

1. One New York publisher has estimated that 50,000 to 60,000 people in the United States want an anthology that includes the complete works of William Shakespeare. And what accounts for this renewed interest in Shakespeare? As scholars point out, his psychological insights into both male and female characters are amazing even today.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** Shakespeare's characters are more interesting than fictional characters today.
- B.** people even today are interested in Shakespeare's work because of the characters.
- C.** academic scholars are putting together an anthology of Shakespeare's work.
- D.** New Yorkers have a renewed interest in the work of Shakespeare.
- E.** Shakespeare was a psychiatrist as well as a playwright.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

#### **Explanation:**

The last sentence in the paragraph clearly gives support for the idea that the interest in Shakespeare is due to the development of his characters. Choice a is incorrect because the writer never makes this type of comparison. Choice c is wrong because even though scholars are mentioned in the paragraph, there is no indication that the scholars are compiling the anthology. Choice d is wrong because there is no support to show that most New Yorkers are interested in this work. There is no support for choice e either.

2. One of the warmest winters on record has put consumers in the mood to spend money. Spending is likely to be the strongest in thirteen years. During the month of February, sales of existing single-family homes hit an annual record rate of 4.75 million.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** consumer spending will be higher thirteen years from now than it is today.
- B.** more people buy houses in the month of February than in any other month.
- C.** during the winter months, the prices of single-family homes are the lowest.
- D.** there were about 4 million homes for sale during the month of February.
- E.** warm winter weather is likely to affect the rate of home sales.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

#### **Explanation:**

This is clearly the best answer because the paragraph directly states that warm weather affects consumers inclination to spend. It further states that the sales of single-family homes

was at an all-time high. There is no support for choice a or c. Choice b is wrong because even though there were high sales for a particular February, this does not mean that sales are not higher in other months. Choice d presents a misleading figure of 4 million. The paragraph states that the record of 4.75 million was at an annual, not a monthly, rate.

3. Generation Xers are those people born roughly between 1965 and 1981. As employees, Generation Xers tend to be more challenged when they can carry out tasks independently. This makes Generation Xers the most entrepreneurial generation in history. This paragraph best supports the statement that Generation Xers
- A.** work harder than people from other generations.
  - B.** have a tendency to be self-directed workers
  - C.** have an interest in making history
  - D.** tend to work in jobs that require risk-taking behavior.
  - E.** like to challenge their bosses work attitudes.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

#### **Explanation:**

The support for choice b is given in the second sentence of the paragraph. Generation Xers like to work independently, which means they are self-directed. No support is given for either choice a or choice c. Choice d is not related to the paragraph. Although the paragraph mentions that Generation Xers like to be challenged, it does not say they like to challenge their bosses attitudes; therefore, choice e can be ruled out.

4. If you're a fitness walker, there is no need for a commute to a health club. Your neighborhood can be your health club. You don't need a lot of fancy equipment to get a good workout either. All you need is a well-designed pair of athletic shoes. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- A.** fitness walking is a better form of exercise than weight lifting.
  - B.** a membership in a health club is a poor investment.
  - C.** walking outdoors provides a better workout than walking indoors.
  - D.** fitness walking is a convenient and valuable form of exercise.
  - E.** poorly designed athletic shoes can cause major foot injuries.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

By stating that fitness walking does not require a commute to a health club, the author stresses the convenience of this form of exercise. The paragraph also states that fitness walking will result in a good workout. Choice a is incorrect because no comparison to weight lifting is made. Choice b may seem like a logical answer, but the paragraph only refers to people who are fitness walkers, so for others, a health club might be a good investment. Choice c is not in the passage. Although choice e seems logical, the paragraph does not indicate that the wrong shoes will produce major injuries.

5. In the past, consumers would rarely walk into an ice cream store and order low-fat ice cream. But that isn't the case today. An increasing health consciousness combined with a much bigger selection of tasty low-fat foods in all categories has made low-fat ice cream a very profitable item for ice cream store owners.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** low-fat ice cream produces more revenue than other low-fat foods.
- B.** ice cream store owners would be better off carrying only low-fat ice cream.
- C.** ice cream store owners no longer think that low-fat ice cream is an unpopular item.
- D.** low-fat ice cream is more popular than other kinds of ice cream.
- E.** consumers are fickle and it is impossible to please them

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

This choice is supported as the best answer because the paragraph indicates that low-fat ice cream was once an unpopular item, but now, because consumers are more health conscious and because there is a wider array of tasty low-fat foods, low-fat ice cream is a profitable item for ice cream store owners. There is no indication that choices a, b, d, or e are true based on the information given.

