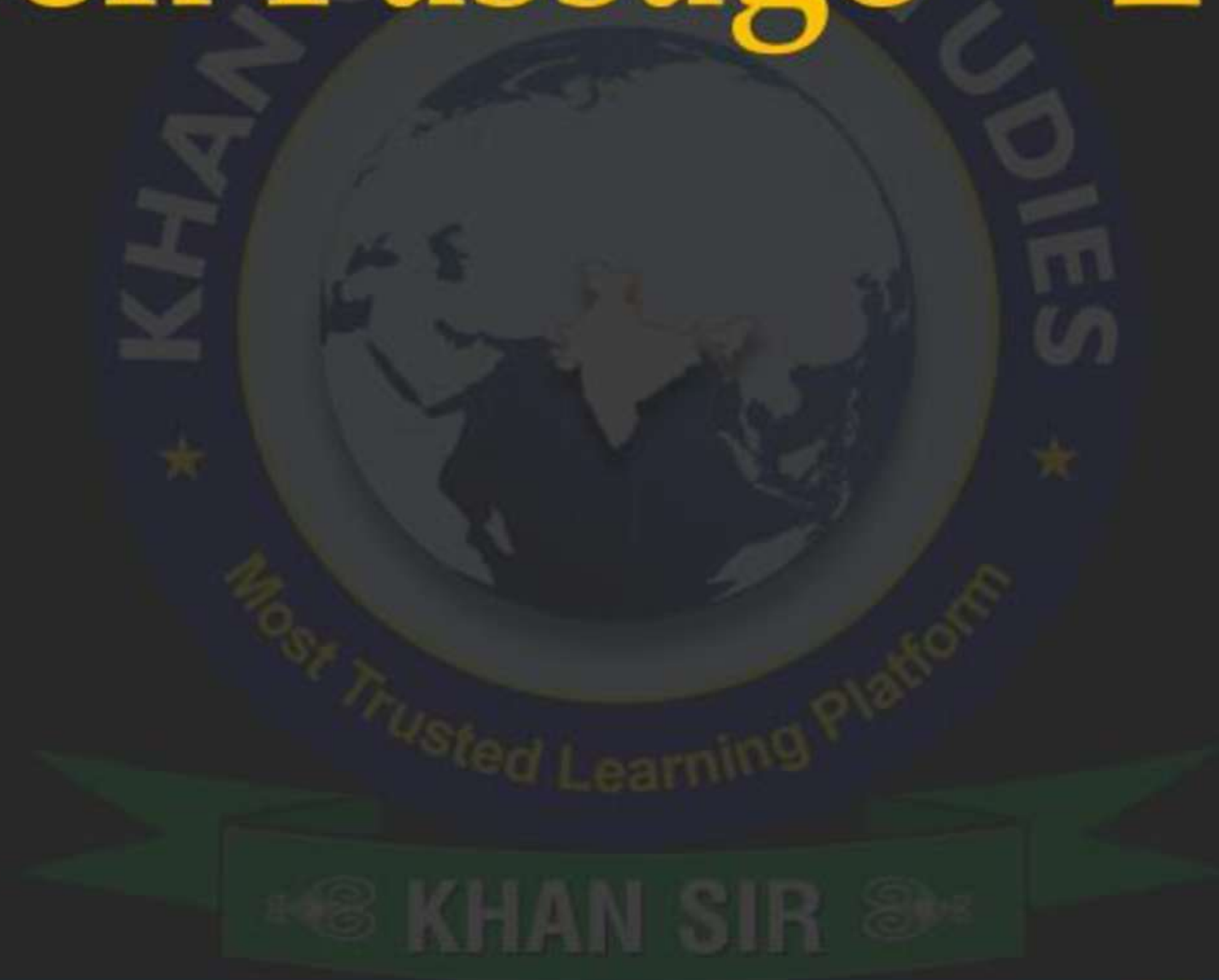
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Q 5 - Why according to the author do tourists prefer to visit hallowed homes of playwrights, writers and poets rather than visiting the habitation of eminent scientists?

