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Test of Essential Academic Skills



Exam A**QUESTION 1**

Which of the following best describes the purpose of this passage?

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Chang-Rae Lee is also a first-generation Korean American immigrant. He immigrated to America at the early age of three. Themes of identity, race, and cultural alienation pervade his works. His interests in these themes no doubt stem from his first-hand experience as a kid growing up in a Korean household while going to an American school.

Lee is also author of *A Gesture Life* and *Aloft*. The protagonists are similar in that they deal with labels placed on them based on race, color, and language. Consequently, all of these characters struggle to belong in America.

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- A. to criticize
- B. to entertain
- C. to inform
- D. to analyze

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The passage was written to analyze the works by Chang-Rae Lee and the themes presented in his most famous novels.

QUESTION 2 Why does the author of the passage quote the first line of the novel *Native Speaker*?

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- A. It is the main idea of the novel.
- B. To illustrate one of the themes in the novel.
- C. To show how the book is semi-autobiographical.
- D. To create interest in the novel.

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The author of this passage uses the first line of the novel to provide an example of one of the themes of the novel.

QUESTION 3

According to the passage, which of the following is not a main theme of Lee's novels?

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- A. identity
- B. espionage
- C. culture
- D. immigration

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

Espionage is part of the plot of the novel *Native Speaker*, but it is not a theme that recurs in Lee's works.



QUESTION 4 Based on the passage, why do Lee's novels focus on race and cultural identity?

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- A. Because Lee's ancestors are Korean.
- B. Because Lee immigrated to America at a young age.
- C. Because Lee was born in Korea.
- D. Because Lee feels these issues are the biggest problem facing America.

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The passage states that Lee's interests in cultural identity and race emerge from his own experiences with these issues as a young immigrant to America.

QUESTION 5 How does the author of the passage feel about the ideas presented in Lee's novels?

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- A. Critical regarding the role technology has played in society and how it destroys the immigrant experience.
- B. Concerned about the disappearance of cultures in a rapidly expanding and mixed world.
- C. Excited that immigrants are easily able to redefine and establish themselves in new cultures.
- D. Certain that all borders will eventually be eliminated so world cultures will commingle and fully assimilate.

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The tone of the last paragraph suggests concern over the preservation of cultural identities in an increasingly mixed and expanding world.

QUESTION 6 What is the main reason for taking this formula?

Read the set of directions below to answer the questions.

This formula is for people with deficiencies and anemic conditions. It aids in the body absorption of vital minerals such as iron, calcium, zinc, potassium, and sulfur.

Take the following ingredients: Parsley root, Comfrey root, Yellow dock, Watercress, Nettles, Kelp Irish moss. Simmer slowly equal parts of these herbs with four ounces to a half-quart of water. Continue to simmer slowly until the volume of liquid is reduced by half.

Strain, reserve the liquid, and cover the herbs with water once more. Then simmer again for 10 minutes. Strain and combine the two liquids.

Cook the liquid down until the volume is reduced by half. Add an equal amount of blackstrap molasses. Take one tablespoon four to five times daily, not exceeding four tablespoons in a 24-hour period.

- A. to increase the absorption of minerals
- B. to reduce the absorption of minerals
- C. to get rid of unnecessary minerals
- D. to serve as a mineral supplement

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The passage indicates that the formula increases or boosts the absorption of minerals in the body.

QUESTION 7 If a 1/4 ounce of yellow dock is used, how much watercress should be used?

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- A. 1/2 ounce
- B. 1/3 ounce
- C. 1/4 ounce
- D. 1 ounce

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

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Explanation:

The directions say to mix equal parts of all the herbs listed.

QUESTION 8 If a patient follows the directions correctly, how often could the medicine be taken?

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- A. once every six hours
- B. once every four hours
- C. once every three hours
- D. once every two hours



Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The dosage indicates not to exceed four tablespoons in a 24-hour period, so the patient should take it no more than every six hours.

QUESTION 9 Which cooking process is not required to make this formula?

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- A. whisking
- B. filtering
- C. mixing
- D. evaporating

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

All methods are used in the cooking process except for whisking.

QUESTION 10

| Precipitation (inches) | | | |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| Date | Albany | Coral Bay | Bunbury |
| 6/1 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| 6/2 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.00 |
| 6/3 | 0.55 | 0.75 | 0.20 |
| 6/4 | 0.00 | 0.45 | 0.10 |
| 6/5 | 0.90 | 1.01 | 0.50 |
| 6/6 | 2.00 | 2.15 | 1.90 |
| 6/7 | 0.95 | 1.05 | 1.15 |

On what day was flooding most likely the greatest concern?

- A. seventh
- B. sixth
- C. fifth
- D. first



Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

Flooding would be of greatest concern on the day that received the most rain in each location, the 6th.

QUESTION 11

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Based on the data in the table, which city has the driest climate?

- A. Bunbury
- B. Coral Bay
- C. Albany
- D. They all have the same climate.

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

By summing the total amount of precipitation received over the week, Bunbury received less than Albany and Coral Bay.

QUESTION 12

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|------------------------|--------|-----------|---------|
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Which statement best compares the precipitation between Albany and Coral Bay?

- A. Albany is usually slightly wetter than Coral Bay.
- B. Coral Bay is always much wetter than Albany.
- C. Coral Bay is usually slightly wetter than Albany.
- D. There is no difference between Albany and Coral Bay.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

By comparing the differences between Albany and Coral Bay, Coral Bay is typically a little wetter on average than Albany.

QUESTION 13 “The \$100 Bill” is an example of what type of writing?

“The \$100 Bill”

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- A. narrative
- B. educational
- C. biography
- D. essay

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 14

What can be deduced about Paul and Samantha's relationship from the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of the story?

"The \$100 Bill"

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- A. Paul, habitually, does not treat Samantha well.
- B. Paul is a mean boss.
- C. Paul does not care what Samantha does.
- D. Paul's disappointment is a source of stress for Samantha.



Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

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QUESTION 15 What is the topic of the passage?

"The \$100 Bill"

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- A. the presence of generosity in society
- B. Samantha's workday failures and successes
- C. the relationship between Paul and Samantha
- D. the difficulties of using a bike as one's sole source of transportation

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 16 What is the purpose of this passage?

“The \$100 Bill”

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- A. to teach the audience about proper workplace etiquette
- B. to warn against tardiness in the workplace
- C. to tell a hopeful story about a down-on-her-luck waitress
- D. to convince the audience to leave generous tips

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 17 Which of these may be inferred from the passage?

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- A. Paul was responsible for Samantha’s tire trouble.
- B. Samantha’s job is a big part of her financial stability.
- C. The gentleman who left the tip was a friend of Samantha’s.
- D. Samantha’s trouble at work stemmed entirely from Paul.

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 18 What word best describes Samantha and her role in the story?

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“You’re late.” Samantha stopped short, turning to face her boss. She was greeted with a stern face, her boss’ lips a thin line. She shook her head in apology. “I’m sorry, Paul. My bike’s tires were flat, and I forgot my I.D. badge, so I had to turn back – “Paul held up his hand, cutting her off. “Just don’t let it happen again.”

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As her first customers left, she caught the eye of the elderly gentleman with the group. He winked, and walked through the doors. Confused, Samantha began to gather the dishes from the table and there, staring up at her, was a crisp \$100 bill. She let a tear roll down her cheek. Her day had just gotten better.

- A. protagonist
- B. antagonist
- C. narrator
- D. heroine

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 19 What is the purpose of the passage?

To whom it may concern,

After a careful review of your submission, we have determined that your piece does not meet the requirements of the literary journal. We thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the journal and encourage you to review the guidelines and try again next year.

We look forward to seeing your work in the future. Good luck!

– *Claymont High School Review*

- A. to inform a student that his work has not been selected for the student journal
- B. to discourage a student from submitting work in the future
- C. to announce a student’s success in applying for a student journal internship
- D. to encourage a student to submit work to the student journal

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 20 What can be inferred about the student’s work from the explanation offered in the passage?

To whom it may concern,

After a careful review of your submission, we have determined that your piece does not meet the requirements of the literary journal. We thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the journal and encourage you to review the guidelines and try again next year.

We look forward to seeing your work in the future. Good luck!

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- A. The student’s work met the journal’s requirements.
- B. The student’s work needs further revision and improvement before being accepted.

- C. The student failed to provide all of the necessary information for publication in the journal.
- D. The student's work content was inappropriate.

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 21 Based on the passage, what should the student do in order to qualify for publication next year?

To whom it may concern,

After a careful review of your submission, we have determined that your piece does not meet the requirements of the literary journal. We thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the journal and encourage you to review the guidelines and try again next year.

We look forward to seeing your work in the future. Good luck! –

Claymont High School Review

- A. Re-submit his work to another staff member.
- B. Write a new poem that the journal's staff has not read yet.
- C. Re-read the journal's guidelines and submit a work in compliance with those guidelines.
- D. Seek out another journal.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 22 What type of writing could this letter be classified as?

To whom it may concern,

After a careful review of your submission, we have determined that your piece does not meet the requirements of the literary journal. We thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the journal and encourage you to review the guidelines and try again next year.

We look forward to seeing your work in the future. Good luck!