6. Today's high school students spend too much time thinking about trivial and distracting matters such as fashion. Additionally, they often dress inappropriately on school grounds. Rather than spending time writing another detailed dress policy, we should make school uniforms mandatory. If students were required to wear uniforms, it would increase a sense of community and harmony in our schools and it would instill a sense of discipline in our students. Another positive effect would be that teachers and administrators would no longer have to act as clothing police, freeing them up to focus on more important issues. This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** inappropriate clothing leads to failing grades.
- B.** students who wear school uniforms get into better colleges.
- C.** teachers and administrators spend at least 25% of their time enforcing the dress code.
- D.** students are not interested in being part of a community
- E.** school uniforms should be compulsory for high school students.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

#### **Explanation:**

The support for choice e is in the third sentence "we should make school uniforms mandatory". There is no evidence provided to support choices a, b, and d. And although we know that teachers and administrators are spending some of their time enforcing dress code, the paragraph does not quantify how much of their time is spent that way, so there is no support for choice c.

7. The criminal justice system needs to change. The system could be more just if it allowed victims the opportunity to confront the person who has harmed them. Also, mediation between victims and their offenders would give the offenders a chance to apologize for the harm they have done.

This paragraph best supports the statement that victims of a crime should

- A.** learn to forgive their offenders.
- B.** have the right to confront their offenders.
- C.** learn the art of mediation.
- D.** insist that their offenders be punished.
- E.** have the right to impose a sentence on their offenders.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

#### **Explanation:**

This answer is clearly stated in the first sentence of the paragraph. There is no support in the passage for choices a, d, or e. As for choice c, although mediation is mentioned, the statement does not indicate that victims should be the mediators.

8. A few states in this country are considering legislation that would prohibit schools from using calculators before the sixth grade. Other states take a different position. Some states are insisting on the purchase of graphing calculators for every student in middle school. This paragraph best supports the statement that in this country
- A.** there are at least two opinions about the use of calculators in schools.
  - B.** calculators are frequently a detriment to learning math.
  - C.** state legislators are more involved in education than ever before.
  - D.** the price of graphing calculators is less when schools buy in bulk.
  - E.** the argument against calculators in schools is unfounded.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

#### **Explanation:**

The paragraph clearly states that there are two differing opinions with regard to the use of calculators in the classroom. Although some people may believe that choice b is true, the paragraph does not indicate this. Choice c has no relation to the paragraph. Choice d makes logical sense, but the paragraph says nothing about cost. Choice e is an opinion that is not given in the paragraph.

9. Today's workforce has a new set of social values. Ten years ago, a manager who was offered a promotion in a distant city would not have questioned the move. Today, a manager in that same situation might choose family happiness instead of career advancement. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- A.** most managers are not loyal to the corporations for which they work.
  - B.** businesses today do not understand their employees needs.
  - C.** employees social values have changed over the past ten years.
  - D.** career advancement is not important to today's business managers.
  - E.** companies should require their employees to accept promotions.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

#### **Explanation:**

A change in employee social values over the past ten years is implied in the whole paragraph, but particularly in the first sentence. Choice a is incorrect because the loyalty of the managers to their corporations is never discussed. There is no support for choice b. In choice d, perhaps

career advancement is less important than it once was, but the paragraph does not indicate that advancement is unimportant to managers. Choice e is an opinion that is not supported.

10. It is well known that the world urgently needs adequate distribution of food, so that everyone gets enough. Adequate distribution of medicine is just as urgent. Medical expertise and medical supplies need to be redistributed throughout the world so that people in emerging nations will have proper medical care.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** the majority of the people in the world have never been seen by a doctor.
- B.** food production in emerging nations has slowed during the past several years.
- C.** most of the world's doctors are selfish about giving time and money to the poor.
- D.** the medical-supply industry should step up production of its products.
- E.** many people who live in emerging nations are not receiving proper medical care

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

#### **Explanation:**

This answer is implied by the statement that redistribution is needed so that people in emerging nations can have proper medical care. Choices a, b, and c are not mentioned in the passage. Choice d is also incorrect—the passage indicates that the distribution of medicine, not its production, is inadequate.