~~(1)~~ The houses of playwright and writers are well decorated and are full of splendour **(2) Science cannot explain human emotions. Hence, people have a soft corner for those who produce a splendid display of emotions in their work.** ~~(3)~~ Scientists are loathsome. ~~(4)~~ Houses of scientists are

dirty

Unseen Passage – 2



The art of storytelling is not dead, and it will not be allowed to die. The invention of printing, literacy and the average man's increasing enslavement to the visual media in recent decades threaten to stamp out the art altogether. It faces a threat now even in Indian homes, at least in urban areas, where it has been kept alive for centuries by indulgent grandmothers using the tales of princes, princesses and flying horses for lullaby.

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→ **According to the passage, the threat to storytelling is the result of**

- 1) Invention of printing, literacy and man's enslavement to visual media**
- ~~2) Invention of new methods of entertainment~~
- ~~3) Lack of interest in telling the stories and hearing the stories~~
- ~~4) Unwillingness of urban people to tell stories~~

If we go through the first two lines of the paragraph, 'The invention of printing, literacy and the average man's increasing enslavement to the visual media threaten to stamp out the art (of storytelling)',

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'Art' as used in the paragraph refers to:

- ~~1) A habit of grandmothers~~
- 2) Story telling**
- ~~3) Stories from epics~~
- ~~4) Artificial way of story telling~~

Consider the first line of the paragraph, the passage talks about the 'art' of 'storytelling'.

Hence, the word 'art' refers to the 'storytelling' which is used mostly by indulgent grandmothers to spend time with their little ones.

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Why is it necessary to keep the art alive?

- ~~1)~~ There is a heavy demand for it
- ~~2)~~ It deals with the stories of princes, princesses and flying horses
- ~~3)~~ Children love to listen to stories
- 4) Cannot be answered**

As there is no mention in the passage as to why we need to keep this art of storytelling alive in today's era, the question cannot be answered.

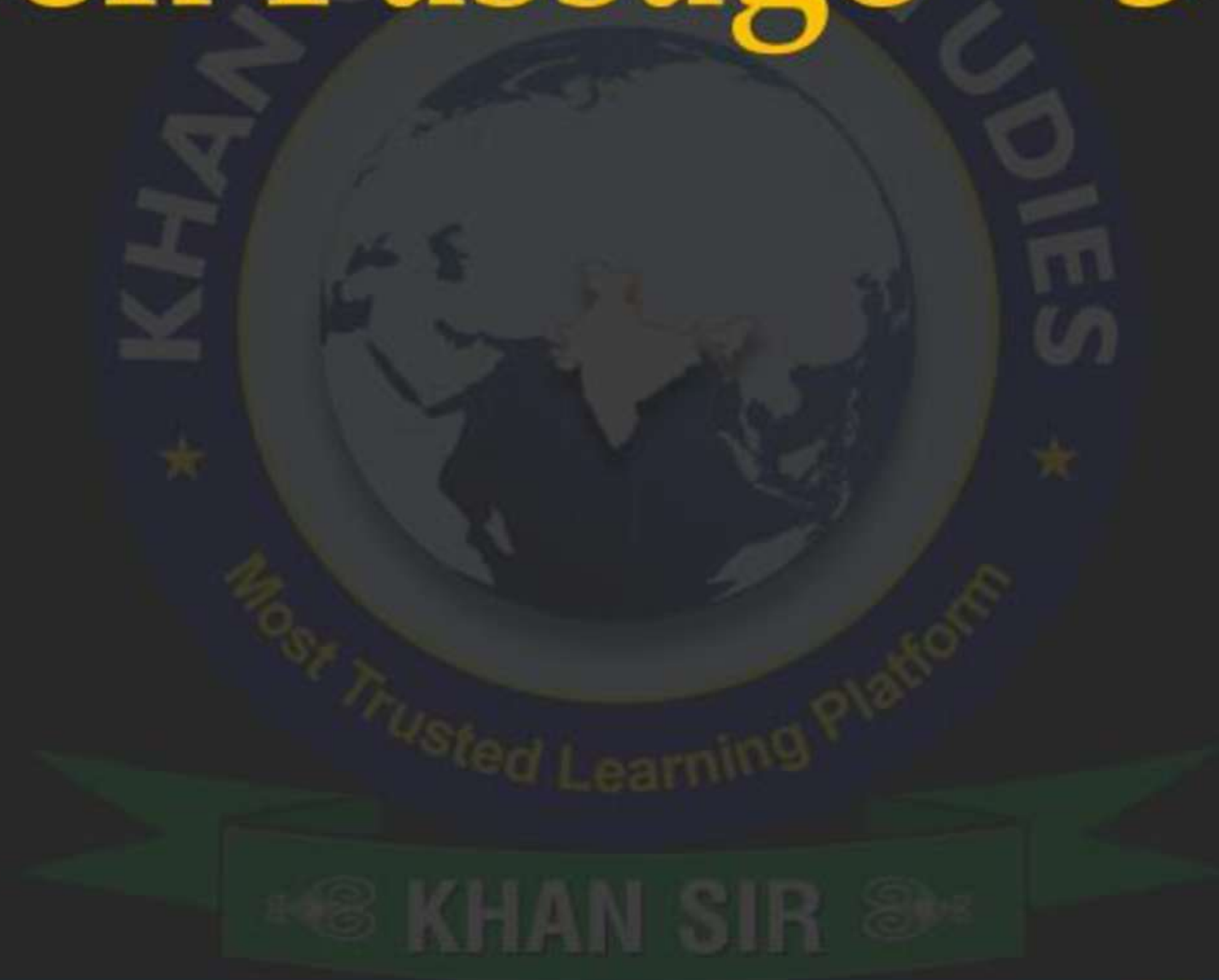
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Which/Who among the following have kept the art alive for centuries?