– *Claymont High School Review*

- A. persuasive
- B. fiction
- C. expository
- D. nonfiction

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 23 What is the topic of this passage?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than nothing.

- A. the advantages of public transportation over personal vehicles
- B. Billy and Eric's mother
- C. Eric and Billy's decisions regarding transportation leading up to college
- D. how to successfully complete the first year of college

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 24 What is the nature of Eric and Billy's mother's assertion that a car is necessary?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than nothing.

- A. The necessity of having a car at school is an opinion of the school faculty.
- B. The necessity of having a car is a fact.
- C. The necessity of having a car is the mother's opinion.
- D. The necessity of having a car is encouraged by the university.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 25 What type of text structure is used in this passage?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than nothing.

- A. cause and effect
- B. sequential structure
- C. descriptive structure
- D. compare and contrast

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 26 What is a suitable synonym for the word "determined" in the context found in the passage?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than nothing.

- A. concluded
- B. dissuaded

- C. worried
- D. realized

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 27 Where might this passage be found?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than nothing.

- A. a young adult novel
- B. a news article
- C. a nonfiction work
- D. a persuasive essay

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 28 Temika purchased a set of blocks for her young son. In the kit, she found three red triangles, six yellow stars, and five blue circles. Follow the directions below and determine the answer.

Remove two yellow stars and three blue circles.
Replace one star and two circles.
Remove one triangle, and replace the second star.

How many of each color and shape are left?

- A. two red triangles, four yellow stars, and two blue circles
- B. three red triangles, four yellow stars, and four blue circles
- C. two red triangles, six yellow stars, and four blue circles
- D. three red triangles, two yellow stars, and one blue circle

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 29 Despite the band practicing for months, a cacophony of noise greeted the stunned concert-goers.

Based on the sentence above, what is the meaning of the word cacophony?

- A. a beautiful or ethereal noise
- B. a loud, harmonious noise
- C. the sound of animals yelping
- D. a large, disharmonious sound or noise

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 30 Take the word “Limped.”

Remove the “D” from the end of the word and place it at the beginning.

Next, move the “L” between the “P” and “E.” Finally,

replace the “D” with the letter “S.”

What is the final product?

- A. simpel
- B. dimple
- C. slimed
- D. simple

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 31 The sententious woman finally relented, allowing Maria to walk to the pharmaceutical aisle.

What is the meaning of the word sententious?

- A. accommodating and readily available to help
- B. short-tempered and prone to random outbursts of anger
- C. kind, courteous
- D. given to moralizing, or exceedingly self-righteous

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 32 What is the purpose of this email?

Andrew,

This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don't mind, we'd like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won't be here, we'll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad's? Let me know!

-Sarah

- A. to inform Sarah's family of her Christmas plans
- B. to request Andrew's assistance in maintaining Christmas traditions
- C. to request Andrew's assistance in caring for Sarah's children
- D. to inform Andrew that his parents would be gone for Christmas

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 33 Based on the email, what is the relationship between Andrew and Sarah?

Andrew,

This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don't mind, we'd like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won't be here, we'll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad's? Let me know!

-Sarah

- A. brother and sister
- B. father and daughter
- C. best friends
- D. husband and wife

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 34 What is Sarah's primary goal in having Christmas at her parents' house?

Andrew,

This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don't mind, we'd like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won't be here, we'll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad's? Let me know!

-Sarah

- A. upholding family traditions
- B. spending Christmas with Andrew
- C. traveling for Christmas
- D. visiting Hawaii with her parents

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 35 What word may be used to replace maintaining without changing the meaning of the paragraph?

Andrew,

This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don't mind, we'd like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won't be here, we'll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad's? Let me know!

-Sarah

- A. preserving
- B. delaying
- C. corresponding

D. neglecting

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 36 What conclusion can be drawn about the family's Christmas traditions?

Andrew,

This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don't mind, we'd like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won't be here, we'll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad's? Let me know!

-Sarah

A. They are family-oriented.

B. They cannot be done without Andrew and Sarah's parents.

C. They are childish.

D. They are designed for solitude.

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 37

Take a 52-card deck. Note that there are 2 red and 2 black of each type of card in a deck: 2 red threes, 2 black threes, etc.

Remove each red eight and each black ten.

Next, remove all jacks.

Replace a single red eight card.

How many cards are left in the deck?

A. 47 cards

B. 44 cards

C. 45 cards

D. 40 cards

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 38

When looking at a dictionary page, Ellen noticed the words at the top left and top right were "measly" and "melancholy," respectively.

Which of the following words would be located within this page?

A. meadow

B. megalomania

C. meniscus

D. methane

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 39

Arthur is interested in selling his car and calls the local paper to place his vehicle's "for sale" article.

Which portion of the newspaper should Arthur ask to speak to?

- A. the local news section
- B. the classifieds section
- C. the sports section
- D. the upcoming events section

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 40 Of these options, which title best fits this passage?

As young children, we are taught to read. From a tender young age, we are read to at bedtime, serenaded by a mother or father's voice. As time goes on, we learn to read ourselves. In kindergarten, or even before, we come to understand the meaning of words on a page and how they are significant. As children grow up, however, many fail to foster a love of or appreciation for reading, instead labeling it as a school-time activity or a source of stress. Reading comes to be regarded as harrowing, tedious, and for many is only engaged in for the purpose of receiving a passing grade. However, those who wish to develop their communication skills may want to take a closer look; reading regularly has been shown to not only improve one's writing skills, but to also assist in verbal communication and increase understanding of verbal and facial cues. Reading, then, should not be regarded as a chore or an insurmountable obstacle, but as a crucial aspect of learning how to deal with others and how to express oneself.

- A. How to Read Properly
- B. Why Reading is Good
- C. The Importance of Learning to Read
- D. Reading in Communication: An Essential Skill

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 41 Given the context of the word, what might harrowing mean in sentence 6 of the passage?

As young children, we are taught to read. From a tender young age, we are read to at bedtime, serenaded by a mother or father's voice. As time goes on, we learn to read ourselves. In kindergarten, or even before, we come to understand the meaning of words on a page and how they are significant. As children grow up, however, many fail to foster a love of or appreciation for reading, instead labeling it as a school-time activity or a source of stress. Reading comes to be regarded as harrowing, tedious, and for many is only engaged in for the purpose of receiving a passing grade. However, those who wish to develop their communication skills may want to take a closer look; reading regularly has been shown to not only improve one's writing skills, but to also assist in verbal communication and increase understanding of verbal and facial cues. Reading, then, should not be regarded as a chore or an insurmountable obstacle, but as a crucial aspect of learning how to deal with others and how to express oneself.

- A. simple, easy
- B. distressing, difficult
- C. troubled, juvenile

D. foolhardy, uncouth

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 42 What is the author's purpose in writing this passage?

As young children, we are taught to read. From a tender young age, we are read to at bedtime, serenaded by a mother or father's voice. As time goes on, we learn to read ourselves. In kindergarten, or even before, we come to understand the meaning of words on a page and how they are significant. As children grow up, however, many fail to foster a love of or appreciation for reading, instead labeling it as a school-time activity or a source of stress. Reading comes to be regarded as harrowing, tedious, and for many is only engaged in for the purpose of receiving a passing grade. However, those who wish to develop their communication skills may want to take a closer look; reading regularly has been shown to not only improve one's writing skills, but to also assist in verbal communication and increase understanding of verbal and facial cues. Reading, then, should not be regarded as a chore or an insurmountable obstacle, but as a crucial aspect of learning how to deal with others and how to express oneself.

- A. to discourage students from learning to read
- B. to convey the importance of reading regularly
- C. to reprimand parents for not teaching their children to read
- D. to encourage students to write

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 43

Based on the heading and the formatting of the list, which of these answers best fits in the sequence?

American Fast Food Restaurants:

- I. Burger King
- II. Hardees
- III. _____
- IV. Taco Bell
- V. Wendy's

- A. McDonald's
- B. Golden Corral
- C. Pizza Hut
- D. Chick-fil-A

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 44

Frustrated by the obsequious behavior of her escort, Tammy tore herself from his lavish compliments and requests to assist her.

Based on the context clues, what does the word obsequious mean?

- A. exceedingly attentive, fawning
- B. exceedingly cruel, uncaring
- C. uninterested, bored

D. attentive, thoughtful

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 45 What is the purpose of a footnote?

- A. to refer to another point in the text
- B. to provide additional commentary or a reference
- C. to provide a space for reader commentary
- D. to refer back to another chapter in the work

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 46 At the top of a dictionary page are the words “pelican” and “perambulate.”

Which of the following words does not belong on this page?

- A. perigee
- B. pepsin
- C. pentathlon
- D. penance



Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 47 In a work of literature or nonfiction, what is the purpose of an index?

- A. An index is a method of allowing readers to support a text with their own work.
- B. An index is a means of connecting a single work to other related topics.
- C. An index serves as a reference for readers, listing the location of specific topics or concepts within the book.
- D. An index serves as a guide for readers in the beginning of the book.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 48 “Travelogue: n. Illustrated lecture or movie of travels”

The excerpt above would most likely be found in which portion of a textbook?

- A. the introduction
- B. the glossary
- C. the table of contents
- D. the bibliography

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 49 Which of these publications is not an example of fact-based work?