## SECTION-2

1. Yoga has become a very popular type of exercise, but it may not be for everyone. Before you sign yourself up for a yoga class, you need to examine what it is you want from your fitness routine. If you're looking for a high-energy, fast-paced aerobic workout, a yoga class might not be your best choice.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** yoga is more popular than high-impact aerobics.
- B.** before embarking on a new exercise regimen, you should think about your needs and desires.
- C.** yoga is changing the world of fitness in major ways
- D.** yoga benefits your body and mind

**E.** most people think that yoga isn't a rigorous form of exercise.

### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

### **Explanation:**

The second sentence points out that people should examine what they want from a fitness routine before signing up for a new exercise class. There is no evidence to support choice a. Choice c might sound reasonable due to the fact that the paragraph tells us that yoga has become very popular, but this statement is not supported by the information provided in the paragraph. Choices d and e are also not supported since the paragraph doesn't tell us whether yoga is good for both body and mind or what people think about it.

2. Human technology developed from the first stone tools about two and a half million years ago. At the beginning, the rate of development was slow. Hundreds of thousands of years passed without much change. Today, new technologies are reported daily on television and in newspapers.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** stone tools were not really technology.
- B.** stone tools were in use for two and a half million years
- C.** there is no way to know when stone tools first came into use.
- D.** In today's world, new technologies are constantly being developed
- E.** none of the latest technologies is as significant as the development of stone tools.

### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

### **Explanation:**

The last sentence states that new technologies are reported daily, and this implies that new technologies are being constantly developed. There is no support for choice a. With regard to choice b, stone tools were first used two and a half million years ago, but they were not necessarily in use all that time. Choice c is clearly wrong since the paragraph states when stone tools first came into use. Although some may agree that choice e is true, the author of the paragraph does not give support for this opinion.

3. Mathematics allows us to expand our consciousness. Mathematics tells us about economic trends, patterns of disease, and the growth of populations. Math is good at exposing the truth, but it can also perpetuate misunderstandings and untruths. Figures have the power to mislead people.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** the study of mathematics is dangerous.
- B.** words are more truthful than figures.
- C.** the study of mathematics is more important than other disciplines.
- D.** the power of numbers is that they cannot lie.
- E.** figures are sometimes used to deceive people.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

#### **Explanation:**

This answer is clearly stated in the last sentence of the paragraph. Choice a can be ruled out because there is no support to show that studying math is dangerous. Words are not mentioned in the passage, which rules out choice b. Choice d is a contradiction to the information in the passage. There is no support for choice c.

4. In the 1966 Supreme Court decision *Miranda v. Arizona*, the court held that before the police can obtain statements from a person subjected to an interrogation, the person must be given a *Miranda* warning. This warning means that a person must be told that he or she has the right to remain silent during the police interrogation. Violation of this right means that any statement that the person makes is not admissible in a court hearing. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- A.** police who do not warn persons of their *Miranda* rights are guilty of a crime.
  - B.** a *Miranda* warning must be given before a police interrogation can begin.
  - C.** the police may no longer interrogate persons suspected of a crime unless a lawyer is present.
  - D.** the 1966 Supreme Court decision in *Miranda* should be reversed
  - E.** persons who are interrogated by police should always remain silent until their lawyer comes

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

#### **Explanation:**

This answer is clearly supported in the second sentence. Nothing in the paragraph suggests that it is a crime not to give a *Miranda* warning, so choice a is incorrect. Choice c is also wrong because police may interrogate as long as a warning is given. There is no support given for either choice d or e.



5. During colonial times in America, juries were encouraged to ask questions of the parties in the courtroom. The jurors were, in fact, expected to investigate the facts of the case themselves. If jurors conducted an investigation today, we would throw out the case. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- A.** juries are less important today than they were in colonial times.
  - B.** jurors today are less interested in court cases than they were in colonial times.
  - C.** courtrooms today are more efficient than they were in colonial times.
  - D.** jurors in colonial times were more informed than jurors today.
  - E.** the jury system in America has changed since colonial times.