- ~~1)~~ Invention of printing and progress of literacy
- ~~2)~~ Changes in man's likes and dislikes
- 3) Indulgent grandmothers**
- ~~4)~~ Urban people in India

Consider the 2nd last line of the paragraph 'it has been kept alive for centuries by indulgent grandmothers'. The correct answer should be 'indulgent grandmothers'.

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Which of the following is a synonym of infant?

1) Neonate

2) Mortal ✗

3) Fallible ✗

4) Rake ✗

The word infant means a new-born.

Out of the given options, **neonate** is a synonym of infant. 'Mortal' and '**fallible**' mean respectively subject to death (living human being) and capable of making mistakes or being wrong. '**rake**'

mean a lecherous man.



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Which of the following words is an antonym of 'unprotected'?

1) Exposed

2) Vulnerable

3) Fortified

4) Insecure

The word 'unprotected' means without protection.

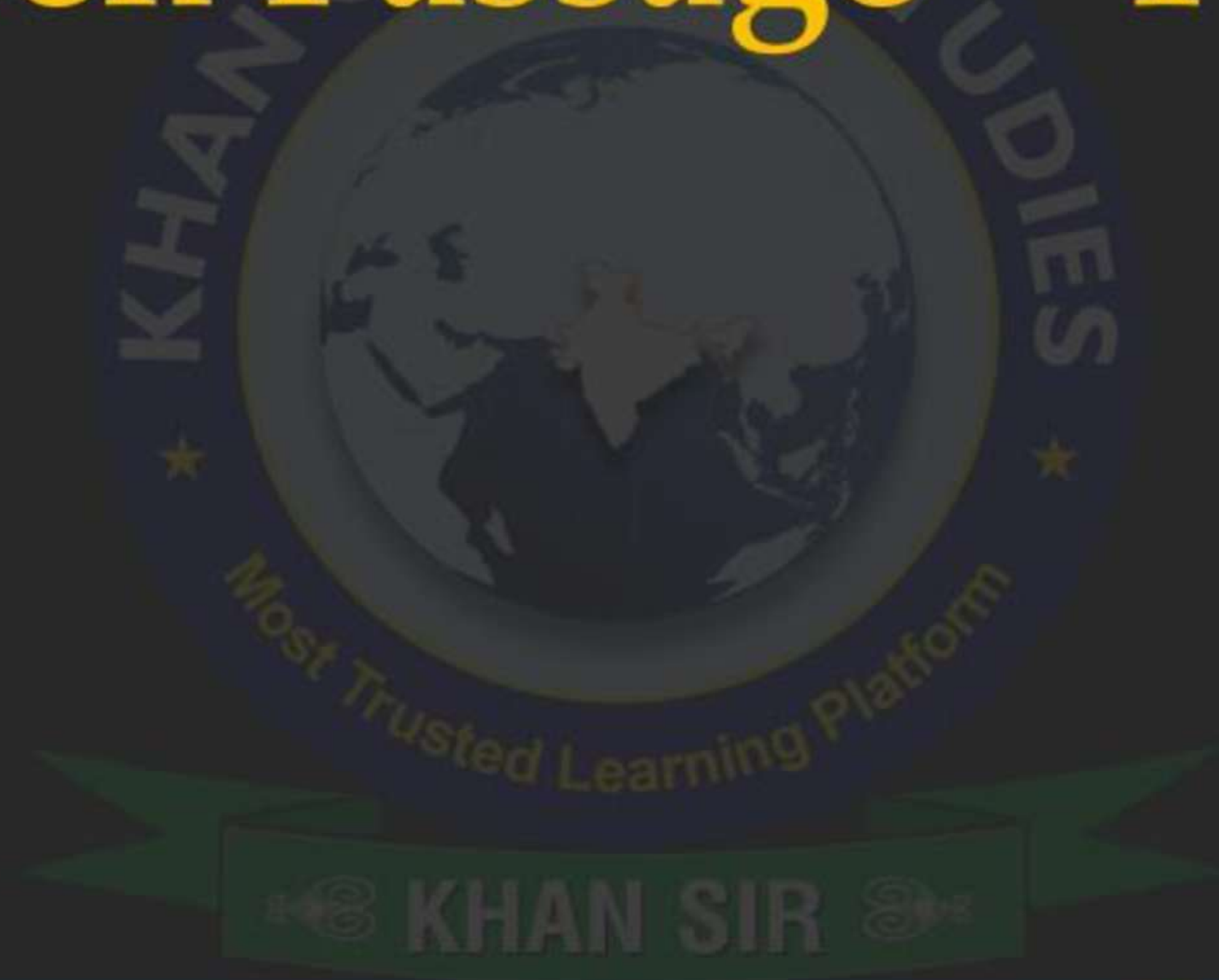
1. Out of the given options, therefore, the only word which comes the closest to the word 'unprotected' is 'fortified' which means to provide (a place) with defensive works as protection against attack.