- A. scientific journal
- B. instruction manual
- C. medical studies content
- D. editorial content

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 50 Given the context, what is the meaning of the word “incur?”

When faced with a difficult academic task, many students turn to tutors for assistance. Tutors range widely in specialty and cost, including tutors who focus exclusively on reading, and others who work in broad categories such as general math. Tutors may be found in variety of ways, including checking with your local school and seeking out prospective tutors online. When searching for a tutor, however, recognize that different specialties may incur additional fees or charges. When selecting a tutor, consider establishing a trial period to ensure personality types mesh well and services deliver what they promise.

- A. to remove through force
- B. a foolish, or cowardly person
- C. establish, or to make immovable
- D. become subject to, through an action or as a consequence

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 51 According to the paragraph, what is the purpose of engaging in a trial period when hiring a tutor?

When faced with a difficult academic task, many students turn to tutors for assistance. Tutors range widely in specialty and cost, including tutors who focus exclusively on reading, and others who work in broad categories such as general math. Tutors may be found in variety of ways, including checking with your local school and seeking out prospective tutors online. When searching for a tutor, however, recognize that different specialties may incur additional fees or charges. When selecting a tutor, consider establishing a trial period to ensure personality types mesh well and services deliver what they promise.

- A. to ensure that the student and tutor are well-paired, and to ensure that the tutor is providing adequate services
- B. to ensure that the student passes his/her classes
- C. to ensure that the tutor is not scamming the student
- D. to ensure that the tutor meets the student and establishes a rapport

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 52 According to the paragraph, how can students locate tutors/tutoring services?

When faced with a difficult academic task, many students turn to tutors for assistance. Tutors range widely in specialty and cost, including tutors who focus exclusively on reading, and others who work in broad categories such as general math. Tutors may be found in variety of ways, including checking with your local school and seeking out prospective tutors online. When searching for a tutor, however, recognize that different specialties may incur additional fees or charges. When selecting a tutor, consider establishing a trial period to ensure personality types mesh well and services deliver what they promise.

- A. seeking out help from the student's school and searching for tutoring services online
- B. seeking help online or seeking help from a trusted friend or family member
- C. reliable tutors are only found through local school tutoring programs
- D. seeking help from a trusted friend or family member and contacting the local schools for tutoring services

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 53 Which of these is the best summary sentence for the paragraph?

When faced with a difficult academic task, many students turn to tutors for assistance. Tutors range widely in specialty and cost, including tutors who focus exclusively on reading, and others who work in broad categories such as general math. Tutors may be found in variety of ways, including checking with your local school and seeking out prospective tutors online. When searching for a tutor, however, recognize that different specialties may incur additional fees or charges. When selecting a tutor, consider establishing a trial period to ensure personality types mesh well and services deliver what they promise.

- A. Many students turn to tutoring sessions when they need help in class and tutors can be found in many places, including through schools and the Internet.
- B. There are tutors available for every subject and their services can be found online or in schools, depending on the price you are willing to pay.
- C. Tutoring services are varied in type and number and should be used whenever possible, especially when studying reading or the sciences.
- D. Tutoring services and methods of locating them are widely varied, but any tutor should be thoroughly checked out and tried before establishing a tutor-student relationship.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 54 What writing type is exemplified in the passage?

When faced with a difficult academic task, many students turn to tutors for assistance. Tutors range widely in specialty and cost, including tutors who focus exclusively on reading, and others who work in broad categories such as general math. Tutors may be found in variety of ways, including checking with your local school and seeking out prospective tutors online. When searching for a tutor, however, recognize that different specialties may incur additional fees or charges. When selecting a tutor, consider establishing a trial period to ensure personality types mesh well and services deliver what they promise.

- A. narrative
- B. cause/effect
- C. compare/contrast
- D. expository

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 55 Melanie, a college student, is looking for a bargain bag. She needs something she can use for school that will last her through the semester.

Black Messenger Bag
Purse Size: Large
Purse Cost: \$30
Purse Durability: Extremely Durable

Mustard Yellow Cross-Body Purse
Purse Size: Medium
Purse Cost: \$14.99
Purse Durability: Medium Durability

Studded Clutch
Purse Size: Mini
Purse Cost: \$65
Purse Durability: Delicate

Given her need for a durable, relatively low-cost bag, which of the purses is the best choice for her?

- A. the black messenger bag
- B. the studded clutch
- C. the cross-body purse
- D. None of the bags would work for Melanie.

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

**Explanation/Reference:**

QUESTION 56 Michelle is expected to attend a gala with her husband. She needs a place to store her small wallet and the gala tickets.

Black Messenger Bag
Purse Size: Large
Purse Cost: \$30
Purse Durability: Extremely Durable

Mustard Yellow Cross-Body Purse
Purse Size: Medium
Purse Cost: \$14.99
Purse Durability: Medium Durability

Studded Clutch
Purse Size: Mini
Purse Cost: \$65
Purse Durability: Delicate

Which of the purses described would best suit Michelle's needs?

- A. the cross-body bag
- B. the black messenger bag
- C. the studded clutch
- D. None of the purses would suit Michelle's needs.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 57 Emily is searching for a bag for her granddaughter. Her granddaughter is bookish in nature, and is notoriously difficult to shop for.

Black Messenger Bag
Purse Size: Large
Purse Cost: \$30
Purse Durability: Extremely Durable

Mustard Yellow Cross-Body Purse
Purse Size: Medium
Purse Cost: \$14.99
Purse Durability: Medium Durability

Studded Clutch
Purse Size: Mini
Purse Cost: \$65
Purse Durability: Delicate

Which of the purses might best suit Emily's granddaughter?

- A. the studded clutch
- B. the black messenger bag
- C. the cross-body bag
- D. None of these bags suits Emily's needs.



Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 58 Aralee is visiting Seattle for the first time. She hopes to check out local art and history.

What book will serve Aralee's needs best?

- A. A comprehensive atlas of Seattle and the surrounding areas
- B. Seattle: A Novel
- C. Seattle: A Brief History
- D. A comprehensive guide to Seattle's sights and attractions

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 59 What is the author's main purpose for writing this letter?

"Dear Applicant,

Thank you for submitting your application to New Adventures Recruiting. We are a nationally recognized recruiting agency that assists English-speakers in securing ESL teaching positions in South Korea. We successfully place thousands of teachers in schools all over Korea each year.

We are in the process of reviewing your application and we will contact you within 14 business days if you have successfully moved on to the interview stage of the process. Please do not contact us during this review period.

In the meantime, we always encourage applicants to study the included map of South Korea in order to be prepared for the potential interview. We ask every interviewee to state their top two choices for placement during the interview.

Placements are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, please be aware that cities north of Andong are in high demand. You will have a better chance of securing your top choice by selecting a location outside of this area. Once again, thank you for your application and we look forward to reviewing your qualifications.



Sincerely,
New Adventures Recruiting"

- A. to inform the applicant that cities in the northern regions of South Korea are in high demand and therefore very competitive
- B. to inform the applicant that he or she will be receiving an interview within the next 14 days and should prepare accordingly
- C. to give the applicant an estimated wait time for their application review
- D. to give the applicant further instructions on the hiring process after he or she has submitted an application

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 60

According to the instructions in the letter and the map of South Korea, in which of these cities would an applicant most likely be placed?

“Dear Applicant,

Thank you for submitting your application to New Adventures Recruiting. We are a nationally recognized recruiting agency that assists English-speakers in securing ESL teaching positions in South Korea. We successfully place thousands of teachers in schools all over Korea each year.

We are in the process of reviewing your application and we will contact you within 14 business days if you have successfully moved on to the interview stage of the process. Please do not contact us during this review period.

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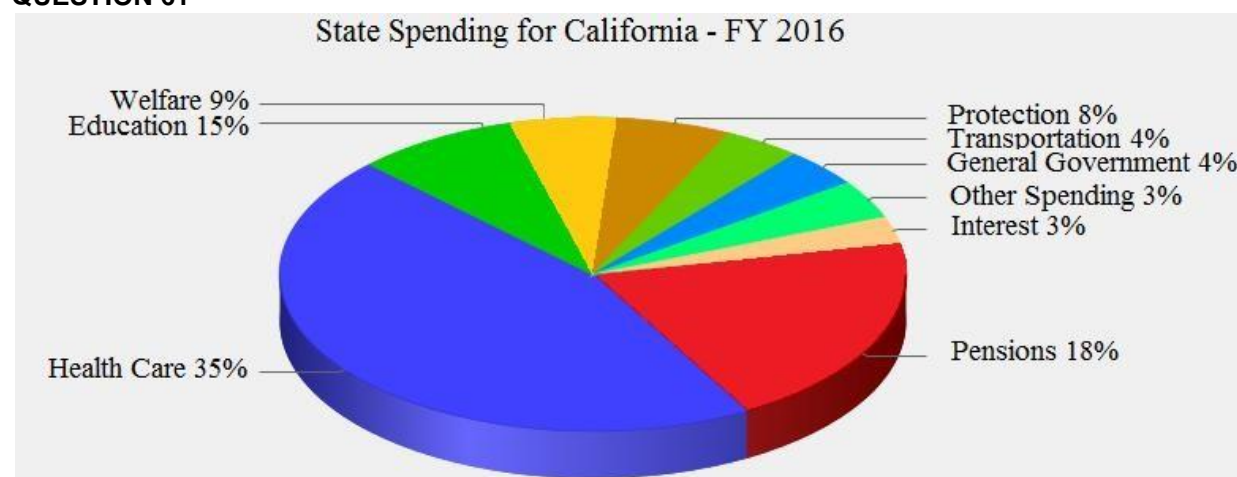
Correct Answer: B

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Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 61



Using the graph, choose the answer that best depicts California's budgetary priorities.