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

**Explanation:**

The paragraph focuses on the idea that the jury system is different from what it was in colonial times. There is no support given for choices a, b, and c. Choice d is incorrect because, even though jurors in colonial times were expected to investigate and ask questions, this does not necessarily mean that they were more informed than today's jurors.

6. There are no effective boundaries when it comes to pollutants. Studies have shown that toxic insecticides that have been banned in many countries are riding the wind from countries where they remain legal. Compounds such as DDT and toxaphene have been found in remote places like the Yukon and other Arctic regions. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- A.** toxic insecticides such as DDT have not been banned throughout the world.
  - B.** more pollutants find their way into polar climates than they do into warmer areas
  - C.** studies have proven that many countries have ignored their own antipollution laws.
  - D.** DDT and toxaphene are the two most toxic insecticides in the world.
  - E.** even a worldwide ban on toxic insecticides would not stop the spread of DDT pollution.

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

The support for this choice is in the second sentence, which states that in some countries, toxic insecticides are still legal. Choice b is incorrect because even though polar regions are mentioned in the paragraph, there is no support for the idea that warmer regions are not just as affected. There is no support for choice c. Choice d can be ruled out because there is nothing to indicate that DDT and toxaphene are the most toxic. Choice e is illogical.

7. The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution protects citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures. No search of a person's home or personal effects may be conducted without a written search warrant issued on probable cause. This means that a neutral judge must approve the factual basis justifying a search before it can be conducted. This paragraph best supports the statement that the police cannot search a person's home or private papers unless they have

- A.** legal authorization
- B.** direct evidence of a crime.
- C.** read the person his or her constitutional rights.
- D.** a reasonable belief that a crime has occurred.
- E.** requested that a judge be present.

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

The second and third sentence combine to give support to choice a. The statement stresses that there must be a judge's approval (i.e., legal authorization) before a search can be conducted. Choices b and d are wrong because it is not enough for the police to have direct evidence or a reasonable belief—a judge must authorize the search for it to be legal. Choices c and e are not mentioned in the passage.

8. Obesity is a serious problem in this country. Research suggests that obesity can lead to a number of health problems including diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. Recent research has even indicated that there may be a relationship between obesity and some types of cancer. Major public health campaigns that increase awareness and propose simple lifestyle changes that will, with diligence and desire, eliminate or least mitigate the incidence of obesity are a crucial first step in battling this critical problem. This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** public health campaigns that raise consciousness and propose lifestyle changes are a productive way to fight obesity.
- B.** obesity is the leading cause of diabetes in our country.

- C.** people in our country watch too much television and do not exercise enough.
- D.** a decline in obesity would radically decrease the incidence of asthma.
- E.** fast-food restaurants and unhealthy school lunches contribute greatly to obesity.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

#### **Explanation:**

The support for this choice is in the last sentence, which states that major public health campaigns that increase awareness and propose lifestyle changes are important in our fight against obesity. Choice b can be ruled out because although the paragraph states that obesity can lead to diabetes, it doesn't tell us that it is the leading cause of this disease. Choices c and e might sound reasonable and true, but they are not supported in the paragraph. And although we are told that obesity has been connected to asthma, this fact is not quantified in any way, so choice d is also not supported by the information given.

9. Critical reading is a demanding process. To read critically, you must slow down your reading and, with pencil in hand, perform specific operations on the text. Mark up the text with your reactions, conclusions, and questions. When you read, become an active participant. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- A.** critical reading is a slow, dull, but essential process
  - B.** the best critical reading happens at critical times in a person's life.
  - C.** readers should get in the habit of questioning the truth of what they read.
  - D.** critical reading requires thoughtful and careful attention.
  - E.** critical reading should take place at the same time each day.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

#### **Explanation:**

This answer is implied by the whole paragraph. The author stresses the need to read critically by performing thoughtful and careful operations on the text. Choice a is incorrect because the author never says that reading is dull. Choices b, c, and e are not supported by the paragraph.