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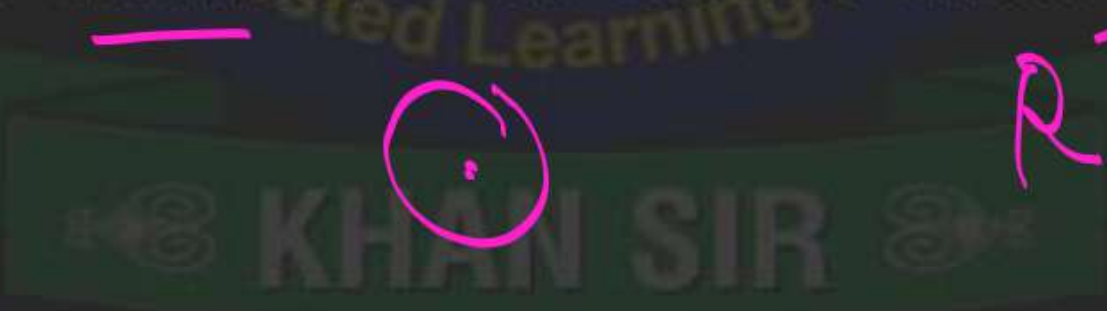
Which of the following is a synonym of congregate?

- 1) Scatter ✓
 - 2) Disseminate ✓
 - 3) Disperse ✓
 - 4) **Convene** ✓
- The word 'congregate' - to assemble.**
'disseminate', 'scatter', 'disperse' and 'distribute' - distribute or spread over a wide area or to go or cause to go in different directions which is obviously opposite.

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Q 1 - If scientists can accurately predict earthquakes there will be

~~(1)~~ fewer animals going crazy. **(2) a lower death rate.** ~~(3)~~ fewer people evacuated. ~~(4)~~ fewer environmental changes

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Q 2 - What prediction may be made by observing animal behaviour?

~~(1)~~ **An impending earthquake** (2) The number of people who will die (3) The ten kilometre radius of epicentre (4) Ecological conditions

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Q 3 - How can animals perceive these changes when human beings cannot ? ~~(1)~~ Animals are smarter than human beings. **(2) Animals have certain instincts that human beings don't possess.** ~~(3)~~ By running round the house, they can feel the vibrations. ~~(4)~~ Human beings don't know where to look

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