- A. California prioritizes spending for health care above all other categories.
- B. California prioritizes spending for health care above most other categories.
- C. California finds transportation to be the least important budgetary item.
- D. California's budgetary allotments show that health care and pensions are equally important.

Correct Answer: A

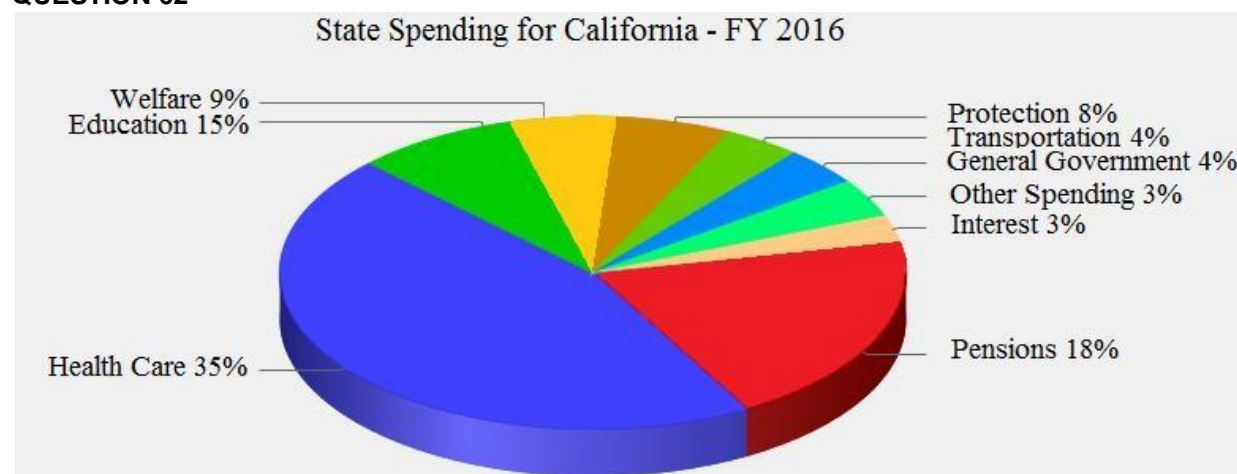
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Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 62



According to the trends shown by the data on the graph, on which of the following items is California most likely to spend the most money in 2017?

- A. state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment in major community hospitals
- B. specialized programs for learning-impaired students in the public-school system
- C. assistance programs for low-income residents of California
- D. new rail systems that will allow more California residents to travel without the use of a car

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 63





VisualizingEconomics.com

Source: US Census Bureau, 2006–2010 American Community Survey

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According to this 2010 United States Census chart, a variety of types of people earned incomes less than \$30,000 per year.

What percentage of people who earned below \$30,000 in 2010 had no college experience?

- A. 79%
- B. 22%
- C. 13%
- D. 56%

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 64



VisualizingEconomics.com

Source: US Census Bureau, 2006–2010 American Community Survey

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According to the chart, which answer describes the type of U.S. citizen most likely to have earned below \$30,000 in 2010?

- A. citizens renting their place of residence
- B. American citizens of Korean descent
- C. citizens residing in secluded small towns

D. citizens over the age of 75

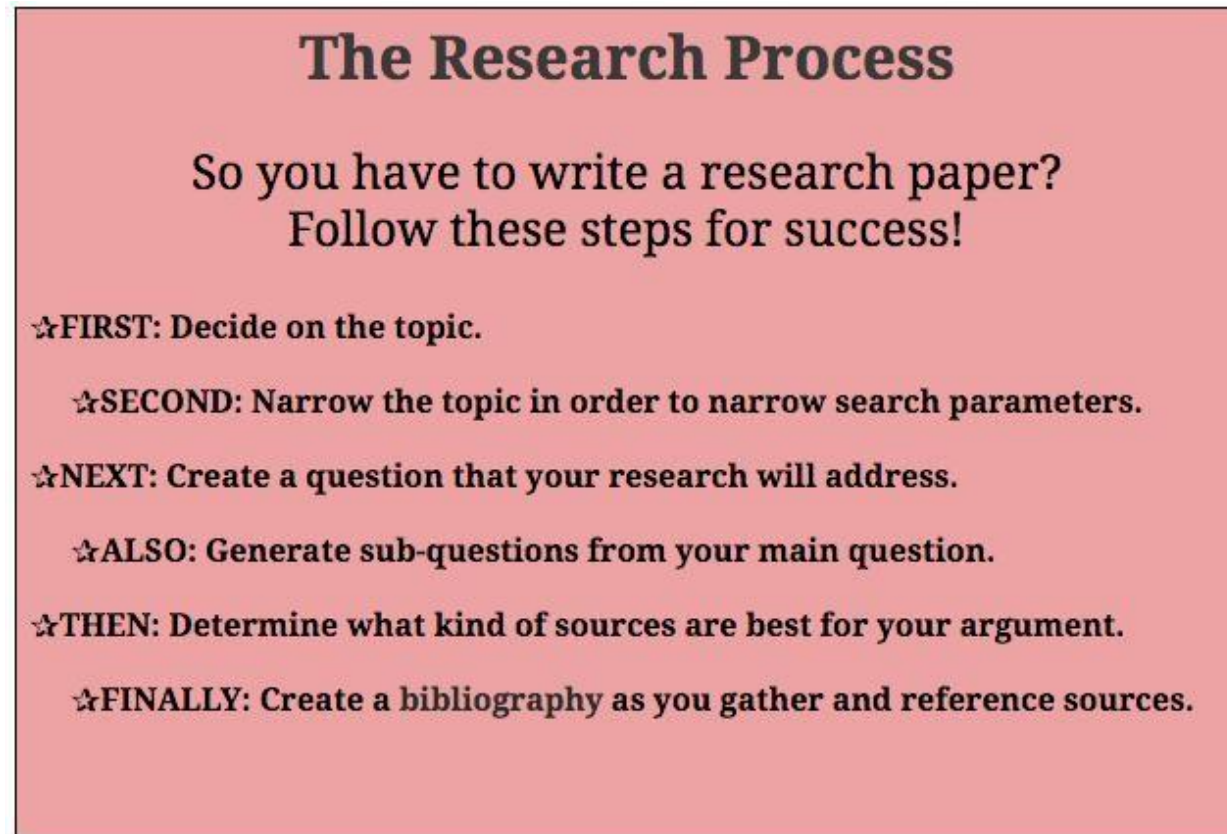
Correct Answer: A

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Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 65



The Research Process

So you have to write a research paper?
Follow these steps for success!

- ☆**FIRST:** Decide on the topic.
- ☆**SECOND:** Narrow the topic in order to narrow search parameters.
- ☆**NEXT:** Create a question that your research will address.
- ☆**ALSO:** Generate sub-questions from your main question.
- ☆**THEN:** Determine what kind of sources are best for your argument.
- ☆**FINALLY:** Create a bibliography as you gather and reference sources.

According to the poster about writing a research paper, what should you do after choosing a topic but before creating questions to guide the research?

- A. Write down all of your references so you can make a bibliography of your work.
- B. Decide whether books, articles, or journals are the best places to research your topic.
- C. Narrow down the research topic in order to create more precise searches.
- D. Brainstorm and choose what you will ultimately research and write about.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

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☆**FINALLY: Create a bibliography as you gather and reference sources.**

Based on the poster, when should you create your bibliography for a research paper?

- A. after choosing your topic and narrowing the focus
- B. at the end, after completing your paper
- C. as you brainstorm for topic ideas
- D. as you find sources and reference material



Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 67

Passage 1

"It is obvious that the legal driving age in the United States needs to be adjusted. Although the driving age has been sixteen for many years, studies show that kids of such a young age are not yet capable of understanding the deep responsibility that comes with operating a motor vehicle. Sixteen-year-olds, while old enough to see R-rated movies, are still children in many ways. Psychologists agree that people of this age do not have the cognitive awareness to make major life decisions, yet operating a vehicle on the road forces them to do just that. If the driving age were to be raised to eighteen, there would be far fewer accidents and casualties on the American roadways. People must understand that sixteen-year-old drivers are a danger to themselves and others when allowed to drive unsupervised."

Passage 2

"The legal driving age in the United States has remained the same for many years for one primary reason: it is fair and reasonable. While young, sixteen-year-olds are certainly old enough to undertake the responsibility of driving alone. Because these teenagers are made to practice for a year with a learner's permit and then to pass a test proving their skills, there is no reason to suggest that they cannot handle a motor vehicle effectively. Those that assume that sixteen is too young to drive often forget to consider the large number of responsibilities teenagers already handle on a day-to-day basis in today's world. Things like homework, after-school activities, family responsibilities, and social events all must be carefully maintained in order to make life work. If a sixteen-year-old can handle these daily responsibilities, they can certainly handle driving a car. The legal driving age is fair and should not be negotiated, now or ever." The author of the first passage would most likely agree with which of these stereotypical statements?