10. Walk into any supermarket or pharmacy and you will find several shelves of products designed to protect adults and children from the sun. Additionally, a host of public health campaigns have been created, including National Skin Cancer Awareness Month, that

warn us about the sun's damaging UV rays and provide guidelines about protecting ourselves. While warnings about the sun's dangers are frequent, a recent survey found that fewer than half of all adults adequately protect themselves from the sun. This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** children are better protected from the sun's dangerous rays than adults
- B.** sales of sun protection products are at an all-time high.
- C.** adults are not heeding the warnings about the dangers of sun exposure seriously enough.
- D.** more adults have skin cancer now than ever before
- E.** there is not enough information disseminated about the dangers of sun exposure.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

#### **Explanation:**

The last sentence gives direct support for this response. Although children might be better protected from the sun than adults, the paragraph does not specifically cite statistics about children, so we can't know for sure, ruling out choice a. There is no evidence provided in the paragraph to support choices b and d. Choice e is incorrect since the last sentence tells us that warnings about the sun's dangers are frequent.

### SECTION- 3

1. For too long, school cafeterias, in an effort to provide food they thought would be appetizing to young people, mimicked fast-food restaurants, serving items such as burgers and fries, pizza, hot dogs, and fried chicken. School districts nationwide are now addressing this trend by incorporating some simple and inexpensive options that will make cafeteria lunches healthier while still appealing to students. This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** school cafeterias have always emphasized nutritional guidelines over any other considerations.
- B.** young people would rather eat in a school cafeteria than a local fast-food restaurant.
- C.** school lunch menus are becoming healthier due to major new initiatives on the part of school districts.
- D.** it is possible to make school lunches both healthier and appealing without spending a great deal of money and undertaking a radical transformation.
- E.** vegetarian lunch options would greatly improve the nutritional value of the

school lunch program.

### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

### **Explanation:**

The final sentence of the paragraph supports choice d. The other choices are not supported by the passage. Choice c may seem correct at first, but the paragraph states that the new initiatives are simple and inexpensive, not major. Choice e might seem to represent a truth, but vegetarian options are not discussed in this paragraph.

2. Forest fires feed on decades-long accumulations of debris and leap from the tops of young trees into the branches of mature trees. Fires that jump from treetop to treetop can be devastating. In old-growth forests, however, the shade of mature trees keeps thickets of small trees from sprouting, and the lower branches of mature trees are too high to catch the flames. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- A.** forest fire damage is reduced in old-growth forests.
  - B.** small trees should be cut down to prevent forest fires.
  - C.** mature trees should be thinned out to prevent forest fires
  - D.** forest fires do the most damage in old-growth forests.
  - E.** old-growth forests have a larger accumulation of forest debris.

### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

### **Explanation:**

The last sentence provides direct support for choice a. The author never suggests that any trees should be cut down or thinned out, which eliminates choices b and c. Choice d contradicts the author's opinion. The author suggests that old growth forests have less debris, which rules out choice e.

3. During the last six years, the number of practicing physicians has increased by about 20%. During the same time period, the number of healthcare managers has increased by more than 600%. These percentages mean that many doctors have lost the authority to make their own schedules, determine the fees that they charge, and decide on prescribed treatments. This paragraph best supports the statement that doctors
- A.** resent the interference of healthcare managers.
  - B.** no longer have adequate training.

- C.** care a great deal about their patients.
- D.** are less independent than they used to be.
- E.** are making a lot less money than they used to make.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

#### **Explanation:**

The author of this statement suggests that doctors are less independent. The author stresses that many doctors have lost authority. There is no support for the opinion that doctors resent the healthcare managers, however which rules out choice a. The doctors training is never mentioned (choice b). Doctors may care about their patients (choice c), but this information is not part of the paragraph. Choice e is not mentioned.

4. By the time they reach adulthood, most people can perform many different activities involving motor skills. Motor skills involve such diverse tasks as riding a bicycle, threading a needle, and cooking a dinner. What all these activities have in common is their dependence on precision and timing of muscular movement.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** most adults have not refined their motor skills.
- B.** all adults know how to ride a bicycle.
- C.** refined motor skills are specifically limited to adults.
- D.** children perform fewer fine motor activities in a day than adults do.
- E.** threading a needle is a precise motor skill.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

#### **Explanation:**

The second sentence states that threading a needle involves motor skill. The other choices are not in the paragraph.