- A. Teenagers are skilled at social and academic planning.
- B. Teenagers don't care about the safety of other drivers.
- C. Teenagers don't practice driving enough before getting a license.

D. Teenagers often handle their personal responsibilities poorly.

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 68

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- A. It would be best to lower the legal driving age.
- B. The best age at which a person can drive should be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- C. The current legal driving age is adequate.
- D. It would be best to raise the legal driving age.

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 69

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- A. Teenagers have shown that they can handle responsibility through school and social activities.
- B. Teenagers use a learning permit for a year to prepare for driving alone.
- C. Teenagers must pass a test before being allowed to drive.
- D. Teenagers learn from watching their parents drive for many years.

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 70

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- A. The authors are concerned with two different issues.
- B. The authors are passionate about the same issue, but have contrasting opinions.
- C. The authors both care about the driving age and agree on the same stance.
- D. Both authors think teenagers have a lot of responsibilities in their daily lives.

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 71

Average Car Accidents Per Month in US Cities (2015)

| Month | <i>Atlanta</i> | <i>New York City</i> | <i>Los Angeles</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>January</i> | 2,500 | 2,700 | 2,200 |
| <i>April</i> | 2,100 | 2,500 | 2,150 |
| <i>July</i> | 1,950 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| <i>October</i> | 2,000 | 2,300 | 2,150 |

According to the data in the table, which U.S. city had the least amount of car accidents after January of 2015?

- A. Los Angeles
- B. Atlanta
- C. Atlanta and New York had equal amounts of car accidents after January.
- D. New York City

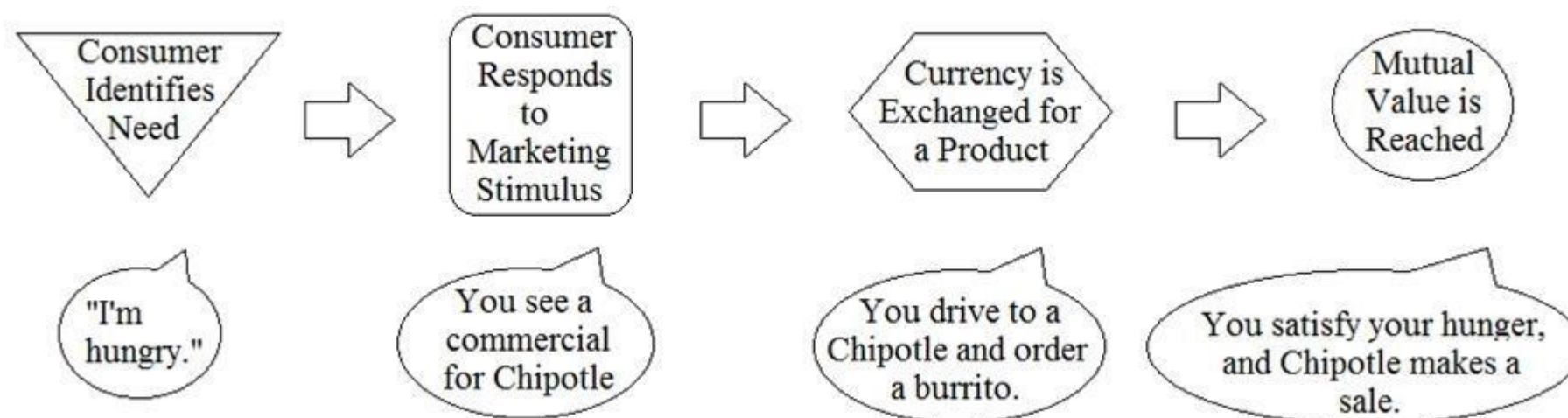
Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 72



"Marketing is the activity of facilitating exchange of a given commodity for goods, services, and/or money for the purpose of delivering maximum value to the owner of the commodity. From a societal point of view, marketing is the link between a society's material requirements and its economic patterns of response. Marketing satisfies these needs and wants through exchange processes and building long-term relationships. The exchange process is the act of obtaining a desired object from someone by offering something of value in return. The exchange between the person in need (i.e., someone who offers money or some other personal resource) and the organization selling the product, service, or idea results in a transaction. The top goal of any marketing organization is to facilitate and help increase sales transaction by convincing potential consumers and existing customers to buy their company's product or service. With the emergence of the Internet and e-commerce during the 1990s, the nature of the marketing exchange for businesses and customers has changed drastically. Today's consumers have access to far more and far better information. They also have many more choices. Businesses must provide personalized, relevant and high quality content that competes with a fast, ever-changing competitive landscape." *"Defining Marketing." Boundless Marketing. Boundless, 20 Sep. 2016.*

Using the definition in the passage and the example in the chart, choose the answer that describes what happens to both parties in the exchange process.

- A. The buyer receives money while the restaurant offloads unnecessary product.
- B. The buyer loses money without gaining goods.
- C. The restaurant makes a profit without losing any supplies.
- D. The buyer receives food while the restaurant receives a monetary profit.



Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 73

"As a young child, I followed the same routine every Saturday morning. First, I would awaken early, before anyone else in my family had gotten up. I wanted to make sure I had the living room all to myself as I ate my cereal and watched cartoons. After my favorite shows were over, I would read the cartoons in Saturday's local paper, making sure to cut out my favorite ones and tack them to my bulletin board. Next, I would get dressed for the day and head outside. My neighborhood friends and I would grab our bikes and spend the afternoon exploring the park near our houses. By the time we got tired of riding our bikes, it would be time for my family to go out to dinner together. We always went out for a nice meal on Saturday evenings. Finally, after dinner, my whole family would watch a movie together, while eating popcorn and ice cream. Saturdays were always my favorite day of the week!" According to the passage, after reading the newspaper comics, the author would always _____.

- A. ride the bike
- B. go out to dinner
- C. eat cereal
- D. get dressed

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 74

"As a young child, I followed the same routine every Saturday morning. First, I would awaken early, before anyone else in my family had gotten up. I wanted to make sure I had the living room all to myself as I ate my cereal and watched cartoons. After my favorite shows were over, I would read the cartoons in Saturday's local paper, making sure to cut out my favorite ones and tack them to my bulletin board. Next, I would get dressed for the day and head outside. My neighborhood friends and I would grab our bikes and spend the afternoon exploring the park near our houses. By the time we got tired of riding our bikes, it would be time for my family to go out to dinner together. We always went out for a

nice meal on Saturday evenings. Finally, after dinner, my whole family would watch a movie together, while eating popcorn and ice cream. Saturdays were always my favorite day of the week!" Which key word does the author use to signify the last action of the day?

- A. lastly
- B. finally
- C. next
- D. by the time

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 75 Read the list of words and follow the directions to rearrange the list.

dog
mouse
friendly
light
stocking
elephant

1. Put the words that are animals in order of animal size, largest to smallest.
2. Following the animals, put the words representing non-living things in alphabetical order based on the last letter of the word.
3. Put the two animal words containing one syllable first, in reverse-alphabetical order.
4. Put the non-animal word with one syllable last.

After following the directions in the list, which word comes between dog and stocking?

- A. elephant
- B. mouse
- C. light
- D. friendly

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 76 What is the purpose of a thesaurus?

- A. to find rhymes and rhythmic language
- B. to locate a word's definition
- C. to locate synonyms and avoid word overuse
- D. to offer tips and advice to improve one's writing

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 77 Megan does not eat red meat, instead deriving protein from poultry and seafood.

Given her derision for red meat, which of the following dishes would not be an acceptable meal for Megan?

- A. Broiled Kingklip with Wasabi Mango Rice
- B. Basque Pheasant
- C. Parchment Baked Halibut with Pesto
- D. Veal Piccata

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 78

It is ironic and somehow tragic that good people are often dull while evil people can be endlessly.

- A. ordinary
- B. stubborn
- C. skeptical
- D. fascinating
- E. unobtrusive

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The word “ironic” signifies a contradiction of ideas within the sentence, and the conjunction “while” indicates that the characteristics of the good people and the evil people are being contrasted. Therefore, if the good people are often dull, the evil people must be having a characteristic which is the opposite of being dull.

Among the given choices, it is only the word fascinating that is opposite in meaning to the word dull. So, “fascinating” is the answer.

QUESTION 79

Because most of them lack recreational facilities, high rise apartments have been criticized in recent years as _____ for families with children.

- A. unsuitable
- B. degrading
- C. important
- D. inevitable
- E. appropriate

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of conjunction because in the beginning of the sentence shows that there is no contradiction within the sentence but, on the contrary, the second part of the sentence follows logically from the first part. If high rise holdings are “important”, “inevitable” or “appropriate” for families with children, they cannot be “criticized” for that reason. So the choice is only between “unsuitable” and “degrading”.

The lack of recreational facilities in most high-rise holdings cannot lead to a conclusion that at high-rise bumming are “degrading” for families with children. The logical statement can be that such buildings are “unsuitable” for families with children. So, “unsuitable” is the best choice.

QUESTION 80 Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, which graphically exposed the _____ of the indiscriminate use of pesticides, is widely credited with having _____ the modern environmental movement.

- A. advantages; inaugurated
- B. hazards; defused
- C. benefits; launched
- D. deaths; contained
- E. dangers; inspired

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The word “exposed”, and the phrase “indiscriminate use of pesticides”, imply that the first missing word must be one which stands for something bad that is associated with the use of pesticides. So, the choices “advantages” and “benefits” can be ruled out first.

Since the phrase “deaths of the indiscriminate use of pesticides” does not make sense, the choice “deaths” can also be ruled out leaving “hazards” (meaning risks) and “dangers” as the only possible choices for the first missing word.

If the pair “hazards; defused” is chosen, the sentence would mean that the exposure of the hazards of using pesticides defused for weakened the modern environmental movement, which is illogical. The pair “dangers; inspired” completes a cogent and logical sentence.

QUESTION 81

Having turned out forty solo recordings, this hardworking harpsichordist can almost be classed as _____.

- A. a contradiction
- B. a sluggard
- C. an apprentice
- D. an event
- E. an industry

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation



Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The harpsichordist is a musician who plays the instrument harpsichord. Referred to in the sentence is described as hardworking, and is stated to have turned out as many as forty solo recordings. He can therefore not be classed as “a contradiction”, or “a sluggard” (meaning a lazy person) or “an apprentice.”

Classifying him as “an event” is not as appropriate as classifying him as “an industry” by himself. So, “an industry” is the answer.

QUESTION 82 It is impossible for a serious scholar to condone this dismissal of respected theories.

- A. astute
- B. cavalier
- C. sagacious
- D. necessary
- E. commendable

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

If the theories are respected ones, their dismissal by someone cannot be described as “astute” (meaning very intelligent), or “sagacious” (meaning wise), or “necessary”, or “commendable” (meaning praiseworthy).

It can only be described as “cavalier” (meaning arrogant or rash). So, “cavalier” is the answer.

QUESTION 83

Harrying the foe with artillery fire and _____ them with fire ships, the English forced the Spanish to _____ their invasion attempt.

- A. dispersing; abandon
- B. ramming; confirm
- C. restricting; rebuff
- D. helping; reconsider
- E. reinforcing; ignore

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The sentence obviously describes a war between the British and the Spanish, which was started by an attempt of the Spanish to invade Britain. If, in that attempt, the Spanish were harried (meaning harassed) by the British with artillery fire, what would be Spanish have been forced to do with their invasion attempt?

“Abandon” is the best among the given choices for the second missing word. Its pair-word “dispersing” is also equally appropriate for the first missing blank. So, “dispersing; abandon” is the answer.

QUESTION 84

Fortunately, Ms. Mason has the unusual ability to transform a tedious legal contention into an account.

- A. arid
- B. erratic
- C. improbable
- D. absorbing
- E. interminable

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of the word “fortunately” shows that the unusual ability of Ms. Mason is a desirable one.

So, the result of the transformation of the tedious legal contention must have been something more desirable.

Among the choices, it is only the word “absorbing” that represents a desirable quality. So, “absorbing” is the answer.



QUESTION 85 The descriptions in these essays range widely, from the fanciful to the matter-of-fact, from the _____ to the fatuous, from the objective to the _____.

- A. witty; realistic
- B. meager; descriptive
- C. insightful; impressionistic
- D. inane; commonplace
- E. articulate; empirical

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

One example of the wide range of description in the essays referred to in the given sentence is mentioned as “from the fanciful to the matter-of-fact.” Since these are exact opposites. The other two phrases should also represent exact opposites so, the first missing must be the opposite of the word “fatuous” (meaning silly), and the second missing word must be the opposite of the word “objective” (meaning unemotional). Among the given choices, it is the pair “insightful; impressionistic” which are the opposites of “fatuous” and “subjective” respectively. So, “insightful; impressionistic” is the answer.

QUESTION 86

Students who interpret the honor strictly find it _____ that some bright student’s complete take-home examinations for less proficient friends.

- A. remedial

- B. irreproachable
- C. unconscionable
- D. irrelevant
- E. magnanimous

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The sentence seeks to contrast the attitudes of two sets of students – those who interpret the honor code strictly, and those who answer the take-home examinations on behalf of other, less intelligent students. Obviously, those students who interpret the honor code strictly would hold that no student should attempt to answer the lake home examination for another student. They would, therefore, not consider the practice a brighter student answering the home examination of a less bright student as “remedial”, or “irreproachable”, or “irrelevant”, or “magnanimous”.

They would certainly consider this practice as “unconscionable” (meaning against one's conscience). So, “unconscionable” is the answer.

QUESTION 87

The discovery that interstellar _____ exist _____ the scientific hypothesis that the expanses between the stars are devoid of matter.

- A. galaxies; revived
- B. constellations; prompted
- C. molecules; demolished
- D. vastness; challenged
- E. vacuums; altered

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The word “interstellar” means the space between stars.

The sentence speaks of “the scientific hypothesis that the expanses between the stars ate devoid of matter.” A hypothesis can be either confirmed of falsified by any new discovery. So, among the choices for the second missing word, “demolished” is the only word, which has one of these meanings.

The theory that the expanses between the stars are devoid of matter would certainly have been demolished, if it had been discovered that there are molecules in interstellar space. Thus, the word “molecules” is well to give a cogent meaning to the sentence. So, “molecules; demolished” is the answer.

QUESTION 88

Although the colonist resented the new British laws, they _____ them as long as England did not _____ them too strenuously.

- A. rejected; define
- B. amended; follow
- C. tolerated; enforce
- D. defied; interpret
- E. welcomed; observe

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of the conjunction “although” indicates that there is a contradiction in means between the first and the second parts in the sentence. If the colonists resented (meaning hated) the new British laws, they must normally be expected to have protested against it. But because of the use of the conjunction “although” in the sentence, we must underhand that their action was the opposite of protested.

The only choices for the first missing word which are the opposite of protested are “tolerated” and “well-fed.” The pair word of “welcomed; observe” is not appropriate for the second mark because it was not British, but the colonists, who were expected to observe the new laws, while the role of the British, as the superior power, was to enforce the new laws.

If the British did not enforce the new laws too strenuously, the colonists would not have minded tolerating them. So, it is “tolerated; enforce” the answer.

QUESTION 89

As the best-informed and most dispassionate of the panel members, Dr. Camila Torrez was the most – of those offering views on fission technology.

- A. unsuspecting
- B. preposterous
- C. persuasive
- D. confusing
- E. temperamental

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of conjunction “as” (meaning because), shows that the second part of the sentence must logically follow from the first part. The missing word must therefore describe a person who is best-informed and most dispassionate. Among the choices, it is only the word “persuasive” that can describe such a person. So, the answer is “persuasive”.

QUESTION 90

He was _____ in his vindictiveness, often feigning a disarming camaraderie while _____ his opportunity for revenge.

- A. impulsive; gauging
- B. harmless; preparing
- C. resolute; forgetting
- D. brazen; dreading
- E. devious; awaiting

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The person described is said to be “often a disarming camaraderie”, meaning that his friendship was not genuine, but was a pretended one. The use of the word “revenge” indicates that the person in whom he was pretending friendship was one who had harmed him earlier. So, the sentence must mean that the person described in the sentence was intent upon taking revenge for this earlier harm. He must therefore be looking for an opportunity to take revenge, even while pretending friendship.

So, among the choices for the second missing word, only “preparing” and “awaiting” are appropriate. Such a clever person will obviously not be “harmless” in his vindictiveness. So, “harmless; preparing” is not a suitable choice for the first missing word.

“Devious” (meaning cunning) is what describes such a person perfectly, and fits in well in the first blank. So, “devious; awaiting” is the answer.

QUESTION 91 Those who seek the advice of scientists in this matter should recognize that, because the knowledge available is _____. The reliability of the advice cannot be _____.

- A. technical; documented
- B. coherent; explained
- C. explicit; understood
- D. inadequate; guaranteed
- E. extraneous; denied

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The words “documented”, “explained” and “understood” are not suitable adjectives for the noun “reliability”, and can straight-away be discarded for that reason.

Since it is logical to say that, if the available knowledge is inadequate, the reliability of the advice based on such limited knowledge cannot be guaranteed, “inadequate; guaranteed” is a suitable choice. The pair “extraneous; denied” does not result in a logical sentence, and is wrong.

QUESTION 92

The _____ of modernist architecture _____ the natural human desire to celebrate the decorate, to take delight in ornament.

- A. elaborateness; neglects
- B. austerity; recognize
- C. embellishment; undermines
- D. severity; opposes
- E. uniformity; reflects

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The information that the second part of the sentence imparts is that there exists a natural human desire to celebrate and decorate, and to take delight in ornament. If modern architecture is “elaborate”, it would be fulfilling, and not neglecting, this desire. So, “elaborateness; neglects” is wrong.

If modern architecture is “austere”, it would be neglecting this natural desire, and not recognizing it. So, “austerity; recognize” is wrong.

If modern architecture is “embellishes”, it would again be fulfilling by this natural desire, and not be undermining it. So, “embellishment; undermines” is also wrong.

If modern architecture is “severe” (meaning austere), it would be opposing this natural desire. So, “severity; opposes” leads to a logical sentence, and is the correct answer. Since there can be no uniformity about decoration or ornamentation, “uniformity; reflects” does not result in a logical sentence.