5. Most Reality TV centers on two common motivators: fame and money. The shows transform waitresses, hairdressers, investment bankers, counselors, and teachers, to name a few, from obscure figures to house-hold names. A lucky few successfully parlay their fifteen minutes of fame into celebrity. The luckiest stars of Reality TV also reap huge financial rewards for acts including eating large insects, marrying someone they barely know, and revealing their innermost thoughts to millions of people.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** the stars of Reality TV are interested in being rich and famous.
- B.** Reality TV is the best thing that has happened to network television in a long time.
- C.** for Reality TV stars, fame will last only as long as their particular television show.
- D.** traditional dramas and sitcoms are being replaced by Reality TV programming at an alarming rate.
- E.** Reality TV shows represent a new wave of sensationalistic, low quality programming.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

#### **Explanation:**

This is expressed in the first sentence. Choices b, d, and e are not supported by the passage. Choice c is incorrect because the paragraph states that some Reality TV stars manage to parlay their fifteen minutes of fame into celebrity.

6. The image of a knitter as an older woman sitting in a comfortable, old-fashioned living room with a basket of yarn at her feet and a bun in her hair is one of the past. As knitting continues to become more popular and increasingly trendy, it is much more difficult to describe the average knitter. Knitters today might be 18, 28, 40, or 65. They might live in a big urban center and take classes in a knitting shop that doubles as a cafe or they may gather in suburban coffee shops to support one another in knitting and other aspects of life. They could be college roommates knitting in their dorm room or two senior citizens knitting in a church hall. Even men are getting in the act. It would be incredibly difficult to come up with an accurate profile of a contemporary knitter to replace that image of the old woman with the basket of yarn!

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** people are returning to knitting in an attempt to reconnect with simpler times.
- B.** knitting is now more of a group activity, as opposed to an individual hobby.
- C.** creating an accurate profile of a particular type of person depends on the people in this group having traits and characteristics in common.
- D.** today's knitters are much less accomplished than knitters of the past.
- E.** young people are turning to knitting in record numbers.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

#### **Explanation:**

The statement that it is difficult to create an accurate profile of a contemporary knitter comes immediately after a discussion about how different today's knitters are from one another and from knitters of the past. Choices a and d are not supported by the paragraph. Although the

paragraph does discuss knitting done in group settings, it does not specifically say that more of today's knitting is done in groups; therefore, choice b is incorrect. Young people may be turning to knitting in record numbers, but again, that statement is not verified by the information provided in the paragraph, so choice e must be ruled out as well.

7. Close-up images of Mars by the *Mariner 9* probe indicated networks of valleys that looked like the stream beds on Earth. These images also implied that Mars once had an atmosphere that was thick enough to trap the sun's heat. If this were true, something happened to Mars billions of years ago that stripped away the planet's atmosphere.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** Mars now has little or no atmosphere.
- B.** Mars once had a thicker atmosphere than Earth does.
- C.** the *Mariner 9* probe took the first pictures of Mars.
- D.** Mars is closer to the sun than Earth is.
- E.** Mars is more mountainous than Earth is.

#### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

#### **Explanation:**

The paragraph states that Mars once had a thick atmosphere, but that it was stripped away. The other choices, true or not, cannot be found in the passage.

8. Originating in the 1920s, the Pyramid scheme is one of the oldest con games going. Honest people are often pulled in, thinking the scheme is a legitimate investment enterprise. The first customer to "fall for" the Pyramid scheme will actually make big money and will therefore persuade friends and relatives to join also. The chain then continues with the con artist who originated the scheme pocketing, rather than investing, the money. Finally, the pyramid collapses, but by that time, the scam artist will usually have moved out of town, leaving no forwarding address.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- A.** it is fairly easy to spot a Pyramid scheme in the making.
- B.** he first customer of a Pyramid scheme is the most gullible.
- C.** the people who set up Pyramid schemes are able to fool honest people.
- D.** the Pyramid scheme had its heyday in the 1920s, but it's making a comeback.
- E.** the Pyramid scheme got its name from its structure.



### [Answer & Explanation](#)

**Answer:** Option **C**

#### **Explanation:**

The fact that the Pyramid scheme is set up by a con artist suggests that the honest people who invest have been fooled. Choices a and b are contradicted in the passage. The paragraph says that the Pyramid scheme originated in the 1920s, but does not say it had its heyday then; thus, choice d is incorrect. Choice e is a fact, but it is not mentioned in the passage.