QUESTION 93

Although it seems to have been a fixture of the square since the city's origin, the produce market actually opened only _____.

- A. enthusiastically
- B. recently
- C. frequently
- D. illegally
- E. graciously



Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of the conjunction “although” indicates a contradiction within the sentence.

If the market seems to have been in existence since the city began, it must have been opened a long time ago. But the use of the conjunction “although” implies that this is not so. So, it must have been opened only recently. So, “recently” is the answer.

QUESTION 94

The grave problems that affected him were the purely _____ ones of hunger, pain and fatigue.

- A. physical
- B. imaginary
- C. irrelevant
- D. hereditary
- E. coincidental

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

Hunger, pain and fatigue cannot be described as “imaginary”, or “irrelevant”, or “hereditary”, or “coincidental” problems. They can best be described as “physical” problems. So, “physical” is the answer.

QUESTION 95

Her ability to analyze issues fairly and competently has earned her the _____ of even her most peers.

- A. solicitation; unbiased
- B. attention; sympathetic
- C. suspicion; discerning
- D. reputation; knowledgeable
- E. respect; exacting

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

An ability to analyze issue and competently will not result in “solicitation” (meaning begging) or “suspicion.” So, “solicitation; unbiased” and “suspicion; discerning” can first be ruled out. The use of the phrase “even her” in the second part of the sentence rules out the adjectives “sympathetic” and “knowledgeable” in “attention; sympathetic” and “reputation; knowledgeable.” It is the “respect; exacting” pair which completes a meaningful sentence, and is the answer.

QUESTION 96 Until the mid-1800's, the occasional reports by European explorers of the existence of gorillas were generally disbelieved and swiftly _____ the realm of tall tales.

- A. extracted from
- B. confused with
- C. relegated to
- D. compared to
- E. exalted to



Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

Stories that are generally disbelieved would be pushed into the category of tall tales (meaning lies). Among the choices, it is phrase “relegated to” that has this meaning. So, “relegated to” is the answer.

QUESTION 97 The historian's assertion that there is a _____ of verifiable information about nineteenth-century Native Americans is _____, for there exist many transcripts of authentic oral accounts of their activities.

- A. wealth; fallacious
- B. shortage; legitimate
- C. depletion; irrefutable
- D. paucity; erroneous
- E. surfeit; implausible

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The second part of the sentence says that there exist many transcripts of genuine accounts of the activities of Native Americans. So, the first part must mean either that the historian correctly asserted that there is a lot of verifiable information, or that he wrongly asserted that there is little of verifiable information. Among the choices, it is “paucity; erroneous” which means the latter, and is the answer.

QUESTION 98

This book has neither merit nor distinction, and it all but _____ whatever prestige the author may once have had.

- A. challenges
- B. maximizesC. epitomizes
- D. nullifies
- E. encompasses

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

If the author of the book had prestige earlier, but has now produced a book which has neither merit nor distinction, the new book would nullify his earlier prestige. So, “nullifies” is the answer.

QUESTION 99

Far from exercising a counter influence to intellectual orthodoxy, the movement itself has become a center of _____.

- A. conformity
- B. notoriety
- C. enmity
- D. theology
- E. idealism

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of the phrase “far from” becoming a challenge to “intellectual orthodoxy” implies that the new movement has also become something similar to such orthodoxy. Among the choices, it is the word “conformity” which is closest to the word “orthodoxy.” So, “conformity” is the answer.

QUESTION 100

People, being prisoners of _____, have made failing a basic metaphor for failure, from the fall of the stock market to the fall of government.

- A. politics
- B. gravity
- C. greed
- D. turbulence
- E. emotion

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The author says that the use of the word “fall”, as a metaphor to represent “failure”, arises out of the people being prisoners of something. Among the given choices, it is “gravity” that is the best choice, because it is gravity that brings every physical object from a higher (success) to a lower (failure) level. So, “gravity” is the answer.

QUESTION 101

The movie avoids many of the _____ novel, bringing into sharper focus characters that originally were amiable or disagreeable _____.

- A. subtleties; monsters
- B. excellencies; stereotypes
- C. allusions; individuals

- D. particulars; nonentities
- E. shortcomings; blur

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

If the movie had brought the characters in the novel to a sharper focus, those characters must have been portrayed with less sharpness in the novel. Among the choices, it, is “stereotypes” and “blurs” which have this meaning. But “stereotypes” cannot be described as excellence of a novel. So, “excellencies” can also be ruled out. The pair “shortcomings; blur” completes a meaningful sentence, and is the answer.

QUESTION 102 Even the most insulated and _____ government has to be concerned today about the popular mind; some systems may be less _____ than others, but at some point all must pay attention.

- A. parochial; vociferous
- B. corrupt; theoretical
- C. arbitrary; sensitive
- D. obscure; reined
- E. vibrant; responsive

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The last phrase in the sentence, “but at some point, all must pay attention” implies that the second missing word must mean attentive. Among the choices for this word, it is only “sensitive” and “responsive” which have this meaning. But an insulated (meaning with no touch with the people) government cannot be described as a “vibrant” one. So, “arbitrary; sensitive” is the answer.

QUESTION 103

Explanations given to the patient by the anesthetist prior to surgery often _____ anxiety and _____ the need for analgesics.

- A. intensifies; counteract
- B. parallel; assume
- C. explore; prepare
- D. relieve; reduce
- E. ignore; preclude

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

If an anesthetist (the physician who administers chloroform) gives some explanations to the patient before the surgery, it will not be with a view to “intensify” his anxiety, but to “relieve” his anxiety. If this is so, there will be less need to give him analgesics (meaning drugs which produce insensitivity to pain). So, “ignore; preclude” is the answer.

QUESTION 104 The jellyfish's show pulsing action people it in a graceful, seemingly _____ drift, but its tentacles contain poison potent enough to stun a swimming human.

- A. sinister
- B. rhythmic
- C. murky
- D. harmless
- E. patient

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of the conjunction “but” implies a contradiction within the sentence. The second part says that the jellyfish's tentacles contain a poison which can kill a swimming human. So, to justify the use of the conjunction “but”, the first part must imply that the jellyfish looks “harmless.” So, “harmless” is the answer.

QUESTION 105

The production's slight romantic appeal depends on its two stars, who are _____ to watch even when they are delivering _____ speeches.

- A. overbearing; innocent
- B. farcical; complex
- C. attractive; creative
- D. impossible; dull
- E. pleasant; empty

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The use of the conjunction “even when” implies a contrast within the sentence. So, the two missing words must mean the opposites of each other.

If the drama's appeal depends on its two stars, it means that they are either “attractive” to watch or “pleasant” to watch. But the pair “attractive; creative” does not justify the use of the phrase “even when.” So, “pleasant; empty” is the answer.

QUESTION 106

The murderous capriciousness of Nero infused the Roman Empire with such pervasive _____ that not even the most citizens felt safe.

- A. distaste; vulgar
- B. paranoia; suspicious
- C. enthusiasm; apathetic
- D. unease; oppressed
- E. panic distinguished

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

The phrase “not even” implies a contrast within the sentence.

Among the choices for the second missing word, it is only “distinguished” that will bring out this contrast. Its pair word “panic” (meaning great fear), could well have been the result of Nero's murderous capriciousness. So, “panic; distinguished” is the answer.

QUESTION 107

His _____ to succumb to flattery made him _____ to the of people who wished to take advantage of him.

- A. immune; predilection
- B. prejudicial; intentions
- C. susceptible; cajolery
- D. resistant; blandishments
- E. amenable; rejection

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

Explanation:

If a person was inclined to succumb to flattery, people who wished to take advantage of him would naturally flatter him.

Among the choices for the second missing word, it is only “cajolery” and “blandishments” which mean flattery. But the pair word of “blandishments; namely resistant,” would result in a self-contradictory sentence. So, “susceptible; cajolery” is the answer.

QUESTION 108 She was _____ success and eager to create a name for herself.

- A. deprecatory toward
- B. impatient for
- C. querulous about
- D. sated by
- E. impassive to

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 109 Because they are _____ to take financial loss that results from providing drugs for _____ markets, pharmaceutical manufacturers often do not produce needed drugs for rare diseases.

- A. proud; small
- B. eager; known
- C. prone; nebulous
- D. loath; limited
- E. reluctant; expanding



Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:**QUESTION 110**

Although the Civil War _____ much of South's railroad network, it _____ the growth of railroads in the North and West.

- A. eliminated; decreased
- B. accounted for; encouraged
- C. displaced; dismantled
- D. destroyed; stimulated
- E. depended on; established

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:**QUESTION 111**

Diversity is essential in spite of the fact that it _____ universal acceptance of a single doctrine.

- A. underlies

- B. reserves
- C. presupposes
- D. entails
- E. precludes

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 112

He makes his attack with a massive display of scholarship but no great _____; all too often the _____ rather than the rapier is his chosen weapon.

- A. pedantry; bomb
- B. elaboration; axe
- C. emphasis; pen
- D. discrimination; dart
- E. subtlety; bludgeon

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 113 Her sense of time was oddly _____; ten minutes sometimes seemed like an hour.