### SECTION- 4

1. Which of the following is similar to the argument made by the speaker?
- A.** The rich should not be allowed to "buy" politicians, so the Congress should enact campaign finance reform.
  - B.** The idea of freedom of religion also means the right not to participate in religion, so mandated school prayer violates freedom of religion.
  - C.** The Constitution guarantees freedom to own property, so taxes should be illegal.
  - D.** Convicted felons should not have their convictions overturned on a technicality.
  - E.** In order to understand what may be constitutional today, one needs to look at what the laws were when the Constitution was enacted.

### [Answer & Explanation](#)

**Answer:** Option **B**

#### **Explanation:**

This is the best choice because it relates to a situation where a proposed law would actually violate the part of the Constitution it is intended to protect.

2. Which of the following, if true, would weaken the speaker's argument?
- A.** An action is not considered a part of freedom of speech.
  - B.** People who burn the flag usually commit other crimes as well.
  - C.** The flag was not recognized by the government until 1812.
  - D.** State flags are almost never burned
  - E.** Most people are against flag burning.

### [Answer & Explanation](#)

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

If an action is not included under freedom of speech, the speaker's main argument is incorrect.

3. Which of the following best expresses the main point of the passage?
- A.** Only veterans care about the flag-burning issue.
  - B.** Flag burning almost never happens, so outlawing it is a waste of time.
  - C.** Flag burning will be a very important issue in the next election.
  - D.** To outlaw flag burning is to outlaw what the flag represents.
  - E.** Burning the flag should only be illegal when it is done in foreign countries.

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

The speaker maintains that to burn a flag is an act of freedom of speech, which is among the things the flag represents.

## SECTION-5

1. Which of the following, if true, would strengthen the speaker's argument?
- A.** studies showing computers are expensive
  - B.** research on the effect of computer games on children
  - C.** examples of high school students who use computers improperly
  - D.** proof that the cost of computers is coming down
  - E.** evidence that using computers makes learning to read difficult

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

**Explanation:**

This evidence would back up the speaker's contention that young students should learn the basics before learning computers. Choices a and d, which are both about cost, would have no

effect on the argument. Choices b and c are too vague.

2. Which of the following, if true, would weaken the speaker's argument?
- A.** a demonstration that computers can be used to teach reading and arithmetic
  - B.** analysis of the cost-effectiveness of new computers versus repairing old computers
  - C.** examples of adults who do not know how to use computers
  - D.** recent grade reports of students in the computer classes
  - E.** a visit to a classroom where computers are being used

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

If computers enhance the learning of arithmetic and reading, the speaker's argument is not as strong.

3. Which of the following methods of argument is used in the previous passage?
- A.** a specific example that illustrates the speaker's point
  - B.** attacking the beliefs of those who disagree with the speaker
  - C.** relying on an analogy to prove the speaker's point
  - D.** displaying statistics that back up the speaker's point
  - E.** comparing different methods of learning

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

The speaker uses analogies to compare crawling with learning arithmetic and reading and to compare walking with using a computer. The speaker is making the point that, in both cases, a child needs to learn one before learning the other.

## SECTION- 6

What is the point at issue between Quinn and Dakota?

1.
  - A.** whether sixteen-year-olds should be required to take drivers education before being issued a license
  - B.** whether schools ought to provide drivers education to fourteen- and fifteen-year-old students
  - C.** whether the standards for issuing drivers licenses should become more stringent
  - D.** whether sixteen-year-olds are prepared to drive in today's traffic conditions
  - E.** whether parents are able to do a good job teaching their children to drive

### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

### **Explanation:**

The speakers support their arguments in different ways, but both are concerned with whether sixteen-year-olds should continue to be allowed to receive drivers licenses.

2. On what does Quinn rely in making her argument?

- A.** statistics
- B.** emotion
- C.** fairness
- D.** anecdotes
- E.** actualities

### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

### **Explanation:**

Quinn discusses the fairness of changing the law and raising the age at which one can receive a driver's license. Emotion (choice b) may be involved, but the argument relies on the fairness issue.

3. On what does Dakota rely in making her argument?

- A.** statistics
- B.** emotion
- C.** fairness
- D.** anecdotes
- E.** actualities

### **Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

**Explanation:**

Dakota discusses the actualities of increased traffic and the decline in the teaching of drivers education. She doesn't use statistics (choice a). Her argument is not emotion filled, which rules out choice b. She doesn't mention fairness (choice c) and doesn't tell stories about specific situations (choice d).