- A. credible
- B. distorted
- C. idealized
- D. consistent
- E. formidable

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 114

Narrowing the eyes when startled by a sudden noise or a noxious stimulus is _____ response, serving to reduce the exposure of sense organs to injury.

- A. an imaginative
- B. a protective
- C. a corrective
- D. a therapeutic
- E. a therapeutic

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 115 As a people, the Aztecs were full of contradictions; _____ and yet prizing humility, _____ and yet obliging and kind.

- A. arrogant; benevolent
- B. pious; gallant
- C. provincial; sullen
- D. tolerant; competitive
- E. proud; implacable

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 116 His brilliant prose style is sometimes _____ by his lapses into _____ respecting and pretentious languages.

- A. achieved; facile
- B. extended; whimsical
- C. disrupted; understated
- D. anticipated; personal
- E. marred; banal

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 117 The study crowds and groups is more than _____ in an _____ age characterized by interdependence and action.

- A. academic; collective
- B. difficult; intellectual
- C. vigorous; assertive
- D. Erudite; formal
- E. general; specific

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 118 My suggestions were not as casual as it appeared; I _____ mentioned the election because I know that she wanted to discuss it.

- A. ineptly
- B. incessantly
- C. inadvertently
- D. intentionally
- E. inconsiderately

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 119

Bureaucratic squabbles can tie up the government for years and _____ domestic and international problems to the point of _____.

- A. magnify; manageability
- B. reduce; indignation
- C. intensity; crisis
- D. weaken; nonexistence
- E. simplify; triviality

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 120 Though there were much _____ among critics over whether or not the play portrayed the “real” Paul Robeson, James Earl Jones's performance was _____ deemed outstanding by audiences and critics.

- A. commentary; silently
- B. controversy; unanimously
- C. harassment; evasively
- D. disappointment; instructively
- E. discussion; privately



Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 121 Today science, like philosophy, has been _____ in scope: each has _____ its claim to survey all existence and has accepted a province which, it great, is yet smaller than the whole.

- A. limited; reiterated
- B. narrowed; resigned
- C. expanded; repudiated
- D. fluctuating; denied
- E. receding; amplified

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 122

Extremist advocates of the occult claim that existing systems of scientific thought must at least be modified, it not _____.

- A. evaluated

- B. supplemented
- C. incorporated
- D. implemented
- E. overturned

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 123 Despite her fear of heights, she was to be so far up the mountain _____.

- A. dismayed
- B. unwilling
- C. ashamed
- D. thrilled
- E. alarmed

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 124 Many of Eleanor-Roosevelt's harshest critics during the years she lived in the White House late _____ her compassion for all people and praised her work to _____ social justice.

- A. reemphasized; spread
- B. vindicated; dispel
- C. overlooked; declare
- D. denied; repress
- E. acknowledged; promote

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 125 Eric maintained the poet, perhaps the most _____ of the Romantic and thus most likely to be ruled by emotion, nevertheless may have possessed a greater capacity for _____ than his famous contemporaries.

- A. severe; feeling
- B. exuberant; enjoyment
- C. passionate; discipline
- D. delicate; exaggeration
- E. ruminative; observation

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 126

Freedom for Hanson meant experiencing _____ previously _____; once unable to do more than peer over prison walls, he could now wander wherever he pleased.

- A. a visibility; unexpected
- B. an incarceration; unknown
- C. isolation; threatening
- D. notoriety; inconceivable
- E. mobility; unattainable

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 127

The puzzles that physicists solve are usually those lying about in plain sight, often things so _____ that they are overlooked by all but the keenest observers.

- A. hidden
- B. vital
- C. ordinary
- D. vague
- E. small

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

**QUESTION 128**

The attorney general was _____ and even on those _____ occasion where she did lose her temper, she quickly regained her natural imperturbability. woman, occasions

- A. a trying; rare
- B. a peaceable; infrequent
- C. an informed; memorable
- D. a belligerent; challenging
- E. an inarticulate; particular

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 129

The metric system is deliberately designed to be simple arithmetically and yet capable of _____ expansion as it becomes necessary to _____ new units of measure.

- A. confusing; record
- B. mathematical; memorize
- C. rigid; discard
- D. indefinite; invent
- E. limited; correct

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 130

Carios Saura is not given to explicit statement; his films, which seem hazy because of their psychological _____.

- A. causality
- B. poignancy
- C. conditioning
- D. allusiveness
- E. ardor

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 131 Instances of reticence in the ancient chronicler's recording of calamitous events may simply be an indication of _____ to appear critical of the pharaoh's handling of such _____ situations.

- A. predisposition; stressful
- B. refusal; promising
- C. tendency; catastrophic
- D. reluctance; adverse
- E. aversion; trivial



Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 132

"Meaning" and "truth" are profound and yet _____ pms, for they seem to resist even out most determined attempts at definitive explanation.

- A. equivocal
- B. manageable
- C. insignificant
- D. unwarranted
- E. tractable

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 133 A number of American Indian nations have moved to _____ and operate their own private college in response to the perceived inadequacies of mainstream higher education:

- A. establish
- B. educate

- C. restrict
- D. foreclose
- E. examine

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 134

In her crusade to make public servants accountable to voters, she _____ the nation's unscrupulous and self-indulgent politicians.

- A. exposed
- B. dramatized
- C. accepted
- D. foreshadowed
- E. promoted

Correct Answer: A

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 135 In an effort to _____ the sensations of flight during training sessions, computer technicians electronically _____ images realistic enough to convince pilots, at least momentarily, that they are actually flying.

- A. counteract; project
- B. exaggerate; reproduce
- C. duplicate; erase
- D. mutate; compose
- E. eliminate; devise

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 136 Until the nineteenth century, history was largely written by private scholars and literary amateurs and was not seen as an _____, but rather as a branch of iterate.

- A. artifact
- B. entity
- C. offshoot
- D. accomplishment
- E. undertaking

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 137

Scientists have discovered that our sense of smell is surprisingly _____ capable of distinguishing thousands of chemical odors.

- A. rigid
- B. inert
- C. erratic
- D. keen
- E. innate

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 138

With these _____ sites as evidence, it would be _____ to draw definite conclusions as to the places typically selected as settlements by the people of the Neolithic age.

- A. imperfect; feasible
- B. few; unsound
- C. complete; ridiculous
- D. abundant; presumptuous
- E. scatters; prudent

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:



QUESTION 139 Alice Walker's prize winning novel exemplifies the strength of first person narratives; the protagonist tells her own story so effectively that any additional commentary would be _____.

- A. subjective
- B. eloquent
- C. superfluous
- D. incontrovertible
- E. impervious

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 140

Denise was astounded to hear that her brother, whom she knew to be quite _____, was described as taciturn and aloof by his colleagues at the university.

- A. insular
- B. placid
- C. anguished
- D. vacuous
- E. garrulous

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 141 True to her altruistic beliefs, Natalie _____ the _____ attitude of her colleague that a client represented nothing more than a source of income and an opportunity for advancing one's professional reputation.

- A. applauded; conscientious
- B. condoned; aggressive
- C. lamented; mercenary
- D. adopted; egotistical
- E. belittled; magnanimous

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 142

The athlete's insistence on self-discipline had become _____; rarely, it seemed, did he allow himself even a minor indulgence.

- A. dilatory
- B. obsessive
- C. spontaneous
- D. infectious
- E. unemotional



Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 143 All female red Color bus monkeys leave their natal troops, but because these females are _____ by young females from other troops, the practice has little effect on troops' size and composition.

- A. joined
- B. replaced
- C. ignored
- D. influenced
- E. rejected

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 144 Some travelers from United States experience culture shock when they suddenly find themselves in a place where “yes” may mean “no” where a fixed price is _____, where laughter may signify _____.

- A. alterable; joy
- B. unchangeable; insult

- C. sovereign; merriment
- D. incalculable; harmony
- E. negotiable; anger

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 145 According to Burgess, a novelist should not _____, for sermonizing has no place in good fiction.

- A. invent
- B. offend
- C. inform
- D. preach
- E. distort

Correct Answer: D

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 146

The archaeologist enjoyed the _____ life she led while gathering artifacts; she never stayed at any one site long enough to get bored.

- A. stealthy
- B. nomadic
- C. clamorous
- D. indiscreet
- E. rustic

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 147

Medieval illuminated manuscripts are too _____ for exhibition except under rigorously controlled conditions of light, temperature, and humidity, and thus are the _____ majority of art lovers.

- A. intricate; imperceptible to
- B. immaculate; idolized by
- C. fragile; available to
- D. valuable; scorned by
- E. vulnerable; inaccessible to

Correct Answer: E

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 148

The artistry of cellist Yo Yo Ma is essentially _____; the melodic line rises _____, imbued with feeling and totally lacking in apparent calculation.

- A. carefree; stiffly
- B. reserved; involuntarily
- C. lyrical; passionately
- D. detached; carefully
- E. deliberate; methodically

Correct Answer: C

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference:

QUESTION 149 The supreme Court's reversal of its previous ruling on the issue of State's right _____ its reputation for _____.

- A. sustained; infallibility
- B. compromised; consistency
- C. bolstered; doggedness
- D. exacerbated; inflexibility
- E. dispelled; vacillation

Correct Answer: B

Section: (none)

Explanation

Explanation/Reference: