

Exam Questions GRE

GRE General Test

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NEW QUESTION 1

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 1)

Colleges and universities should require their students to spend at least one semester studying in a foreign country.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with (lie claim. In developing and supporting your position- be sure to address the most compelling reasons and or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

Educational institutions have played a vital role in forming the basis and the foundation for any student. Many places of study nowadays encourage students to travel and explore new places of study and also explore the possible learning experiences across the globe. I personally agree with the given statement that each individual should be encouraged to travel and study from various places which would improve not just their knowledge but also enhance their exposure to the various cultural and anthropological features in the foreign place.

I have always been inquisitive and eager to know about the eastern culture and the tradition and even many of the languages. If I get the opportunity to travel and study I will be fortunate to experience the nuances of the culture first hand. To add on. in person experience leaches a student about the inclusive nature of the individual in a new environment. It would also show them the various ideas and theories about their field of study.

For example, my friend who studied architecture went to japan for a semester and he was amazed by the kind of buildings and the kind of patterns the people had used. It helps us to understand the various possibilities and the various horizons that we might not even be exposed to if we do not travel.

It is significant and important for every person to travel to the new places in order to explore about the learning options and also to learn about themselves.

Universities are the place where on get sthe opportunity to learn as much as and even make any errors as they are a student. Learning possibilities and options are open and they get to learn and explore as much as possible.

To concluce. I have alwasly believed that a student is someone who has been boundaries or borders for learnign and he ought to explore as much as possible beyond the geographical barriers.

NEW QUESTION 2

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 1)

No act is done purely for the benefit of Claim: others

All actions—even those that seem to be done for other people—are based on self-interest. Reason-

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

We live in an altrustic world where being selfish and self centred have become commonplace It is human nature to be selfish and think for one self as stated in the claim, at time s even when we tend to act for three wellbeing and goodness of other it is hidden and implied there would be a reason for the action I strongly agree with the given claim and also the reason on which the claim is based upon

Firstly, every action that is being done by humans, the hugest and most evolved form of animals tend to have certain primitive features still attached. The simple act of placing oneself and then close ones in priority when in terms of decision making. For example, people always make sure that they have fulfilled their own needs and sometimes they ensure that their wants are also fulfilled. This trait of humans would never change and it would be the same even in the future Even in the dystopian literature and the novels that I have come across humans have never been projected as a selfless creature.

Secondly, the phlight of the reason is imperative to be understood. The claim is being bolstered and strengthened through the reason The word' All actions" might sound a bit hyperbole and may be exaggerated but in general most for he actions done by people for the welfare of the others would have a significant and crucial feature in the their own wellbeing. To illustrate, my friend used to teach us certain chapters and concepts in high school later he revealed tat teaching us helped him to understand the concepts and even remember them even better As stated above, the claim is certainly true to a greater extent, however the reason might be blown out of proportion. Just as how selfishness is a human triat so is selflessness.

To conclude, human life is filled with balances always, people tend to be good for the others and might expect certain benefits for themself This inherent trait at least keeps the sense of helping tendency alive. Hence I would agree that even when people act for the other it would have some tangible or intangible benefit for oneself.

NEW QUESTION 3

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 1)

The following appeared in a letter to the editor of a Batavia newspaper

"The department of agriculture in Batavia reports that the number of dairy farms throughout the country is now 25 percent greater than it was 10 years ago. During this same time period, however, the price of milk at the local Excello Food Market has increased from \$1.50 to over \$3.00 per gallon. To prevent farmers from continuing to receive excessive profits on an apparently increased supply of milk, the Batavia government should begin to regulate retail milk prices Such regulation is necessary to ensure fair prices for consumers."

Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation is likely to have the predicted result Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

The letter states a proposal to act as a solution for a given problem. It states that milk producers have increased the price of milk inspite of an increase in the supply, which enables them to receive excessive profits. The given suggestion is that government intervention might be a possible solution for addressing this issue. The proposal has given only a subjective view but has failed to prove how the government intervention might help them reach the required outcome through valid evidences.

Firstly. The letter has failed to address the population growth in the region of Batavia. in the event of considering the supply and demand in a place. It is crucial to take into consideration the population of the place the equal proportion of the growth in the number of dairy farms This might lead to many reasons and it could also dissolve the issue if the population outburst might have happened.

Another major issue that the letter has failed to address is the impact of the general rpice inflation. It is to be understood that in any economy it is imperative that

there would be an increase in the price of products and services over a period of time. There could even be an increase in the raw materials, fodder, and medical expenses incurred by the dairy farm owners and milk manufacturers.

The third arbitrary assumption made by the letter would be that the profits are being solely taken by the manufacturers, the labor wages, cost of production and even the cost incurred doing the deliver) might have substantially increased. If various such factors are to be considered then the appropriate solution cannot be just the government intervention and there might be a need for a more comprehensive solution.

To conclude, the letter might appear to have addressed the issue but in reality it has failed to view it from the different dimension and ultimately fails to give a clear responsive view with valued evidences and supportive data.

NEW QUESTION 4

- (Topic 2)

Flavor	Number
Caramel	1
Orange cream	2
Vanilla	4
Cherry	5

A)

$$\frac{5}{12}$$

B)

$$\frac{5}{22}$$

C)

$$\frac{5}{24}$$

D)

$$\frac{5}{33}$$

E)

$$\frac{5}{66}$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 5

- (Topic 2)

In the xy -plane, the graph of a certain quadratic function has a single x -intercept and passes through the point $(2,8)$. If the x -intercept of the graph is $-X$ what is its y -intercept?

A)

$$\frac{8}{25}$$

B)

$$\frac{8}{5}$$

C)

$$\frac{72}{25}$$

D)

$$\frac{24}{5}$$

E)

$$\frac{121}{25}$$

- A. Option
- B. Option
- C. Option
- D. Option
- E. Option

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 6

- (Topic 2)

Last month, the total amount of money that a candy manufacturer paid a certain salesperson consisted of a base salary of \$400 plus a commission of 20 percent of that portion of the salesperson's total sales that was greater than \$1,000. The salesperson had total sales of \$2,200 last month.

<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
The total amount of money that the candy manufacturer paid the salesperson last month	\$840

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 7

- (Topic 2)

$x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = 36$ $y > 3$	
<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
x	y

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 8

- (Topic 2)

If $-1 < X < y < z < 1$, which of the following must be true?

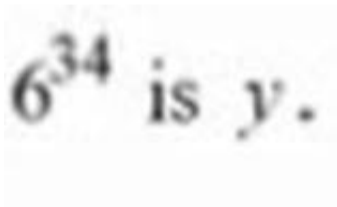
- A. $|x - z| > |y|$
- B. $|x - z| < |y|$
- C. $|x| < |y| + |z|$
- D. $|x - y| > |z - y|$
- E. $|x - y| < |z - y|$

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 9

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

The units digit of 7 is v, and the units digit of



What is the value of the product xy

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

xy= 54

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.

n is an integer greater than 10.

Quantity A

The sum of the reciprocals of the first $2n$ positive integers

Quantity B

1 more than the sum of the reciprocals of the first n positive integers

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

- (Topic 2)

In the xy -plane, line K passes through points $(-2, 6)$ and $(4, 3)$. What is the y -intercept of line K ?

- A. 4.0
- B. 4.5
- C. 5.0
- D. 5.2
- E. 5.5

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 11

- (Topic 2)

In 1994, if 20 percent of the first-year students who took the placement exam received a score of 85 or higher, approximately what percent of all first-year students received a score of 85 or higher on the placement exam that year?

- A. 30%
- B. 22%
- C. 18%
- D. 9%
- E. 4.5%

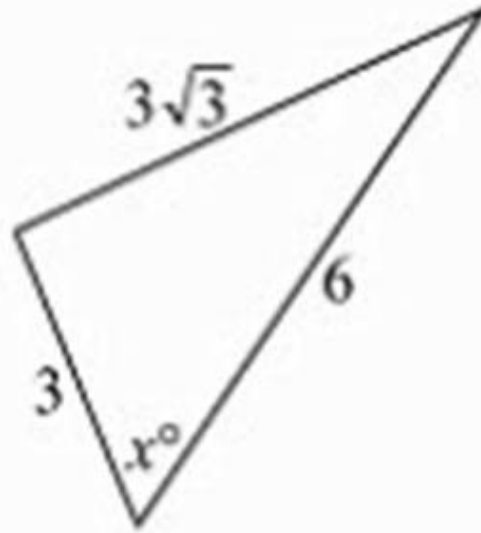
Answer: C

Explanation:

**Foreign-Language Placement Exam Data at College X
1990–1995**

Year	Number of First-Year Students Who Took the Placement Exam	Percent of First-Year Students Who Took the Placement Exam
1990	529	92%
1991	540	91%
1992	641	80%
1993	629	85%
1994	660	90%
1995	630	90%

NEW QUESTION 13
 - (Topic 2)



Quantity A

x

Quantity B

60

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 15
 - (Topic 2)

In the xy -plane, a line that has a slope of -3 passes through the points $(3, k)$ and $(-2, m)$.

Quantity A

$k - m$

Quantity B

-15

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 19
 - (Topic 2)

$$T = \left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{3}{4} \right\}$$

What is the range of the seven numbers in the set T?
 A)

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

B)

$$\frac{3}{8}$$

C)

$$\frac{7}{12}$$

$$\frac{5}{8}$$

D)

$$\frac{3}{4}$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 24

- (Topic 2)

If n is a positive integer such that 51 is a factor of n , which of the following could be the units digit of n ? Indicate all such digits.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5
- F. 6
- G. 7
- H. 8
- I. 9

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 29

- (Topic 2)

x is a positive integer and z is an odd integer greater than 1.

Quantity A

The remainder when $(x + z)(z - 1)$ is divided by 2

Quantity B

0

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 34

- (Topic 2)

The area of square S is twice the area of square T .

Quantity A

The length of a diagonal of square T

Quantity B

The length of a side of square S

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 38

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.

One patient is to be randomly selected from a certain group of dental patients. The probability that the patient selected will be a male who is older than 60 years of age is $\frac{3}{25}$.

Quantity A

The probability that the patient selected will be a female who is 60 years old or younger

Quantity B

$\frac{7}{25}$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 39

- (Topic 2)

A group of children is divided into r teams of n players each, and 1 team of 10 players. The group has more than 30 but less than 50 children, and each child belongs to only one team.

Quantity A

Quantity B

The number of children in the group

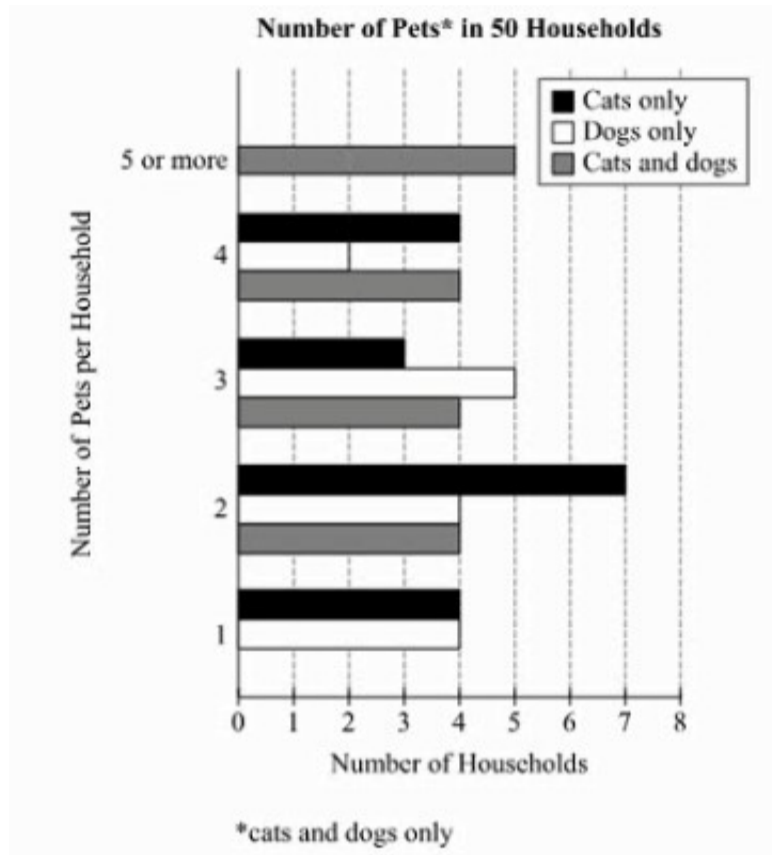
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- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 41

- (Topic 2)
 Exhibit.



What is the total number of cats and the total number of dogs in the households with 4 pets per household if 2 households have 3 cats and 1 dog per household and 2 households have 2 cats and 2 dogs per household?

- A. 10 cats and 6 dogs
- B. 16 cats and 8 dogs
- C. 20 cats and 20 dogs
- D. 26 cats and 14 dogs
- E. 30 cats and 10 does

Answer: C

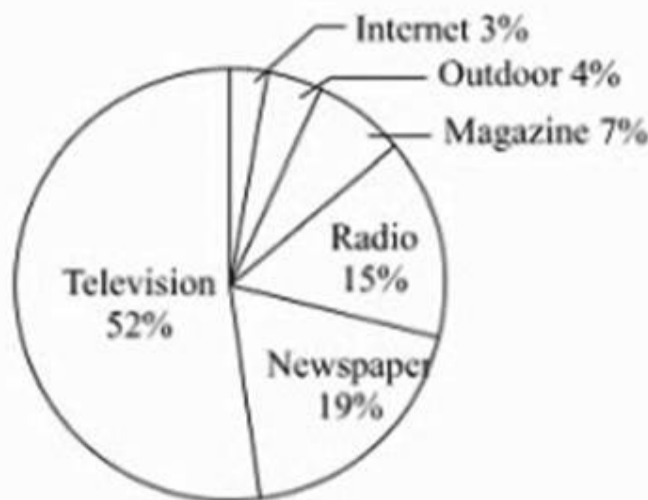
NEW QUESTION 42

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

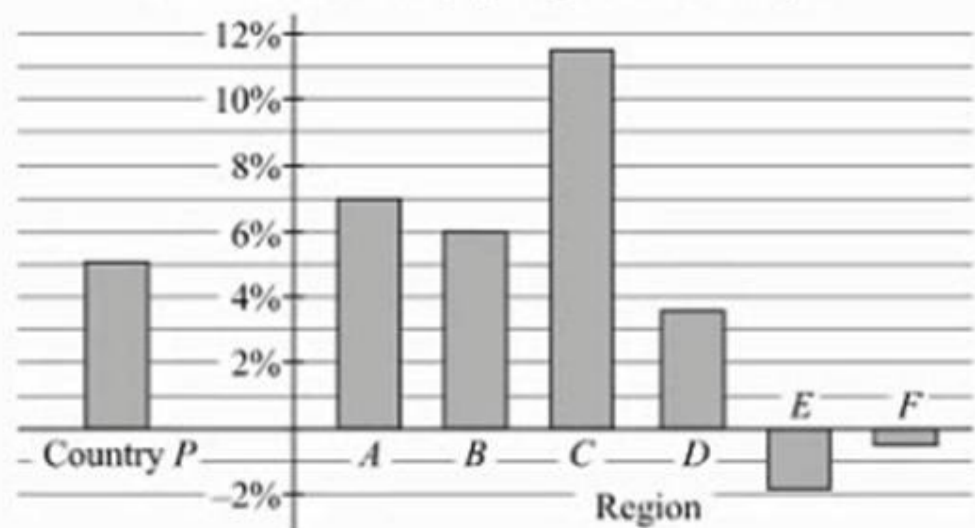
Amount Spent on Advertising in Country P in 2013

(Total amount spent: \$952 million)

Distribution of Amount Spent on Advertising, by Media Type



Percent Change in Amount Spent on Advertising from 2012 to 2013, by Region of Country P



In Country P in 2013, how much more was spent on television advertising than on radio and Internet advertising combined?

Give your answer to the nearest million dollars.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:
 342 million

NEW QUESTION 47

- (Topic 2)

Company A had 47 employees at the beginning of 2001 and 78 employees at the beginning of 2008.
 Company B had 53 employees at the beginning of 2004 and 90 employees at the beginning of 2013.

Quantity A

Quantity B

The average increase in the number of employees per year for Company A from the beginning of 2001 to the beginning of 2008

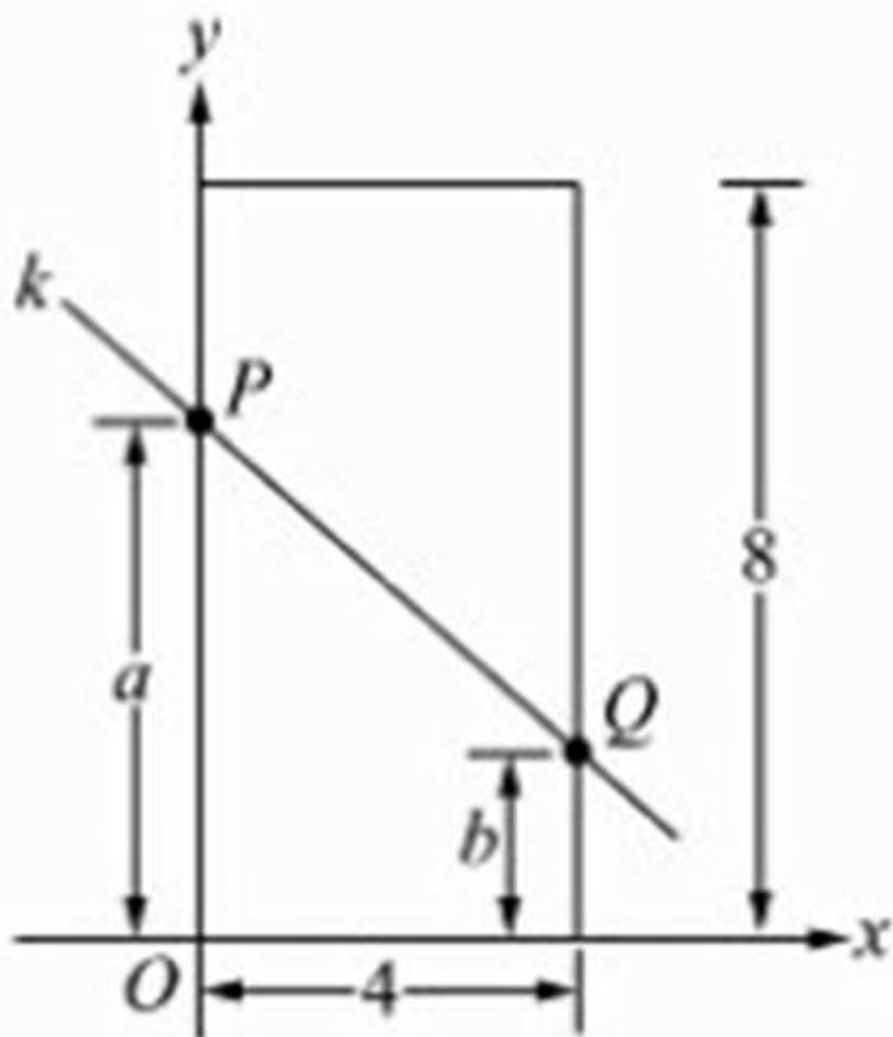
The average increase in the number of employees per year for Company B from the beginning of 2004 to the beginning of 2013

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 51

- (Topic 2)



In the xy -plane, line k intersects the rectangle shown at points P and Q . Which of the following represents the slope of line k ?

A)

$$\frac{4}{b - a}$$

B)

$$\frac{8 - a}{a}$$

C)

$$\frac{b - 8}{4}$$

D)

$$\frac{b - a}{4}$$

E)

$$\frac{a - b}{b}$$

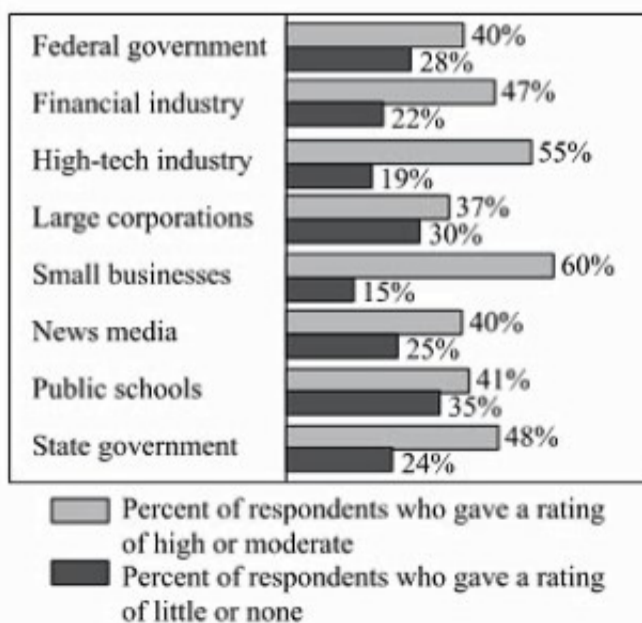
- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 55

- (Topic 2)

The graph summarizes the responses from 4,500 respondents who rated their degree of confidence in each of eight United States institutions. Each respondent gave each institution one of five confidence ratings: high, moderate, little, none, or undecided.



Of the respondents who did not rate their degree of confidence in the federal government undecided, approximately what fraction rated their degree of confidence in that institution little or none?

A)

$$\frac{3}{10}$$

B)

$$\frac{2}{5}$$

C)

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

D)

$$\frac{3}{5}$$

E)

$$\frac{7}{10}$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 59

- (Topic 2)

In triangle ABC, AB = 9 and BC = 12- Which of the following values could be the perimeter of triangle ABC?
Indicate all such values.

- A. 21
- B. 25
- C. 28
- D. 36
- E. 43
- F. 47

Answer: BCD

NEW QUESTION 62

- (Topic 2)

The reciprocal of n equals 8 times the square of n .

Quantity A

$$\frac{1}{n}$$

Quantity B

$$2$$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 64

- (Topic 2)

$$y = 2x + 5$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

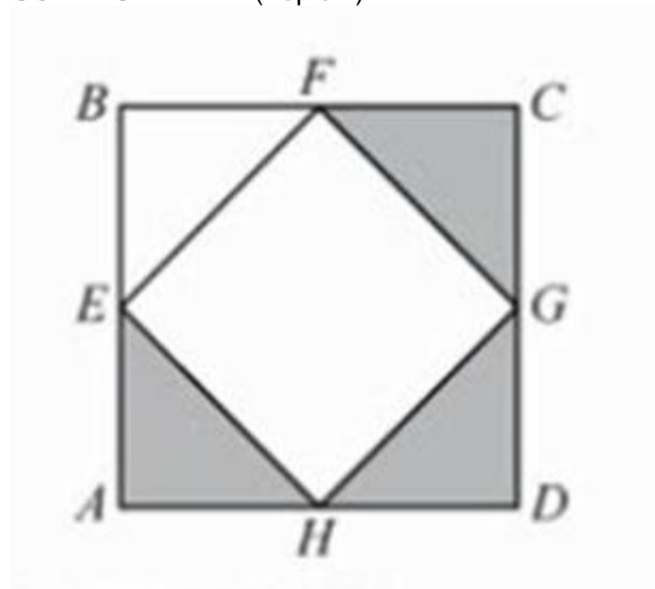
<p><u>Quantity A</u></p> <p>y</p>	<p><u>Quantity B</u></p> <p>6</p>
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- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 67

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)



In the figure shown, ABCD is a square and E, F, G, and H are the midpoints of the respective sides. If AD = 1, what is the sum of the areas of the shaded regions? Give your answer as a fraction.

Give your answer as a fraction.

Enter your answer as a fraction, with the numerator and denominator in their respective answer boxes. Backspace to erase.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

below is the answer.



NEW QUESTION 69

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

In a sequence of 300 numbers, the first number is 3, the second is 5, and each succeeding number is equal to the sum of the previous two numbers in the sequence. If a number is to be randomly selected from the sequence, what is the probability that the number selected will be odd?

A)

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

B)

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

C)

$$\frac{2}{3}$$

D)

$$\frac{3}{4}$$

E)

$$\frac{4}{5}$$

A.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 73

- (Topic 2)

The lengths of the sides of triangle RST are 3, 4, and y . Which of the following inequalities specifies those values of y for which each angle measure of triangle RST is less than 90° ?

A)

$$1 < y < 4$$

B)

$$1 < y < 5$$

C)

$$2 < y < 5$$

D)

$$\sqrt{7} < y < 5$$

E)

$$\sqrt{7} < y < 6$$

A. Option A

B. Option B

C. Option C

D. Option D

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 74

- (Topic 2)

For the five days shown, the median daily number of television viewers, in millions, was closest to which of the following?

A. 78

B. 79

C. 80

D. 82

E. 85

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 79

- (Topic 2)

An integer x is to be randomly selected from the set $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$.

Quantity A

The probability that the units digit of x^3 will equal x

Quantity B

$\frac{2}{7}$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 82

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

In the xv -plane, what is the x -intercept of the line given by the equation $Ax + 3y = 24$?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

6

NEW QUESTION 86

- (Topic 2)

A health club has 500 members, 175 of whom exercised last Friday and 450 of whom exercised last Saturday. Of the members who exercised on at least one of the two days, 90 exercised both last Friday and last Saturday. Which of the following statements are true?

- A. More than 300 of the members exercised last Saturday but not last Friday.
- B. More than 600 of the members exercised either last Friday or last Saturday or both.
- C. More than 400 of the members exercised neither last Friday nor last Saturday.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 89

- (Topic 2)

Of the 50 members of a certain club, 48 members enjoy boating and 33 members enjoy fishing. If all except 10 of the members of the club enjoy boating or fishing or both, how many members enjoy boating but not fishing?

- A. 15
- B. 25
- C. 38
- D. 40
- E. 48

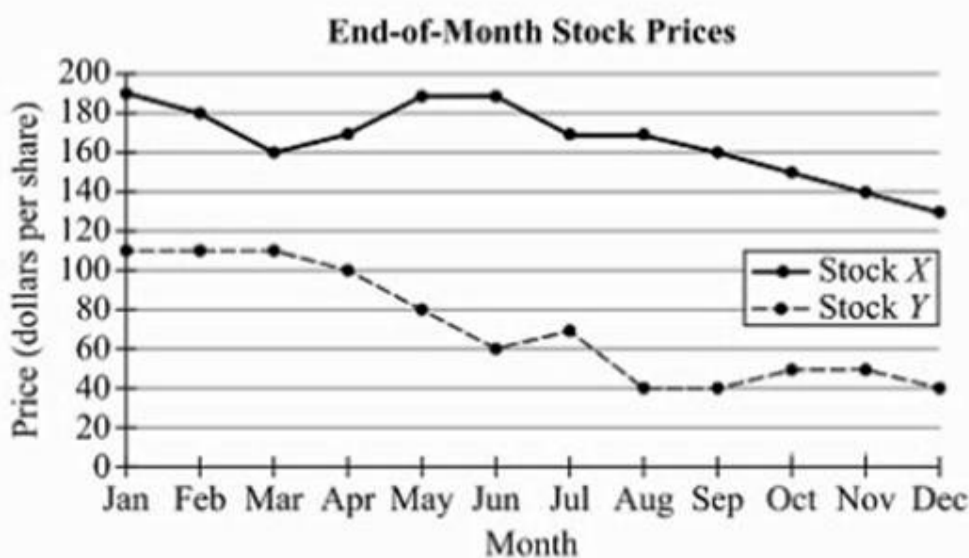
Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 92

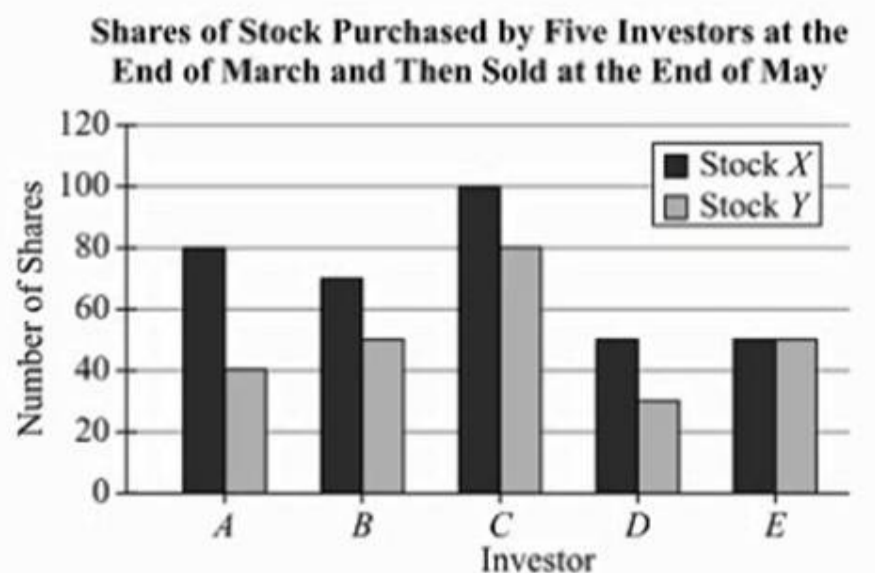
- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.

Selected Information for Stocks X and Y



Note: The prices and the numbers of shares are multiples of 10.



A group of 3 different investors is to be randomly selected from the 5 investors shown. What is the probability that, for at least 2 of the 3 investors selected, the number of shares of Stock X purchased and then sold will be less than 1.5 times the corresponding number for stock Y?

A)

$$\frac{3}{10}$$

B)

$$\frac{54}{125}$$

C)

$$\frac{3}{5}$$

D)

$$\frac{81}{125}$$

E)

$$\frac{7}{10}$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 95

- (Topic 2)

$$a > 0 \text{ and } 0 < b < 1$$

Quantity A

$$a^2$$

Quantity B

$$ab$$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 99

- (Topic 2)

For all numbers a and b , the operations \square and \triangle are defined by

$$a \square b = a^2 - b^2$$

$$a \triangle b = a^2 + b^2$$

Quantity A

$$(2 \square -2) \triangle (3 \square 3)$$

Quantity B

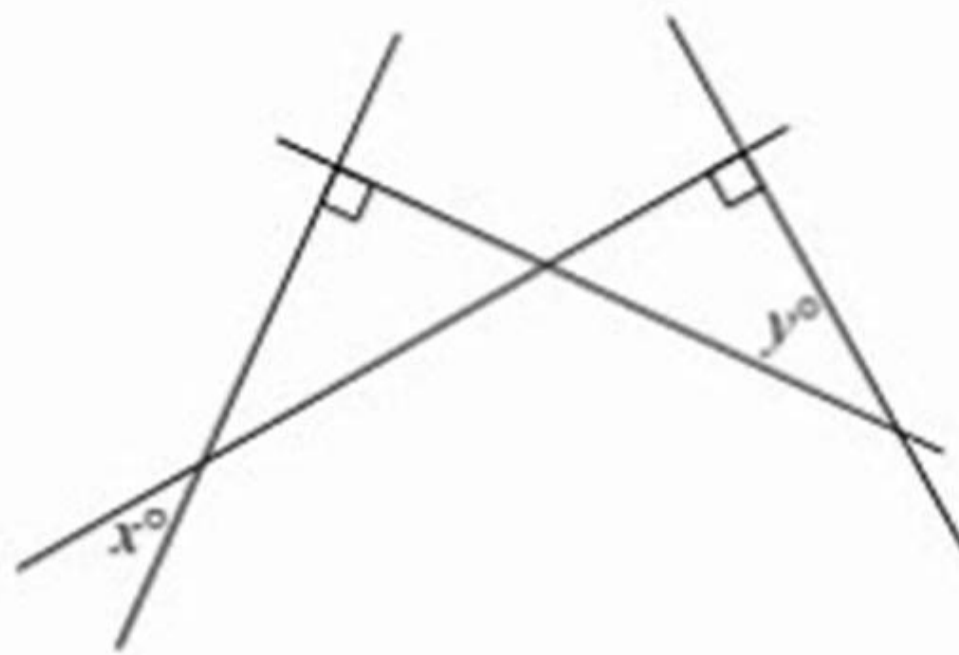
$$0$$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 104

- (Topic 2)



Quantity A

x

Quantity B

y

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 108

- (Topic 2)

In a survey of 150 computer owners, 98 owned a printer. 72 owned a digital camera, and all of them owned either a printer or a digital camera or both.

<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
The number of computer owners in the survey who owned a printer but did <u>not</u> own a digital camera	78

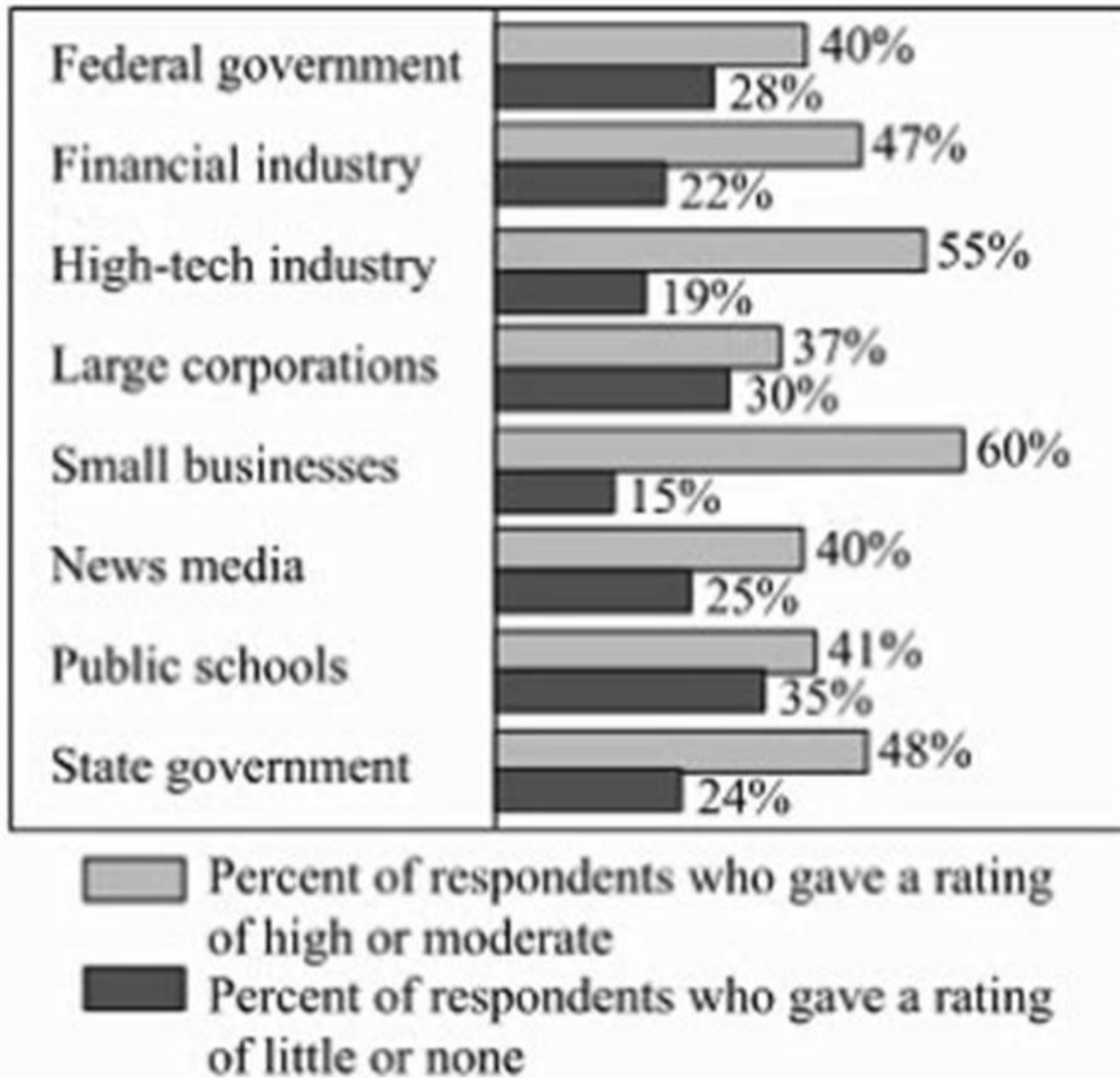
- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 112

- (Topic 2)

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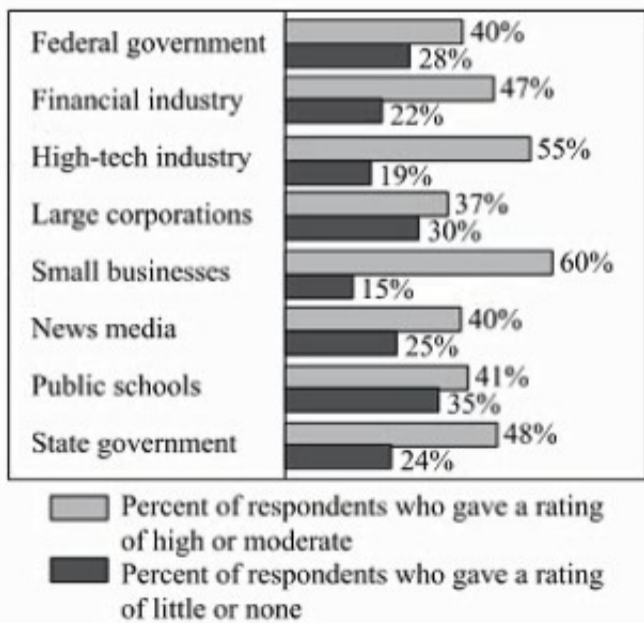
If 20 percent of the respondents rated both their degree of confidence in the federal government and their degree of confidence in the news media high or moderate, what percent of the respondents gave neither of these institutions a confidence rating of high or moderate?

- A. 35%
- B. 40%
- C. 45%
- D. 50%
- E. 55%

Answer: B

Explanation:

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NEW QUESTION 117

- (Topic 2)

How many fnsi-ye.it students did 112! take the placemen! exam in 1995 ?

- A. 57
- B. 63
- C. 66

D. 70
 E. 73

Answer: D

Explanation:

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NEW QUESTION 122

-(Topic 2)

n is a positive integer.
 x is the units digit of 7^n .
 y is the units digit of 3^n .

Quantity A

$$|x - y|$$

Quantity B

3

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 125

-(Topic 2)

$$\frac{\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{20}} = 5 + y$$

If x and v in the equation shown are numbers that satisfy $y < 0$ and $|x| = |y|$, which of the following must be the value of x ?

- A. -5
- B. -3
- C. 1
- D. 4
- E. 5

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 127

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

Pumping at a constant rate, a certain gasoline pump can fill an empty 50-gallon tank in 2 minutes. If the pump pumped gasoline into the 50-gallon tank at the constant rate for 1.5 minutes and the tank had 10 gallons of gasoline in it when the pump began pumping, what percent of the volume of the 50-gallon tank was filled with gasoline at the end of the 1.5 minutes?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

% 95s

NEW QUESTION 132

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

As a part of an environmental study of a river, a random sample of trout was drawn from the river and the lengths of the trout were recorded. The average (arithmetic mean) length was 14.31 inches. If a length of 16.59 inches was 1.50 standard deviations above the average, what was the standard deviation of the lengths of the trout in the sample?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

* 1.72 inches

NEW QUESTION 137

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.



Greg's income last year was \$45,000. The graph above shows the distribution of his income, by income source. Based on the information given, which of the following statements about his income last year are true? Indicate all such statements.

- A. His income from earnings was \$11,250.
B. More than j of his income was from assets and earnings combined.
C. His income from social security was 56 percent greater than his income from earnings.

Answer: ABC

NEW QUESTION 141

- (Topic 2)

$$x + z = y - 1 \text{ and } y - z = 3x$$

Quantity A

x

Quantity B

$\frac{1}{2}$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
B. Quantity B is greater.
C. The two quantities are equal.
D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 144

- (Topic 2)

Of the 67 children residing on a certain street, 52 children enjoy biking and 21 children enjoy roller-skating. If all but 5 of the children enjoy biking or roller-skating or both, how many of the children enjoy either biking or roller-skating, but not both biking and roller-skating?

- A. 11
B. 31
C. 51
D. 61
E. 62

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 149

- (Topic 2)

For the 3 days shown with the greatest daily number of television viewers, approximately what was the average (arithmetic mean) daily number of television viewers who watched Show XI?

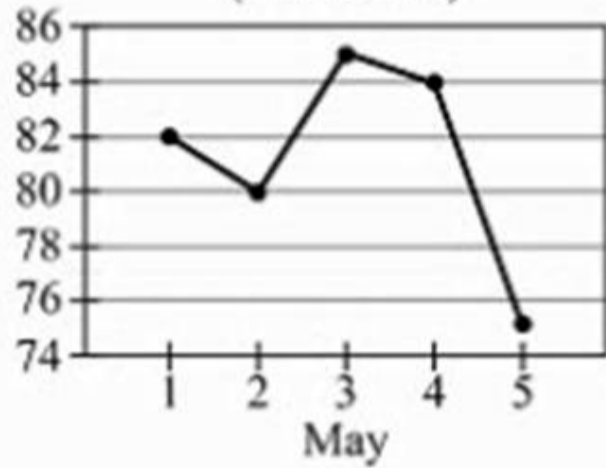
- A. 16 million
B. 20 million
C. 23 million
D. 25 million
E. 27 million

Answer: C

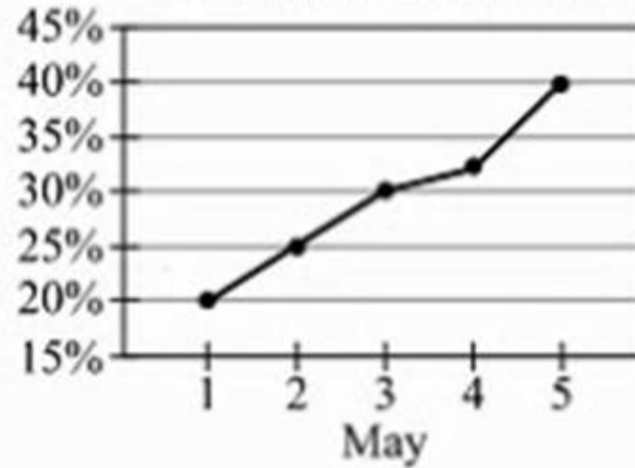
Explanation:

Television Viewing From May 1 to May 5

Daily Number of Television Viewers
(in millions)

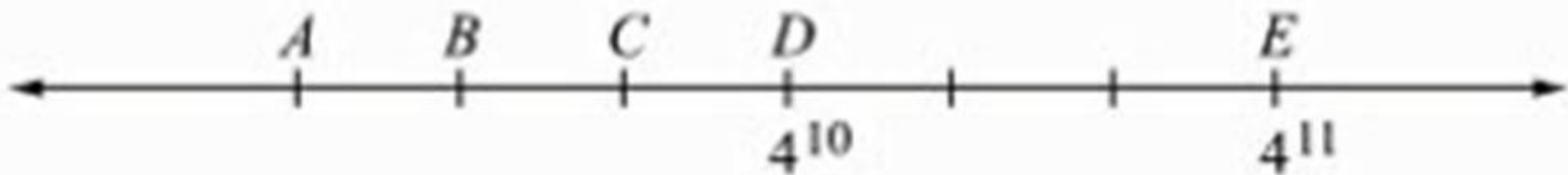


Percent of Daily Television Viewers Who Watched Show X



NEW QUESTION 154

- (Topic 2)



The tick marks shown on the number line are evenly spaced. Points D and E have coordinates of

4^9 is

- A. point A
- B. between points A and B
- C. between points B and C
- D. point C
- E. between points C and D

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 155

- (Topic 2)

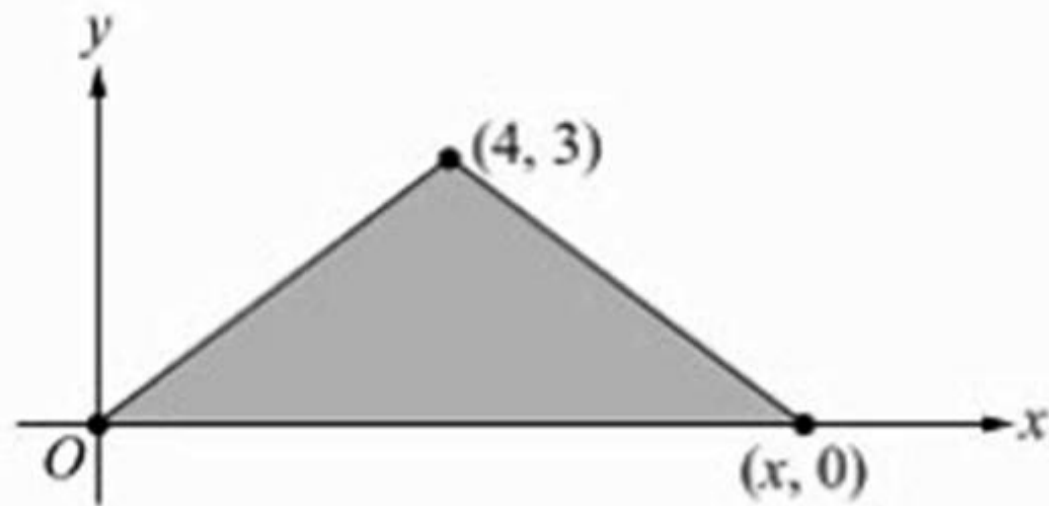
When positive integer m is divided by 6, the remainder is 4. When positive integer p is divided by 6, the remainder is 5. What is the remainder when the product mp is divided by 6 ?

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

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 160

- (Topic 2)



The area of the shaded triangular region is 12.

Quantity A

x

Quantity B

8

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 161

- (Topic 2)

The average (arithmetic mean) of 6, y , and z is 0.

Quantity A

The average of y and z

Quantity B

-3

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 166

- (Topic 2)

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

For each integer n greater than 1, the sum of the first n positive integers is given by the formula shown.

If the average (arithmetic mean) of the first n positive integers is k . what is the sum of the first n positive integers in terms of k ?

A)

$$k^2 - k$$

B)

$$\frac{k^2 - k}{2}$$

C)

$$\frac{k^2 + k}{2}$$

D)

$$2k^2 - k$$

E)

$$4k^2 + 2k$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 171

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

The list price of a certain snowblower is \$600.00. At Store X the sale price of the snowblower is 10 percent less than its list price, and there is no sales tax. At Store Y the sale price of the snowblower is 15 percent less than its list price, plus there is a sales tax of 5 percent of the sale price. If the cost of the snowblower is equal to its sale price plus any applicable sales tax. how much greater is the cost of the snowblower at Store X than at Store Y ?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

\$4.5

NEW QUESTION 174

- (Topic 2)

r , t , m , and w are positive numbers.

$$\frac{r}{t} + 1 = \frac{m}{w}$$

Quantity A

m

Quantity B

w

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: A

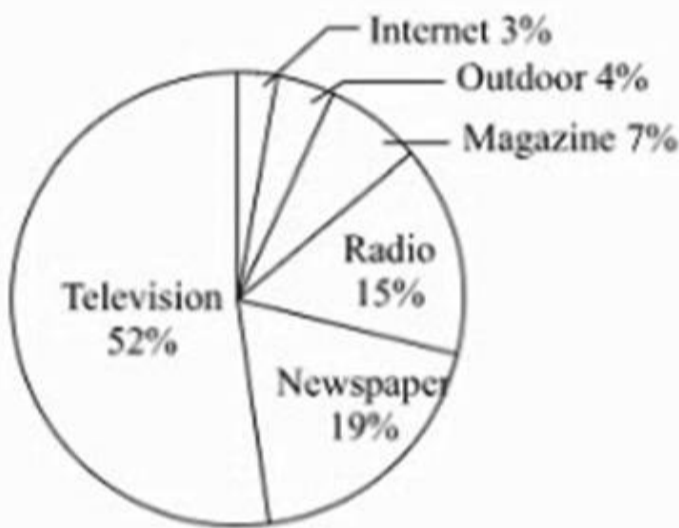
NEW QUESTION 178

- (Topic 2)

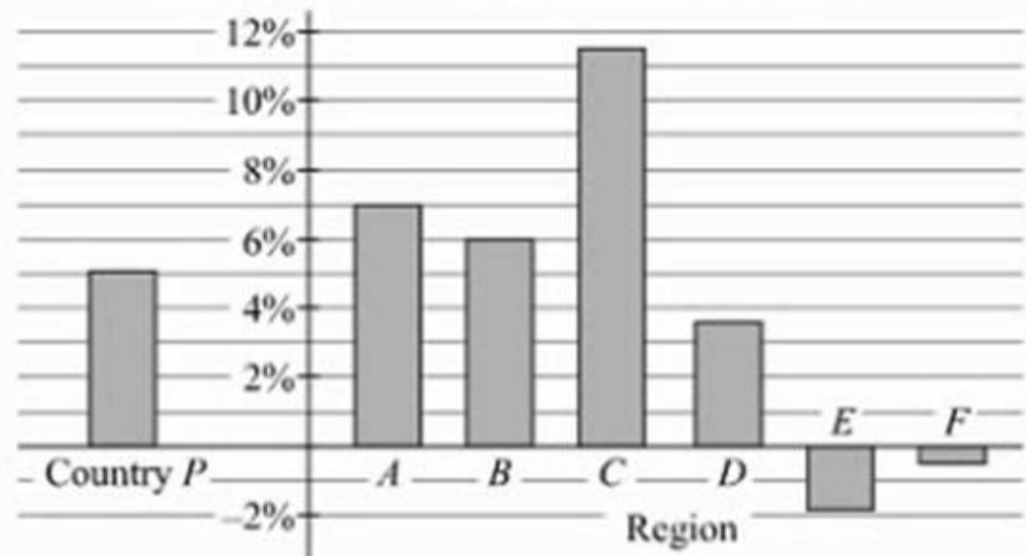
Amount Spent on Advertising in Country P in 2013

(Total amount spent: \$952 million)

Distribution of Amount Spent on Advertising, by Media Type



Percent Change in Amount Spent on Advertising from 2012 to 2013, by Region of Country P



In Country P the percent spent on outdoor advertising in 2012 was one-half of the corresponding percent spent in 2013. Which of the following is closest to the amount spent on outdoor advertising in Country P in 2012 ?

- A. \$18 million
- B. \$19 million
- C. \$36 million
- D. \$37 million
- E. \$38 million

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 182

- (Topic 2)

The probability that event R will occur is 0.65. The probability that event T will occur is 0.47.

Quantity A

The probability that neither R nor T will occur

Quantity B

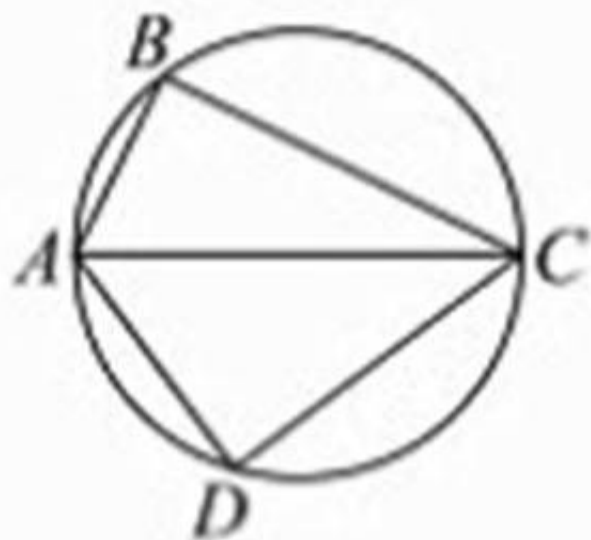
0.47

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 184

-(Topic 2)



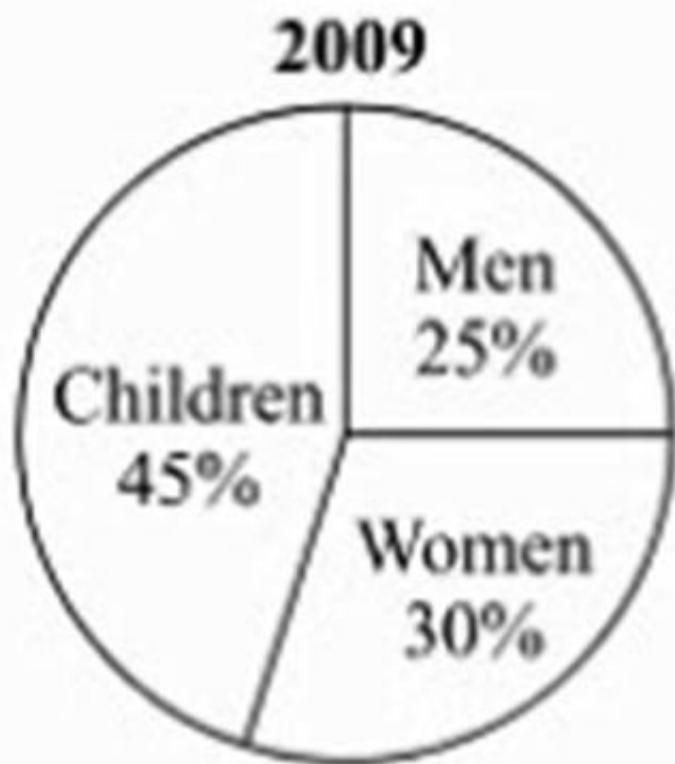
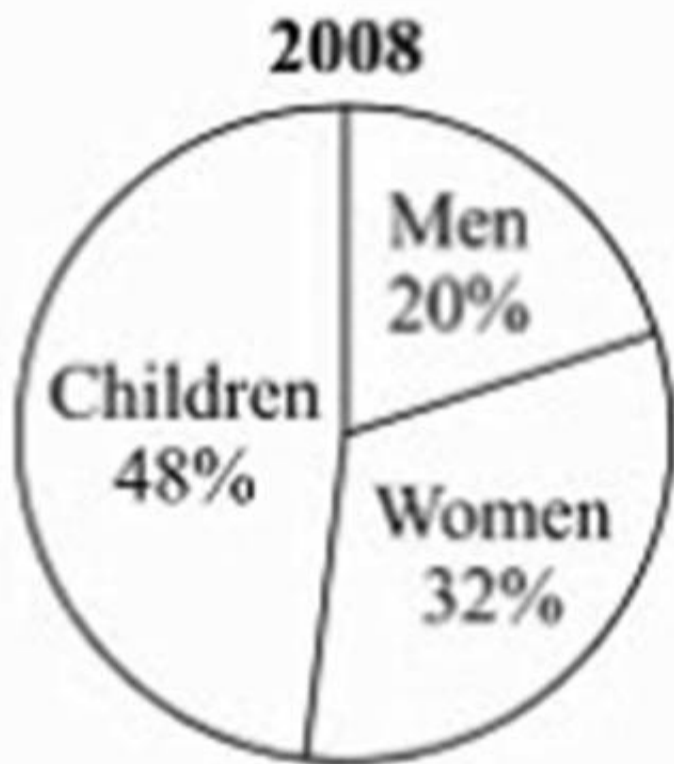
In the figure, quadrilateral ABCD is inscribed in the circle and line segment AC is a diameter of the circle. The measure of angle BCD is v degrees, and the measure of angle BAD is x degrees. What is the value of y in terms of x ?

- A. $2x$
- B. $90+x$
- C. $180 -x$
- D. $180-2x$
- E. $360-2x$

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 188

-(Topic 2)



The graphs above show the distribution of men, women, and children who visited a certain zoo in 2008 and 2009. Which of the following statements must be true? Indicate all such statements.

- A. The number of children who visited the zoo in 2008 was greater than in 2009.
- B. In 2009 the number of women who visited the zoo was 20 percent greater than the number of men who visited the zoo.
- C. In 2008 the total number of women and children who visited the zoo was

$\frac{4}{5}$

of the total number of people who visited the zoo.

Answer: BC

NEW QUESTION 189

-(Topic 2)

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{xy} \text{ and } xy \neq 0.$$

Quantity A

x

Quantity B

y

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 193

- (Topic 2)

Quantity A

$$(24 - 25)^{50}$$

Quantity B

$$(77 - 76)^{-30}$$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 195

- (Topic 2)

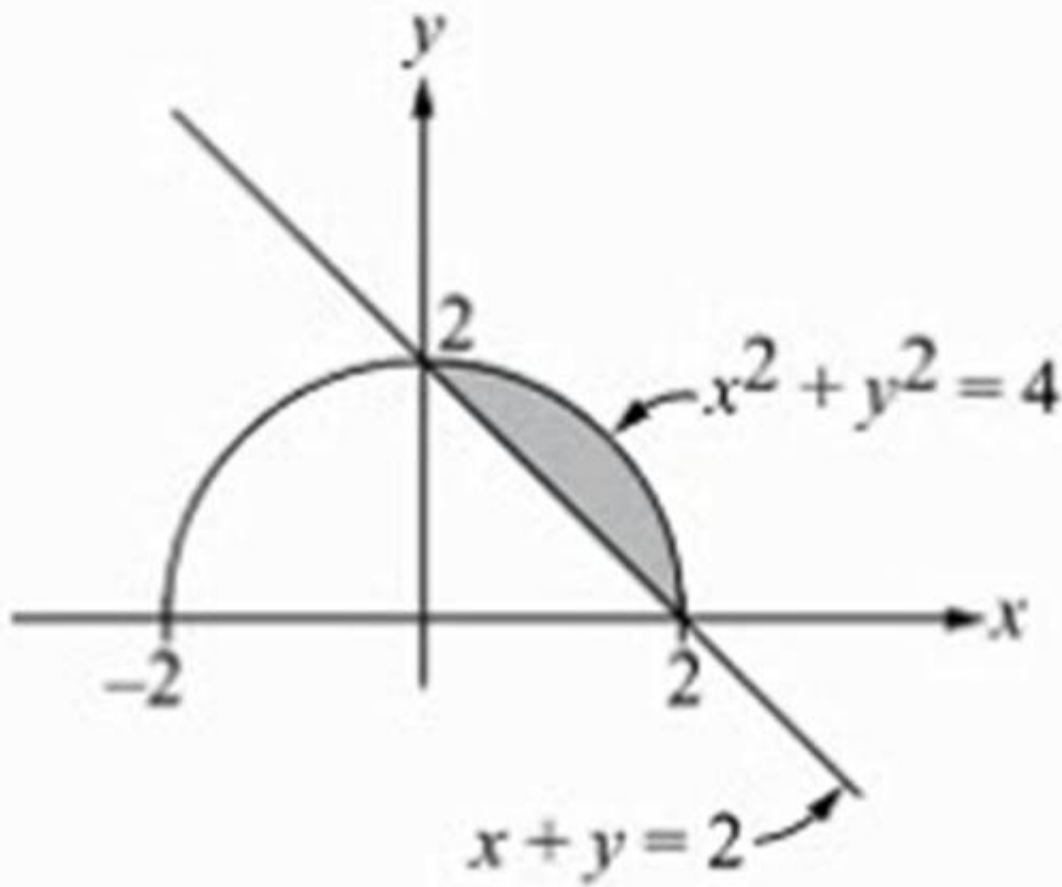
The average (arithmetic mean) and the median of a set of 5 numbers is 0, and the set contains at least one number that is not equal to 0. Which of the following statements must be true?

- A. Exactly one of the numbers is not equal to 0.
- B. Exactly one of the numbers is negative.
- C. Exactly two of the numbers are negative.
- D. The set has the same number of positive numbers as negative numbers.
- E. The sum of the nonzero numbers in the set is 0.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 200

- (Topic 2)



The figure shows a semicircle intersected by a straight line in the rectangular coordinate system. What is the area of the shaded region?

- A. - 2
- B. - 4
- C. 4 - 2
- D. 4 - 4
- E. 16 - 2

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 203

- (Topic 2)
 Exhibit.

x is a positive integer and $y = x + 1$.

Quantity A

$$\frac{x \cdot y}{y \cdot x}$$

Quantity B

1

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 208

- (Topic 2)

An exercise ball is made from soft elastic that has uniform thickness of 2 millimeters, and the interior of the ball is filled with air. The ball is in the shape of a sphere and has an exterior diameter of 65 centimeters. What is the radius of the interior of the ball, in millimeters?

- A. 323
- B. 324
- C. 325
- D. 646
- E. 648

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 209

- (Topic 2)

n is an integer greater than 1.

Quantity A

$$(n)^{-1}(n+1)^{-1}$$

Quantity B

$$(2n+1)^{-1}$$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 214

- (Topic 2)

$$xy > 0$$

Quantity A

$$x^4y^3$$

Quantity B

$$0$$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 217

- (Topic 2)

A circle is inscribed in a regular hexagon that is inscribed in a circle. What is the ratio of the area of the smaller circle to the area of the larger circle?

A)

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

B)

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

C)

$$\frac{3}{4}$$

D)

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

E)

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 222

- (Topic 2)

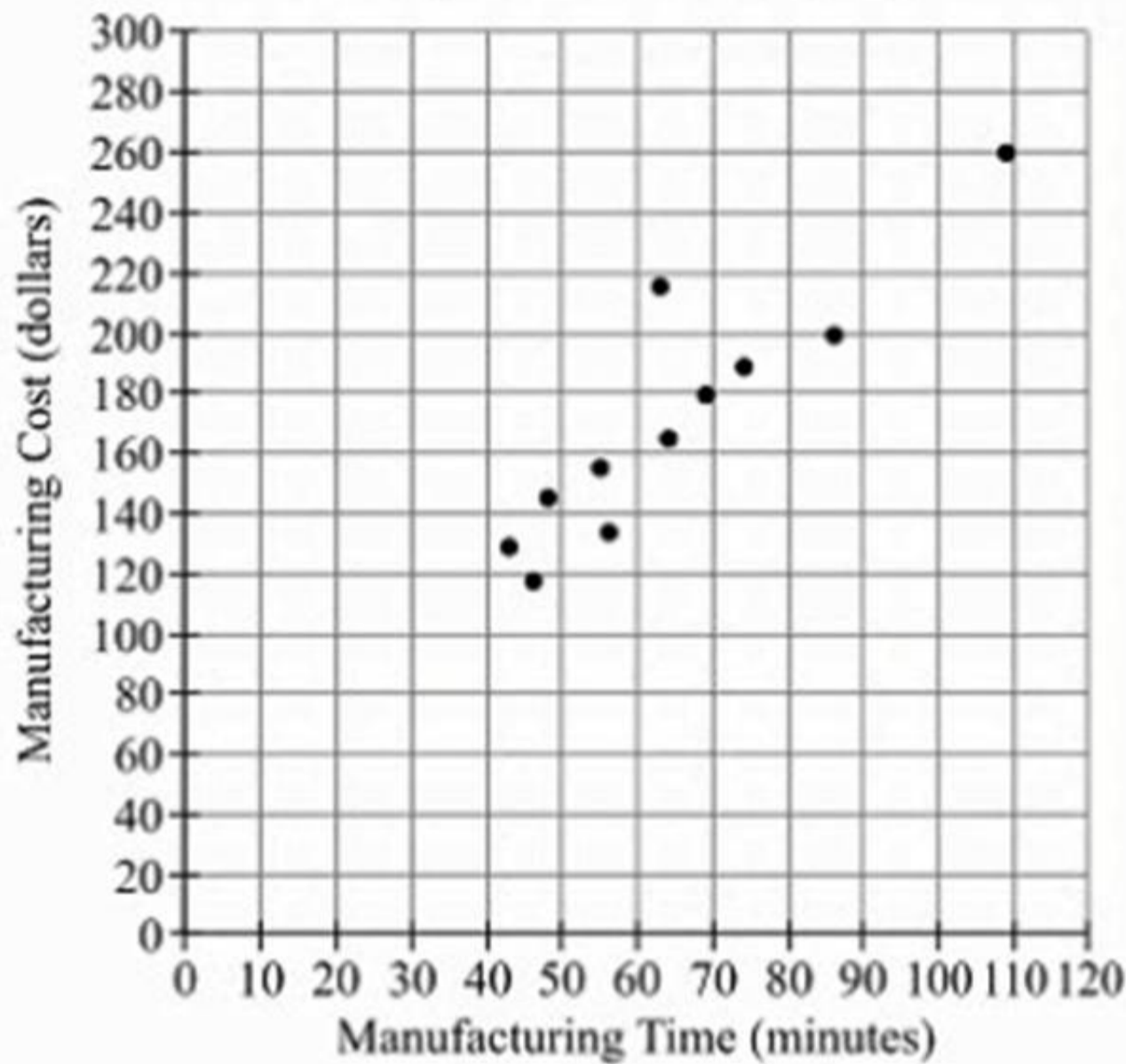
The manufacturing cost of the item that takes the most time to manufacture is approximately what percent greater than the cost of the item that takes the least time to manufacture?

- A. 10%
- B. 50%
- C. 75%
- D. 100H
- E. 200%

Answer: D

Explanation:

Manufacturing Cost and Time for 11 Pottery Items from Company *W*



NEW QUESTION 224

- (Topic 2)

$$A = \{x, y, z\}$$

$$B = \left\{ \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{x+z}{2}, \frac{y+z}{2} \right\}$$

In sets A and B shown, $l < v < y < z$. Which of the following statement is about .1 and H must be true? Indicate all such statements.

- A. The average (arithmetic mean) of the numbers in A is equal to the average of the numbers in B.
- B. The median of the numbers in A is equal to the median of the numbers in B.
- C. The range of the numbers in A is greater than the range of the numbers in B.

Answer: A

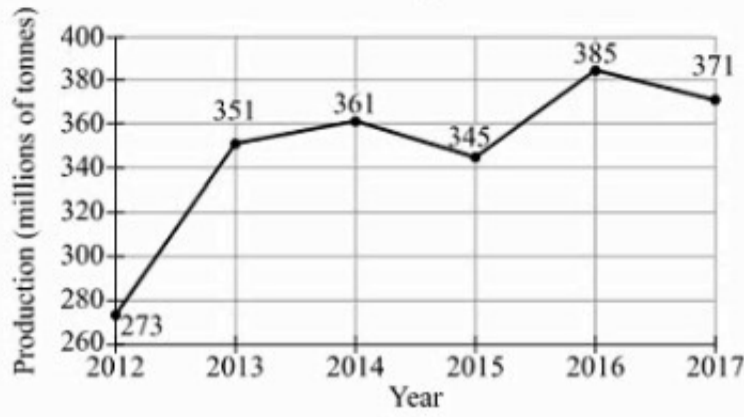
NEW QUESTION 225

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.

Maize Production and Uses in the United States

Annual Production, 2012–2017



Note: 1 tonne = 1,000 kilograms.

Uses, 2017

Use	Percent of Production
Feed	39%
Ethanol and fuel	27%
Exports	16%
Food and industrial use	9%
Residual	9%

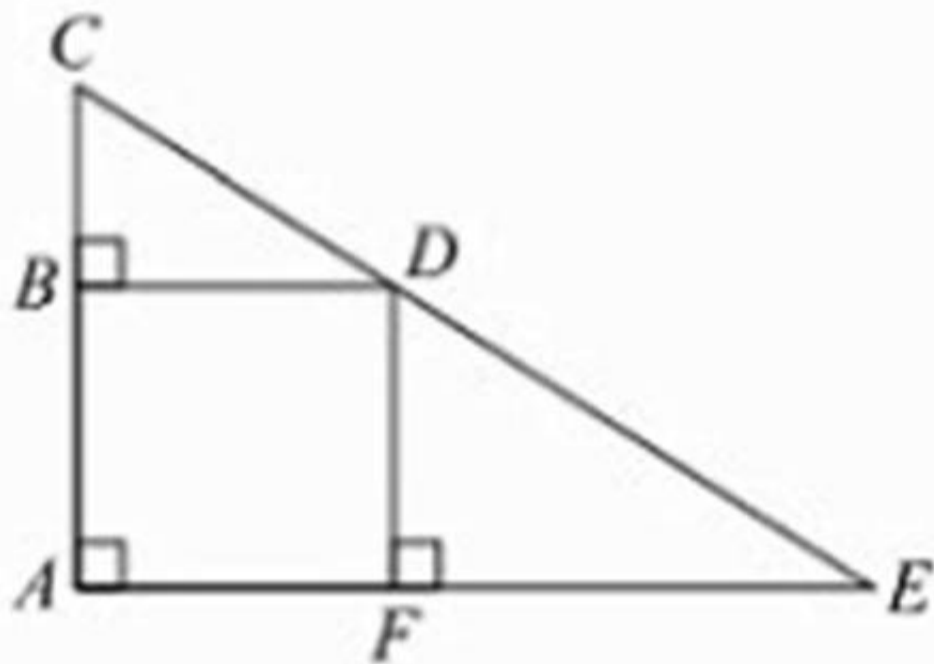
In 2017, if 19 percent of the maize production that was used for feed was used for dairy cows, approximately how many tonnes of the maize production was feed used for dairy cows?

- A. 27 million
- B. 70 million
- C. 145 million
- D. 181 million
- E. 215 million

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 226

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)
 Exhibit.



In the figure shown, $AC = 5$, $BC = 2$, and $AE = 8$. What is the area of rectangle $ABDF$?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

* 9.6

NEW QUESTION 228

- (Topic 2)

Stations A, M, and B are located along a certain train route, and Station M is between Stations A and B. At noon, a train engine passed Station A traveling at a

constant speed of 50 kilometers per hour toward Station B. Also at noon, another train engine passed Station B traveling at a constant speed of 60 kilometers per hour toward Station A. Both train engines passed Station M at the same time. What is the ratio of the distance along the route between Stations A and M to the distance along the route between Stations A and B?

A)

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

B)

$$\frac{3}{7}$$

C)

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

D)

$$\frac{4}{7}$$

E)

$$\frac{3}{4}$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

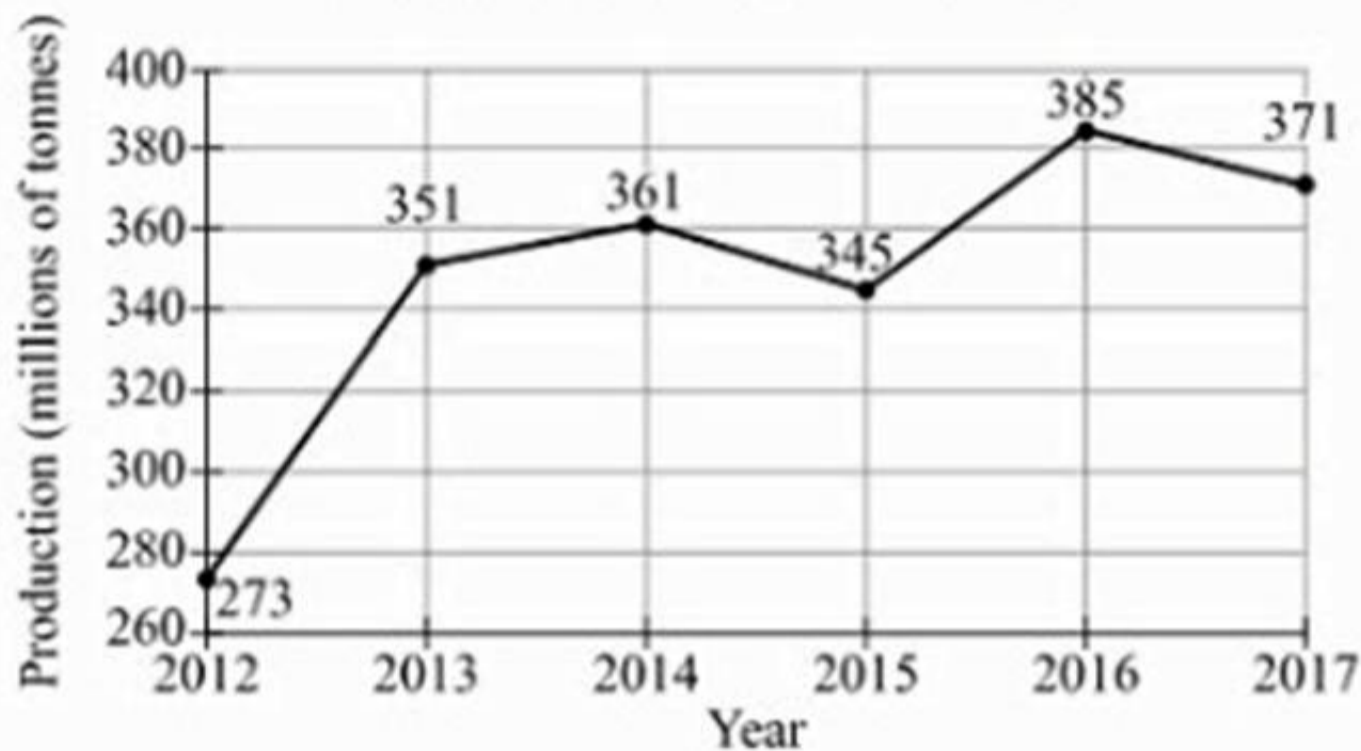
Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 231

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)
Exhibit.

Maize Production and Uses in the United States

Annual Production, 2012–2017



Note: 1 tonne = 1,000 kilograms.

Uses, 2017

Use	Percent of Production
Feed	39%
Ethanol and fuel	27%
Exports	16%
Food and industrial use	9%
Residual	9%

For the years shown, the greatest annual maize production was what percent greater than the median annual maize production? Give your answer to the nearest whole percent.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:
8%

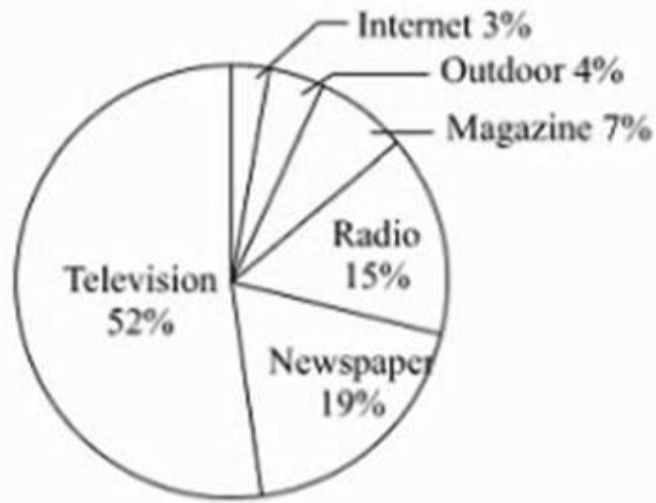
NEW QUESTION 233

- (Topic 2)

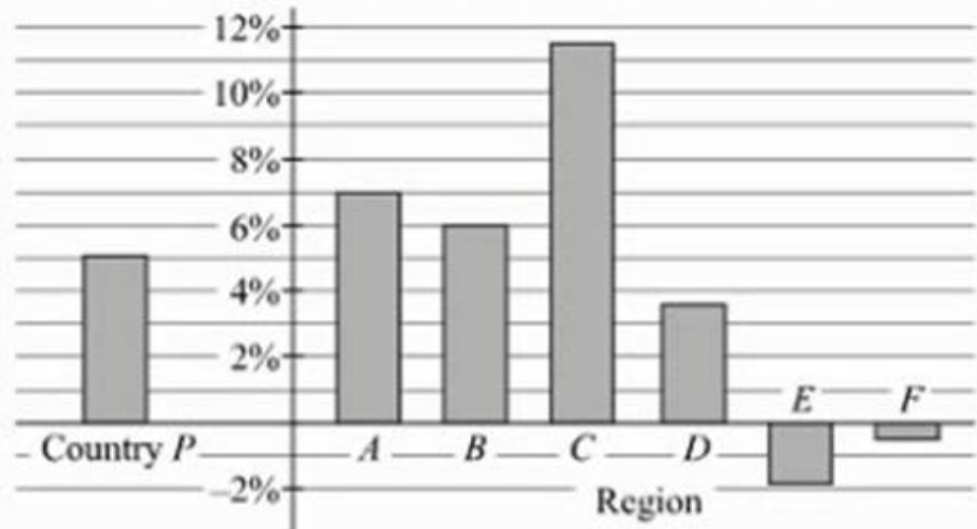
Amount Spent on Advertising in Country P in 2013

(Total amount spent: \$952 million)

Distribution of Amount Spent on Advertising, by Media Type



Percent Change in Amount Spent on Advertising from 2012 to 2013, by Region of Country P



Region A accounted for

$\frac{1}{8}$

of the amount spent on advertising in Country P in 2013. and the percent spent on television advertising in 8 Region A in 2012 was the same as the percent spent on television advertising in Country P in 2013. Approximately how much was spent on television advertising in Region A in 2012?

- A. \$58 million
- B. \$62 million
- C. \$66 million
- D. \$70 million
- E. \$74 million

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 238

- (Topic 2)

The five points C, D, E, F, and G lie on the number line, in that order from left to right, so that $CD = 1.5(EF)$ and $DE = 1.5(FG)$.

Quantity A

$0.4(CG)$

Quantity B

EG

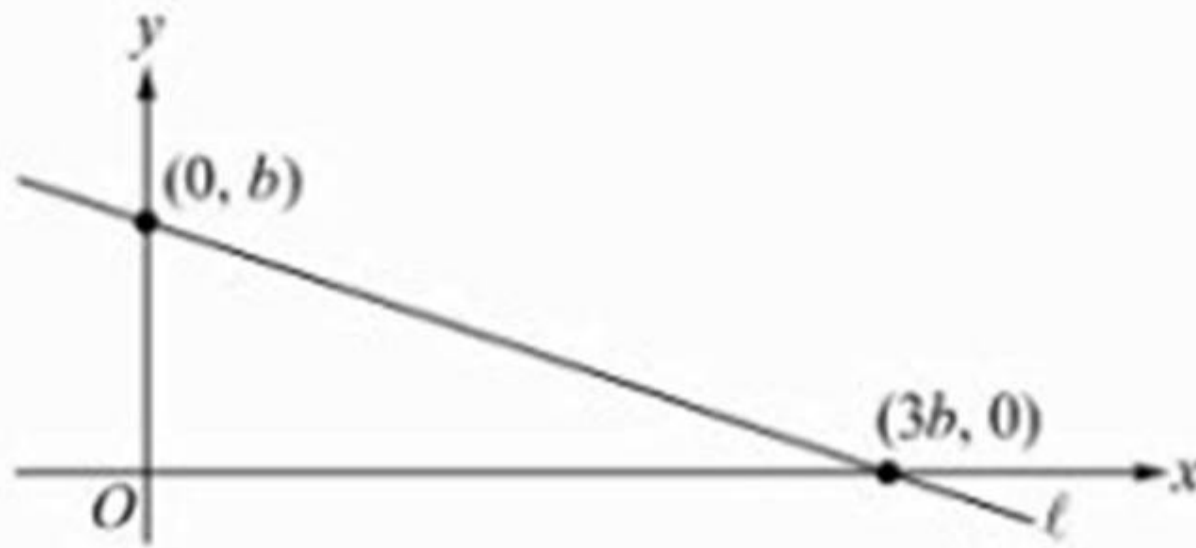
- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 240

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit



Quantity A

The slope of line ℓ

Quantity B

$$-\frac{1}{2}$$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 244

- (Topic 2)

The volume of a red container is 3 times the volume of a green container. What fraction of the volume of the green container is equal to

$$\frac{1}{12}$$

of the volume

of the red container?

A)

$$\frac{1}{36}$$

B)

$$\frac{1}{12}$$

C)

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

D)

$$\frac{1}{3}$$

E)

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D
- E. Option E

Answer: C**NEW QUESTION 248**

- (Topic 2)

The solutions of the equation $2y^2 + 5y = 3$ are $\frac{1}{2}$ and -3 . What are the solutions of the equation $2(x - 2)^2 + 5(x - 2) = 3$?

A)

$$\frac{5}{2} \text{ and } -1$$

B)

$$\frac{3}{2} \text{ and } 5$$

C)

$$\frac{1}{4} \text{ and } -\frac{3}{4}$$

D)

$$-\frac{3}{2} \text{ and } -5$$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 249

- (Topic 2)



The circle graph above shows the results of a survey conducted at a high school in which each student was asked to name one favorite sport, if any. Of the students who named a favorite sport, what percent of students named either baseball or hockey?

- A. 15.75%
- B. 21%
- C. 28%
- D. 31.5%
- E. 42%

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 252

- (Topic 2)

In a competition, a certain contestant scored either 2 points or 4 points in each round of the competition. This contestant's average (arithmetic mean) score for the entire competition was 3.8 points per round.

Quantity A

9 times the number of rounds in which the contestant scored 2 points

Quantity B

The number of rounds in which the contestant scored 4 points

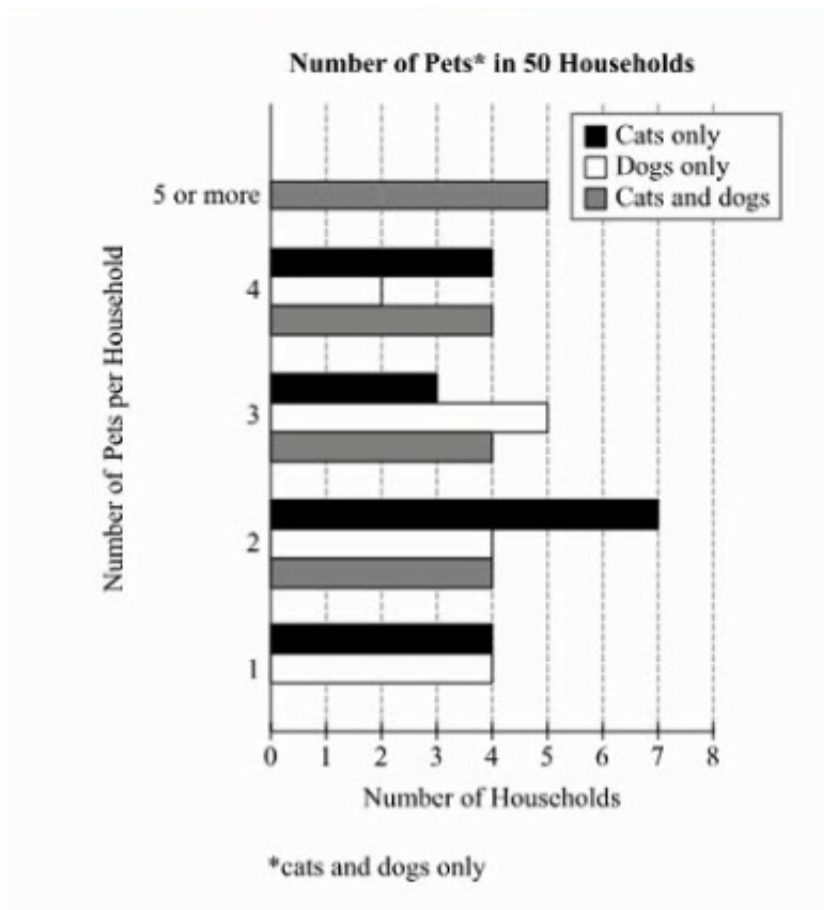
- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 255

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.



For what number of pets per household is the total number of households the least?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5
- E. or more

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 258

- (Topic 2)

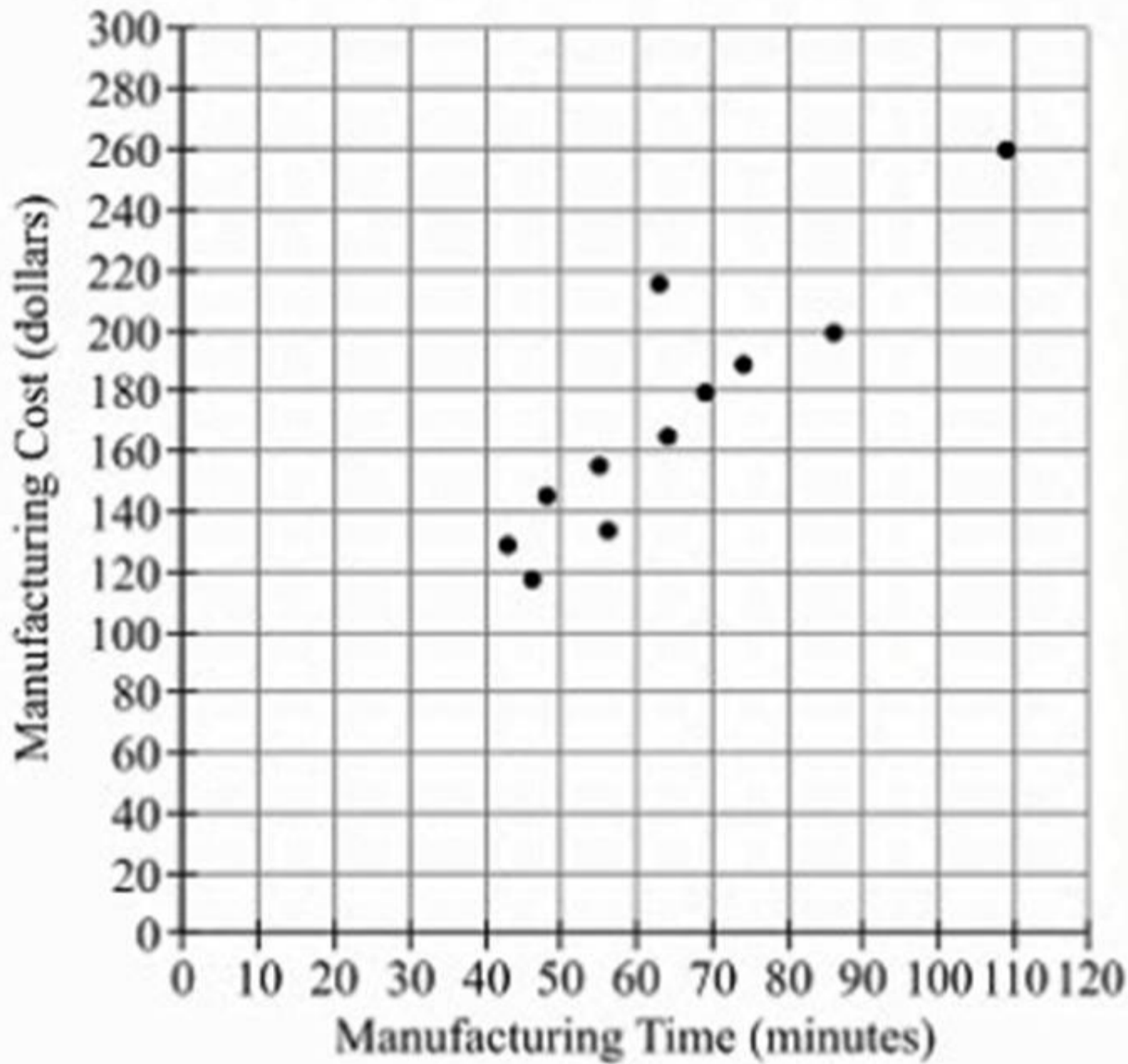
For each item, a manager calculates the ratio of the manufacturing cost to the manufacturing time. Which of the following is closest to the value of the greatest of these eleven ratios, in dollars per minute?

- A. 2.5
- B. 3.5
- C. 4.0
- D. 4.5
- E. 5.0

Answer: B

Explanation:

Manufacturing Cost and Time for 11 Pottery Items from Company W



NEW QUESTION 261
 - (Topic 2)

Population Data for Five Neighborhoods of City X, 1930 and 1990

Neighborhood	Total Population		Foreign-Born Population	
	1930	1990	1930	1990
R	228,100	217,400	91,200	66,600
S	219,100	100,700	78,700	11,700
T	102,800	150,100	20,200	25,400
U	79,700	47,300	43,100	18,200
V	5,600	9,100	1,700	4,900
Total	635,300	524,600	234,900	126,800

Percent of Foreign-Born Population in Neighborhood V by Region of Origin, 1990

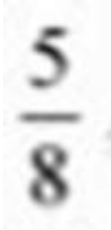


- A. 6%
- B. 12%
- C. 16%
- D. 25%
- E. 29%

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 265

- (Topic 2)
 Last year a fanner used



, or 750 bushels, was milled into whole wheat flour. What was the total amount, in bushels, of the farm's wheat crop last year?

- A. 1.200
- B. 1.600
- C. 2.400
- D. 3.200
- E. 4.800

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 266

- (Topic 2)

Population Data for Five Neighborhoods of City X, 1930 and 1990

Neighborhood	Total Population		Foreign-Born Population	
	1930	1990	1930	1990
R	228,100	217,400	91,200	66,600
S	219,100	100,700	78,700	11,700
T	102,800	150,100	20,200	25,400
U	79,700	47,300	43,100	18,200
V	5,600	9,100	1,700	4,900
Total	635,300	524,600	234,900	126,800

Percent of Foreign-Born Population in Neighborhood V by Region of Origin, 1990



For how many of the five neighborhoods did the ratio of the foreign-born population to the total population of the neighborhood increase from 1930 to 1990?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three
- E. Four

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 270

- (Topic 3)

The politician's record while in office, though (i) _____ -hardly accounts for her high standing three decades later —a standing all the more (it) _____ because of continuing assaults on her reputation during those years.

- A. bewildering
- B. admirable
- C. unappreciated
- D. unusual regrettable
- E. persistent

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 271

- (Topic 3)

Sunflower sea stars help maintain certain kelp forest ecosystems by eating quickly reproducing prey species such as urchins, thus keeping populations low. Without the sea stars, the urchin population explodes, which is bad news for kelp forests and everything in them. Giant kelp can grow to 150 feet underwater at a speed of two feet a day, but their weaknesses are their holdfasts, which are akin to tree roots. The holdfasts are home to brittle stars, prawns, and snails, among other creatures. Urchins like to eat the kelp holdfasts. Once the holdfasts are gone, the rest of the kelp drifts off* in the tides. In this way, urchins can destroy the forests, which, higher up, are also home (o fish, including several types of commercially important rockfish, The passage compares kelp holdfasts to tree roots in order to

- A. indicate the role of holdfasts in the acquisition of nutrients
- B. emphasize the structural function of holdfasts
- C. rationalize the use of the term "kelp forest"
- D. point out similarities between terrestrial and aquatic flora
- E. identify a misconception about kelp anatomy

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 274

- (Topic 3)

The poet Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906) was the premier Black writer of poetry that used the dialect of rural African Americans of the southern United States. Although Dunbar's works were both popular with readers and acclaimed by literary critics during his lifetime, after the First World War a radical shift occurred, at least in critical opinion of his poetry, and twentieth-century critical evaluation of his work has been generally negative. Some critics attacked his work on social grounds for failing to challenge plantation stereotypes of African Americans. Other critics, such as the poet James Weldon Johnson, argued from aesthetic grounds that dialect poetry in general was too limited as an artistic medium, and capable of producing only two effects: pathos and humor. The negative critical trend only began to reverse itself in the 1970s, when scholars began to emphasize the importance of mythic, psychological, and historical dimensions of Dunbar's works, focusing on the interior and exterior realities of African American life after the Civil War.

Which of the following general criticisms of dialect poetry is mentioned in the passage?

- A. Dialect poetry too often uses only the dialect of African Americans living in rural areas of the southern United States.
- B. Dialect poetry is highly limited in the number of artistic effects it can produce.
- C. Dialect poetry fails to represent mythic, psychological, and historical dimensions of experience.
- D. The use of dialect in poetry tends to perpetuate plantation stereotypes of African Americans.
- E. Dialect poetry has only a limited degree of popular appeal

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 275

- (Topic 3)

The story lines of silent dramas may often have been _____, yet within those basic narrative outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express emotional shadings that have no analogue in spoken

- A. language.
- B. implausible
- C. incredible
- D. conventional
- E. elemental
- F. rudimentary
- G. confusing

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 280

- (Topic 3)

Carbon dating of charcoal gathered from a Nok iron smelter at Intini, Nigeria, suggests that iron technology was established there by 410 B.C. This may not be the oldest smelter in sub-Saharan Africa, however. Archaeologists have located evidence of iron-smelting in the Termit Hills of Niger from as early as 1400 B.C., but skeptics say the wood used for that dating could have already been centuries old when burned as fuel—a problem that dogs carbon dating, especially in arid places like Niger, where wood desiccates and lasts longer. Of course, the same problem could distort dates for the Intini furnace as well, but here there is an important piece of corroborating evidence: Nok pottery found inside the furnace alongside the charcoal

The passage is primarily concerned with

- A. determining which of two ancient cultures in sub-Saharan Africa was more technologically advanced
- B. dating the development of iron technology in sub-Saharan Africa
- C. assessing certain advantages and disadvantages of carbon dating in sub-Saharan Africa
- D. suggesting a possible link between climate and technological development in sub-Saharan Africa
- E. contrasting the iron-smelting techniques of two civilizations in sub-Saharan Africa

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 285

- (Topic 3)

One difficulty in convincing early scientists that craters formed as a result of impacts from space is that most craters are circular. Impacts could come in at any angle, and experiments firing projectiles in the laboratory show that low-angle impacts lead to elliptical craters, not circular ones. Furthermore, while there was rarely evidence of any impacting object, there was often silicate melt around, suggesting that craters were caused by volcanic processes. The breakthrough in understanding crater origin was the recognition that the shock caused by the impacting object—not the object itself—creates a circular crater some twenty times larger than the diameter of the impactor. The impact also generates enough heat to largely vaporize the impactor and melt the native rock.

What can be inferred from the passage about the silicate melt found around craters?

- A. It was not caused exclusively by volcanic processes.
- B. It led early scientists to consider volcanic activity as a cause of crater formation.
- C. It can probably be explained by the intense heat caused by impact

Answer: ABC

NEW QUESTION 286

- (Topic 3)

Harriet Monroe, who founded *Poetry: A Magazine of Verse* in 1912, argued that the more heterogeneous and sprawling the modern world became, the more poetry needed "an entrenched place, a voice of power." But this goal could only be realized if poets were valued in ways that encouraged them to participate in the world and made writing verse economically viable. Monroe argued that poets needed sites of institutional opportunity like those that had been developed for visual artists, architects, and musicians. She believed that the hand-wringing anticapitalism dominating genteel literary culture—particularly the idea that poetry ought to be removed from "sordid" pecuniary considerations—brought no economic and only illusory aesthetic benefits, instead severing poets from meaningful participation in the modern world.

The author mentions "visual artists, architects, and musicians" primarily to

- A. note a challenge that Monroe faced when attempting to implement her ideas
- B. highlight what Monroe regarded as a contrast between the economic needs of poets and those of other artists
- C. explain Monroe's ideas about measures that would advance poetry

- D. acknowledge that anticapitalism had not hail undesirable consequences for all art forms
- E. illustrate the point that some art forms are inherently more economically viable than others

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 291

- (Topic 3)

Whatever the level of the museum's past (i) _____ American art, it pales beside its current (ii) _____. Since opening its renovated and expanded building, the museum has relegated American paintings to hard-to-find comers of the museum. It is as if American art is < iii > _____ the overwhelmingly European narrative that dominates the permanent collection galleries.

- A. advocacy of
- B. enthusiasm for
- C. neglect of
- D. craze
- E. disdain
- F. support
- G. fundamental to
- H. excluded from
- I. privileged over

Answer: BEG

NEW QUESTION 295

- (Topic 3)

One difficulty in convincing early scientists that craters fanned as a result of impacts from space is that most craters are circular. Impacts could come in at any angle, and experiments firing projectiles in the laboratory show that low-angle impacts lead to elliptical craters, not circular ones. Furthermore, while there was rarely evidence of any impacting object, there was often silicate melt around, suggesting that craters were caused by volcanic processes. The breakthrough in understanding crater origin was the recognition that the shock caused by the impacting object—not the object itself—creates a circular crater some twenty times larger than the diameter of the impactor. The impact also generates enough heat to largely vaporize the impactor and melt the native rock. Based on the passage, it can be inferred that research focused on "a classical case of bilingualism"

- A. could not establish metrics to compare bilinguals?? and monolinguals?? cognitive performance
- B. overstated the cognitive benefits of achieving perfect command of two languages as an adult
- C. identified a weak but consistent correlation between bilingualism and enhanced cognitive functioning
- D. failed to distinguish the effects of language acquisition from the effects of language use
- E. mischaracterized the significance of childhood bilingualism for later language learning

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 299

- (Topic 3)

Even the most complex models used in fishery management are cartoons of reality. They reduce hundreds of links in food webs to a handful and inadequately represent processes operating over space. Many of their assumptions are as flawed today as those of the simplest models of the past. Fish stocks, for one, are still assumed to be populations of a species that are isolated from one another. Yet many populations mix at their edges and some even migrate through areas occupied by other populations. Furthermore, the more complex models suffer from a "crisis of complexity"—more is really less. Adding layers of detail, each carrying its own set of assumptions, produces instability. The model's behavior becomes erratic, and conclusions drawn from it can be downright misleading. In the context of the passage, the highlighted portion serves to

- A. confirm a prediction
- B. demonstrate an oversimplification
- C. recommend a reformulation
- D. anticipate an objection
- E. question a finding

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 301

- (Topic 3)

Discussions of the collapse of the lowland Maya are not new. However, it might be better to say that Maya civilization as a whole did not collapse, although many zones did experience profound change. Because societies are not bounded, unitary entities, collapses are rarely total, and continuity is a normal pan of collapse. At the end of the Classic period [200-900 C.E.], the institution of divine kingship and many of the well-known markers of elite culture such as a-, caned stelae [slabs erected for funerals or commemorative purposes] and hieroglyphic polychromes [multicolored artistic pottery] ended, but Maya civilization continued in modified form with many important features intact (e.g., literacy, war, art, the production of fine ceramics). In some cases large buildings were constructed in the Postclassic period [900-1512 C.E.], but the transition to the Early Postclassic [900-1200 C.E.] era is distinctive for a decrease in elite goods and contexts. The variability in artifact changes during the Terminal Classic [800-900 C.E.] and into the Postclassic, even within artifact classes (e.g., line versus unslipped ceramics), suggests weaker centralized control than during the Classic period. Site abandonments in the Terminal Classic indicate the collapse of the functional ability of Maya states, but sites that survived show that Maya civilization continued albeit without divine kingship and much of the spectacle around it. According to the passage, which of the following statements about the institution of divine kingship is true?

- A. It remained strong through the end of the Classic period.
- B. It was not a feature of the Postclassic period.
- C. Its demise led to the collapse of Maya civilization.
- D. Its importance has been overestimated by many scholars.
- E. Its spectacle became too onerous a burden for Maya society to support.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 304

- (Topic 3)

Given the _____ of archival materials related to her subject, it is not surprising that the author is unable to marshal much detailed documentary evidence to support some of her claims.

- A. diversity
- B. paucity
- C. accessibility
- D. orderliness
- E. profusion

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 307

- (Topic 3)

In the past, the region's literacy support programs had been _____ distributed—abundant in places where literacy rates were relatively high, absent in places where rates were low.

- A. complexly
- B. cautiously
- C. sagaciously
- D. perversely
- E. uniformly

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 309

- (Topic 3)

Edited collections of scholarly essays generally tend to be somewhat uneven: they suffer from the _____ subject matter of the various essays, the lack of an overarching and consistent thesis, and the variable quality of the contributions.

- A. intriguing
- B. heterogeneous
- C. comprehensive
- D. disparate
- E. mediocre
- F. engaging

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 311

- (Topic 3)

Like paleontologists who interpret timescales from fossil evidence, we infer the history of star formation in the Milky Way galaxy from the heavy-element composition of its stars. According to the big bang theory of the origin of the universe, the first gas clouds—and the first generation of stars formed from them—were composed of pure hydrogen and helium; most heavier elements—iron and calcium, for example—came later, created by explosions of supernovas, massive stars in their death throes. Loaded with heavy elements, material ejected from supernovas enriched the interstellar gas clouds from which the next generation of stars formed, the level of heavy elements increasing with succeeding generations. Because most stars live for many billions of years and because the Milky Way is thus composed of multiple stellar generations, comparing the number of stars of low heavy-element abundance with those of high heavy-element abundance enables astronomers to untangle the history of star formation in the Milky Way.

Replacement of the word "enriched" with which of the following words results in the least change in meaning for the passage?

- A. refined
- B. altered
- C. heightened
- D. brightened
- E. improved

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 315

- (Topic 3)

Economists use two competing models to describe the effects of commercial advertising—advertising as market competition and advertising as market power. The market competition model holds that the fundamental function of advertising is to provide information about products and brands. It is argued that information in ads permits greater marketplace efficiencies, such as lower prices and reduced monopoly power. In a similar vein, much discussion regarding political advertising has rested on its informational value. Does political advertising provide political information and help voters make informed decisions? Nelson argues that promoting bars of soap in commercial ads is no different than promoting political ideas ideology from political candidates in political ads. On the grounds that information is being distributed in both cases. Others, such as Ferguson and Jamieson, disagree with Nelson's proposition. Ferguson, for example, pointed out that choosing a political candidate is more like buying an experience good (where the quality is hard to evaluate prior to purchase) rather than a search good (where the quality is easily evaluated before the purchase). According to Ferguson, claims in political ads do not have true informational value, because it is difficult for voters to draw inferences about the future deeds of a candidate from what the ads say. Furthermore, Jamieson argues that political ads reshape the public image of political candidates and change voters' feelings about the candidates with subtle emotional cues but without substantive information upon which to base a reasoned judgment.

The passage implies that Ferguson and Jamieson agree that political advertising

- A. focuses primarily on the communication of subtle emotional cues
- B. is largely ineffective at promoting particular candidates
- C. misleads voters about the beliefs and future actions of candidates
- D. has only a temporary effect on the public images of candidates

E. cannot be relied upon by voters who want to make informed decisions

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 320

- (Topic 3)

In the 1980s the press release announcing the discovery of a new fundamental particle turned a once _____ hypothesis of interest to no more than a few hundred physicists into an undisputed fact of global significance.

- A. cogent
- B. fungible
- C. recondite
- D. preeminent
- E. discretionary

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 321

- (Topic 3)

Since it was committed to the idea of science as an international, politically neutral enterprise, the Royal Society of London refused to _____ members from enemy nations during the world wars of the twentieth century.

- A. betray
- B. expel
- C. endorse
- D. oust
- E. sanction
- F. condemn

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 322

- (Topic 3)

Adapting to its changing environment and building its own ecological niche in interactions with other disciplines, the scientific discipline of ecology can be seen as highly _____ .

- A. anarchic
- B. cerebral
- C. opportunistic
- D. speculative
- E. competitive

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 323

- (Topic 3)

One of the remarkable things about (i) _____ is that it can seem so (ii) _____ : many of the issues about which people (iii) _____ seem, to the nonzealot, to be gray and ambiguous at the core.

- A. erudition
- B. duplicity
- C. conviction
- D. benign
- E. self-serving
- F. unreasonable
- G. feel absolute certainty
- H. fail to educate themselves
- I. find themselves puzzled

Answer: AFH

NEW QUESTION 325

- (Topic 3)

Sensationalism—the purveyance of emotionally charged content, focused mainly on violent crime, to a broad public—has often been decried, but the full history of the phenomenon has yet to be written. Scholars have tended to dismiss sensationalism as unworthy of serious study, based on two pervasive though somewhat incompatible assumptions: first, that sensationalism is essentially a commercial product, built on the exploitation of modern mass media, and second, that it appeals almost entirely to a simple, basic emotion and thus has little history apart from the changing technological means of spreading it. An exploration of sensationalism's early history, however, challenges both assumptions and suggests that they have tended to obscure the complexity and historicity of the genre. In the context in which it appears, "charged" most nearly means

- A. electrified
- B. accused
- C. attacked
- D. fraught
- E. admonished

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 329

- (Topic 3)

Her tendency toward _____ made her willingness to step up and lead the turbulent group all the more impressive.

- A. guilelessness
- B. diffidence
- C. forbearance
- D. rectitude
- E. assiduousness

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 331

- (Topic 3)

Even if the merits of the proposal are (i) _____, faculty members may be reluctant to (ii) _____ given their fear of offending the group that champions it.

- A. unparalleled
- B. dubious
- C. obvious
- D. approve
- E. acquiesce

Answer: BD

NEW QUESTION 333

- (Topic 3)

One reason researchers have long believed that Mars never enjoyed an extensive period of warm and wet climate is that much of the surface not covered by wind-borne dust appears to be composed of unweathered material. If water flowed for an extended period, researchers reasoned, it should have altered and weathered the volcanic minerals, creating clays or other oxidized, hydrated phases (minerals that incorporate water molecules in their crystal structure).

It turns out, though, that the scientists were not looking closely enough. New high-resolution mapping data and close-up surface studies have revealed clays and other hydrated minerals in many regions. The clay deposits are scattered all over, in ancient volcanic surfaces and heavily cratered highland regions, some of which have apparently been exposed by erosion only recently.

Consider each of the choices separately and select all that apply.

The passage indicates which of the following about the clay deposits on Mars?

- A. They are widely distributed.
- B. They are not the only hydrated minerals on Mars.
- C. They have only recently been detected.

Answer: ABC

NEW QUESTION 337

- (Topic 3)

Despite the (i) _____ nature of contemporary science, the (ii) _____ of many individuals (iii) _____: the work of women and minority scientists has too often been exploited or deemed rudimentary and unworthy of inclusion into science history books.

- A. collaborative
- B. controversial
- C. sophisticated
- D. motivations
- E. contributions
- F. idiosyncrasies
- G. manifest themselves
- H. point to a solution
- I. remain overlooked

Answer: AEI

NEW QUESTION 338

- (Topic 3)

Writing for the New York Times in 1971, Saul Braun claimed that "today's superhero is about as much like his predecessors as today's child is like his parents." In an unprecedented article on the state of American comics, "Shazam! Here Comes Captain Relevant," Braun wove a story of an industry whose former glory producing jingoistic fantasies of superhuman power in the 1930s and 1940s had given way to a canny interest in revealing the power structures against which ordinary people and heroes alike struggled following World War II. Quoting a description of a course on "Comparative Comics" at Brown University, he wrote, "New heroes are different—they ponder moral questions, have emotional differences, and are just as neurotic as real people. Captain America openly sympathizes with campus radicals.. Lois Lane apes John Howard Griffin and turns herself black to study racism, and everybody battles to save the environment." Five years earlier, Esquire had presaged Braun's claims about comic books: generational appeal, dedicating a spread to the popularity of superhero comics among university students in their special "College Issue." As one student explained, "My favorite is the Hulk. I identify with him, he's the outcast against the institution." Only months after the New York Times article saw print, Rolling Stone published a six-page expose on the inner workings of Marvel Comics, while Ms. Magazine emblazoned Wonder Woman on the cover of its premier issue—declaring "Wonder Woman for President!"—no less—and devoted an article to the origins of the latter-day feminist superhero.

Where little more than a decade before comics had signaled the moral and aesthetic degradation of American culture, by 1971 they had come of age as America's "native art": taught on Ivy League campuses, studied by European scholars and filmmakers, and translated and sold around the world, they were now taken up as a new generation's critique of American society. The concatenation of these sentiments among such diverse publications revealed that the growing popularity and public interest in comics (and comic-book superheroes) spanned a wide demographic spectrum, appealing to middle-class urbanites, college-age men, members of the counterculture, and feminists alike. At the heart of this newfound admiration for comics lay a glaring yet largely unremarked contradiction: the cultural regeneration of the comic-book medium was made possible by the revamping of a key American fantasy figure, the superhero, even as that figure was being lauded for its realism and social relevance. As the title of Braun's article suggests, in the early 1970s, "relevance" became a popular buzzword denoting a shift in comic-book content from oblique narrative metaphors for social problems toward direct representations of racism and sexism, urban blight, and political

corruption.

It can be inferred that the author of the passage regards the concatenation" of sentiments surrounding comics as evidence of

- A. a concerted effort by the comics industry to revamp the comic book superhero
- B. a consensus among critics that comics should be regarded as native art
- C. the influence of international readers on the domestic popularity of comics
- D. the capacity of comics to appeal to readers with a variety of social and political affiliations
- E. the impact of the counterculture on the regeneration of the comic book medium

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 341

- (Topic 3)

There is a long-standing historical presumption that social custom during the early years of the United States forbade women from public speaking. In fact, though, the standard mode of education of the 1790s and early 1800s, which emphasized oral recitation and performance, taught girls that educated and well-spoken women had an important role to play in American society. By depicting skilled speech as a necessary talent for women in a civilized society, elocutionary education encouraged a certain degree of female ambition and even political involvement. Transmitted via standard, inexpensive schoolbooks, this message reached virtually all who read schoolbooks or attended schools. This environment did not last long, however: even by the 1810s, attitudes about women's education had changed considerably.

The author would probably agree with which of the following statements about the "historical presumption"?

- A. It failed to account for the fact that certain abilities in young women were deemed desirable in the 1790s and 1800s.
- B. It had largely died out by the 1810s.
- C. It had an important influence on the content of textbooks used during the 1790s and the 1800s.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 342

- (Topic 3)

Origin, distribution, and habitat are included in the book for some but not all of the plants: offering this information for each species would have given readers a clearer appreciation of the differences between _____ and introduced species.

- A. endemic
- B. native
- C. seasonal
- D. rare
- E. unusual
- F. dominant

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 347

- (Topic 3)

Whereas Hellenan attributed her (i) _____ as a pianist to her teacher's pedagogical (ii) _____, her teacher attributed them to Hellenan's own desultory practice habits.

her teacher

- A. struggles B. exploits
- B. accomplishments
- C. exertions
- D. eccentricities
- E. adroitness

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 349

- (Topic 3)

- A. Du Bois's exhibit of African American history and culture at the 1900 Paris Exposition Universelle attracted the attention of a world of sociological scholarship whose values his work challenge
- B. Du Bois believed that sociological sociologists failed in their attempts to gain greater understanding of human deeds because their work examined not deeds but theories and because they gathered data not to effect social progress but merely to theoriz
- C. In his exhibi
- D. Du Bois sought to present cultural artifacts that would shift the focus of sociology from the construction of vast generalizations to die observation of particula
- E. living individual elements of society and the working contributions of individual people to a vast functioning social structure.The passage implies that Du Bois believed which of the following statements about sociology?
- F. It should contribute to the betterment of society.
- G. It should study what people actually do.
- H. It should focus on how existing social structures determine individual behavior.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 351

- (Topic 3)

The term "ragtime opera" was used frequently m the first years of the twentieth century, but more often than not its use was (i) _____. The very idea of "ragtime opera" was viewed as lii) _____ : opera was regarded as the highest form of musical art; ragtime was at the opposite pole.

- A. unambiguous

- B. facetious
- C. cliché
- D. an exaggeration
- E. a self-contradiction
- F. an abstraction

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 354

- (Topic 3)

The importance of the Bill of Rights in twentieth-century United States law and politics has led some historians to search for the "original meaning" of its most controversial clauses. This approach, known as "originalism," presumes that each right codified in the Bill of Rights had an independent history that can be studied in isolation from the histories of other rights, and its proponents ask how formulations of the Bill of Rights in 1791 reflected developments in specific areas of legal thinking at that time. Legal and constitutional historians, for example, have found originalism especially useful in the study of provisions of the Bill of Rights that were innovative by eighteenth-century standards, such as the

Fourth Amendment's broadly termed protection against "unreasonable searches and seizures." Recent calls in the legal and political arena for a return to a "jurisprudence of original intention," however, have made it a matter of much more than purely scholarly interest when originalists insist that a clause's true meaning was fixed at the moment of its adoption, or maintain that only those rights explicitly mentioned in the United States Constitution deserve constitutional recognition and protection. These two claims seemingly lend support to the notion that an interpreter must apply fixed definitions of a fixed number of rights to contemporary issues, for the claims imply that the central problem of rights in the Revolutionary era was to precisely identify, enumerate, and define those rights that Americans felt were crucial to protecting their liberty.

Both claims, however, are questionable from the perspective of a strictly historical inquiry, however sensible they may seem from the vantage point of contemporary jurisprudence. Even though originalists are correct in claiming that the search for original meaning is inherently historical, historians would not normally seek.

Which of the following historical documents, if they existed, would most strengthen the author's characterization of Revolutionary constitutionalism?

- A. Placards from 1791 urging people to ratify the Bill of Rights because it explicitly mentions all rights deserving of constitutional protection
- B. Personal letters of a framer of the Bill of Rights complaining about his colleagues' failure to reach consensus about which rights to protect and how to protect them
- C. Minutes of a meeting during which the precise wording of a right was worked out in order to ensure that the right had a single meaning
- D. The diary of a framer of the Bill of Rights that details a discussion concerning why one particular clause should be included in the Bill of Rights
- E. Newspaper editorials asserting that the framers of the Bill of Rights failed to develop creative or innovative ideas about rights

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 355

- (Topic 3)

Though the ant colonies of fable and film often are invested with the hierarchical organization characteristic of human societies, a real ant colony operates without

- A. consciousness
- B. disorder
- C. forethought
- D. direction
- E. management

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 359

- (Topic 3)

The complex topic of whether bilingualism enhances cognitive functions beyond language, the so-called "bilingual advantage," is an intensely debated subject. Research results can be influenced by many variables, including the definition of bilingualism itself. The previous focus on what was perceived to be a classical case of bilingualism (early, simultaneous acquisition of more than one language) has been largely replaced by a more inclusive definition, based on the ability to communicate rather than a perfect command. Indeed, improvement in cognitive functions has been reported after only one week of an intensive language course. Conversely, inactive bilinguals, who were early balanced bilinguals in their childhood but moved to an exclusive use of one language in later life, perform differently from active bilinguals and more like monolinguals.

In the context of the passage as a whole, the reference to "improvement in cognitive functions" primarily serves to

- A. reiterate one of the main benefits of being bilingual
- B. provide support for a particular research approach to bilingualism
- C. illustrate how language acquisition promotes learning in general
- D. emphasize the ease with which a person can learn a second language
- E. encourage an intensive approach to language acquisition

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 364

- (Topic 3)

Instances of "galactic cannibalism"—mergers in which large galaxies completely consume smaller ones—may be fairly common. Tidal forces produced by the Milky Way's powerful gravity, for example, appear to be dismantling and engulfing a dwarf galaxy in the constellation Sagittarius, producing large clumps and streamers of stars connecting the two galaxies. Astronomers have also observed two dense clusters of stars and gas at the heart of the Andromeda galaxy, an apparent "double nucleus" that may contain the remnant of a cannibalized dwarf galaxy. But this twin-lobed appearance could also be created by two parts of a single nucleus bisected by a lane of dust. Scientists believe that only about 25 percent of such apparent double nuclei actually represent galactic cannibalism. Many of the rest result from the illusion of proximity that occurs when objects at different distances appear along the same line of sight: others consist of debris from galactic "collisions," in which one galaxy has passed through another without merging, causing waves of new star formation.

The passage suggests that a galactic collision differs from galactic cannibalism in that

- A. a galactic collision usually results in the formation of a double nucleus

- B. a galactic collision usually involves two galaxies of approximately equal size
- C. the galaxies involved in a galactic collision remain distinct from each other
- D. during galactic collisions, the galaxies involved decrease in size, whereas galactic cannibalism results in an increase in the size of the galaxies
- E. while a galactic collision leaves behind only the debris of the former galaxies, galactic cannibalism leaves behind a portion of the smaller of the two original galaxies

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 365

- (Topic 3)

Other company insiders have recently offered testimony that _____ several of the more lurid anecdotes found in Belmer's account, though that testimony hardly minimizes the company's culture of malfeasance and mismanagement.

- A. tempers
- B. corroborates
- C. outdoes
- D. exploits
- E. foreshadows

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 369

- (Topic 3)

A law has been proposed requiring the cargo boxes of trucks carrying gravel to be covered by a tarpaulin, because vehicles driving close behind open-topped gravel trucks can be damaged by gravel (lying off these trucks). The law is unlikely to substantially reduce such damage, however: flying gravel is much less likely to come from the cargo box itself than from the grooves of the tires, in which gravel can become wedged during loading.

Which of the following, if true, provides the strongest support for the argument given?

- A. The drivers of vehicles behind a gravel truck are more likely to remain close behind the truck if the truck's cargo box is covered than if it is uncovered.
- B. Most trucks that carry gravel already carry tarpaulins that their drivers use to cover the cargo box when they are carrying sand, which can blow out of the cargo box in significant quantities.
- C. Of all the damage that occurs to vehicles on the highway, debris that flies off* trucks is the cause of only a very small fraction.
- D. The proposed law allows open-topped trucks on the highway to have uncovered cargo boxes whenever their cargo boxes are empty.
- E. Because of the great weight of a load of gravel, the driver of a gravel truck is often driving much more slowly than most of the other vehicles on the road.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 374

- (Topic 3)

Which of the following is a reasoning error committed by the argument?

- A. It confuses being the first to discover a method of achieving a certain goal with being the first to publish that method.
- B. It treats a condition that is necessary* to achieve a certain goal as though it were sufficient to achieve that goal.
- C. It supposes that if something is essential to one way of achieving a certain goal, then it is essential to any way of achieving that goal.
- D. It fails to distinguish adequately between methods of achieving a certain goal available at one time and methods of achieving that goal available at another time.
- E. It claims that a person who did not originate a method for achieving a certain goal would not understand that method.

Answer: C

Explanation:

In the margin of a manuscript, the seventeenth-century mathematician Pierre de Fermat stated a certain mathematical theorem and claimed to have a proof of that theorem, but did not provide the proof. Now, after three hundred years, a proof of the theorem has been given. But since this proof depends on mathematical ideas not developed until the twentieth century, it is not likely that Fermat himself had a successful proof of the theorem.

NEW QUESTION 378

- (Topic 3)

A divide between aesthetic and technical considerations has played a crucial role in mapmaking and cartographic scholarship. Some nineteenth-century cartographers, for instance, understood themselves as technicians who did not care about visual effects, while others saw themselves as landscape painters. That dichotomy structured the discipline of the history of cartography. Until the 1980s, in what Blakemore and Harley called "the 'Old is Beautiful' paradigm,* scholars largely focused on maps made before 1800, marveling at their beauty and sometimes regretting the decline of the pre-technical age. Early mapmaking was considered art while modern cartography was located within the realm of engineering utility. Alpers, however, has argued that this boundary would have puzzled mapmakers in the seventeenth century, because they considered themselves to be visual engineers.

According to the passage, Alpers would say that the assumptions underlying the "paradigm" were

- A. inconsistent with the way some mapmakers prior to 1800 understood their own work
- B. dependent on a seventeenth-century conception of mapmaking as visual engineering
- C. unconcerned with the difference between the aesthetic and the technical qualities of mapmaking
- D. insensitive to divisions among cartographers working in the period after 1800
- E. supported by the demonstrable technical superiority of maps made after 1800

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 383

- (Topic 3)

Business leaders who prefer centralized, pyramidal managerial structures to diversity and competition tend to (i) _____ dissent in the decision-making process. But this insistence on (ii) _____ can be dangerous in that it deprives decision makers of a full range of alternatives.

- A. foster

- B. spontaneity
- C. deprecate
- D. unanimity'
- E. overrate
- F. ambiguity

Answer: BE

NEW QUESTION 384

- (Topic 3)

Discussions of the collapse of the lowland Maya are not new. However, it might be better to say that Maya civilization as a whole did not collapse, although many zones did experience profound change. Because societies are not bounded, unitary entities, collapses are rarely total, and continuity is a normal part of collapse. At the end of the Classic period [200-900 C.E.], the institution of divine kingship and many of the well-known markers of elite culture such as caned stelaes [slabs erected for funerals or commemorative purposes] and hieroglyphic polychromes [multicolored artistic pottery] ended, but Maya civilization continued in modified form with many important features intact (e.g., literacy, war, art, the production of fine ceramics). In some cases large buildings were constructed in the Postclassic period [900-1512 C.E.], but the transition to the Early Postclassic [900-1200 C.E.] era is distinctive for a decrease in elite goods and contexts. The variability in artifact changes during the Terminal Classic [800-900 C.E.] and into the Postclassic, even within artifact classes (e.g., fine versus unslipped ceramics), suggests weaker centralized control than during the Classic period. Site abandonments in the Terminal Classic indicate the collapse of the functional ability of Maya states, but sites that survived show that Maya civilization continued albeit without divine kingship and much of the spectacle around it. The author would most likely characterize the claim that Maya civilization collapsed as

- A. equivocal
- B. truisic
- C. overstated
- D. delusional
- E. mendacious

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 386

- (Topic 3)

Although the claim that no one knows what dark matter is remains parallel assertion that dark matter has not been detected.

- A. contentious
- B. questionable
- C. sound
- D. prominent
- E. unassailable
- F. unverifiable
- G. some scientists dispute the

Answer: CE

NEW QUESTION 390

- (Topic 3)

In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, during the period of the American Revolution and the early republic, political poems appeared regularly in newspapers and pamphlets, commenting on the issues and controversies engaging the new nation. Given the sheer number of poems that engaged explicitly with politics, one might wonder why the form has remained largely ignored by scholars of early American literature even as many other once obscure forms—sentimental novels, diaries, travelogues, belles lettres—have enjoyed unprecedented scholarly interest in recent decades. Part of the reason may stem from frustrations involved with reading poems that are so highly topical—often requiring, even as a condition of first-level comprehension, a familiarity with names and references that, while wholly recognizable in their own time, are obscure to modern readers. Yet beyond this is the fact that American political verse from the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries has never fully shaken off the verdict, delivered by its earliest generation of scholarly readers, that it is simply unworthy of serious attention as literature. Even the term commonly used to describe it—"verse," as opposed to "poetry"—suggests an occasional or forgettable, rather than enduring, form of expression, not quite deserving the designation of poetry. Nor was such verse considered by early critics as worthy of the designation "American," as the tendency of eighteenth-century American poets to model their works on those of British precursors suggested an unforgivable failure, as one critic described it, to declare their "literary independence" from Britain.

Though in his musical expression, the American jazz bassist and composer Charles Mingus eventually developed a personal voice that proved to be much more than a simple mixture of jazz styles.

- A. eclectic
- B. idiosyncratic
- C. uncompromising
- D. virtuosic
- E. wide-ranging
- F. relentless

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 393

- (Topic 3)

The essays in this collection, which explore the adaptation of literary texts to film, all (i) _____ the view that the fidelity of film adaptations to their literary precursors is (ii) _____. In fact, the authors of these essays broadly concur that an emphasis on fidelity in film adaptations can be traced to an outmoded academic ideology that insistently prizes the literary in a way that (iii) _____ the value of the cinematic.

- A. contest
- B. reinforce
- C. sidestep
- D. impossible to achieve
- E. a measure of success

- F. difficult to recognize
- G. echoes
- H. enhances
- I. subordinates

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 396

- (Topic 3)

When applied to written records, the word "preservation" is fraught with multiple meanings and connotations. For some archivists, preservation involves the attempt to save artifacts from physical deterioration and is synonymous with the conservation of original documents.

For archivists with a contrary view the overriding obligation is to save intellectual content through the use of surrogates. Thus the original earners of information are seen as superfluous and consequently disposable. The practice of microfilming old newspapers and discarding the originals is one example of such preservation. On yet another level, preservation considers whether limited storage space should be allotted indefinitely to materials that are rarely consulted or whether certain items are so peripheral to current interests that they should be discarded altogether to ensure a home for more pertinent materials.

It can be inferred that which of the following approaches to preservation would be unacceptable to "some archivists: but acceptable to the archivists with a contrary views as the two groups positions are described in the passage?

- A. Displaying a historical document in a glass case in order to allow the public to view the document without damaging it
- B. Scanning a governor's handwritten commentary on political correspondence into a computer file and disposing of the originals in order to save physical space
- C. Destroying videotapes containing eyewitness accounts of news events if the files have not been viewed by anyone in the previous five years

Answer: AC

NEW QUESTION 397

- (Topic 3)

According to the classical idea of space-time reality, two particles, identical or not, can be distinguished by tracing the motion of the particles along their trajectories. This idea is (1) _____ that the particles can be observed continuously, a belief that is (ii) _____ with respect to macroscopic bodies, but not with respect to free atoms. which (iii) _____ constant observation.

- A. based on the assumption
- B. incompatible with the view
- C. entailed by the fact
- D. fortuitous
- E. innovative
- F. tenable
- G. elude
- H. warrant
- I. abet

Answer: AFH

NEW QUESTION 400

- (Topic 3)

The importance of the Bill of Rights in twentieth-century United States law and politics has led some historians to search for the "original meaning" of its most controversial clauses. This approach, known as "originalism," presumes that each right codified in the Bill of Rights had an independent history that can be studied in isolation from the histories of other rights, and its proponents ask how formulations of the Bill of Rights in 1791 reflected developments in specific areas of legal thinking at that time. Legal and constitutional historians, for example, have found originalism especially useful in the study of provisions of the Bill of Rights that were innovative by eighteenth-century standards, such as the Fourth Amendment's broadly termed protection against "unreasonable searches and seizures." Recent calls in the legal and political arena for a return to a "jurisprudence of original intention," however, have made it a matter of much more than purely scholarly interest when originalists insist that a clause's true meaning was fixed at the moment of its adoption, or maintain that only those rights explicitly mentioned in the United States Constitution deserve constitutional recognition and protection. These two claims seemingly lend support to the notion that an interpreter must apply fixed definitions of a fixed number of rights to contemporary issues, for the claims imply that the central problem of rights in the Revolutionary era was to precisely identify, enumerate, and define those rights that Americans felt were crucial to protecting their liberty.

Both claims, however, are questionable from the perspective of a strictly historical inquiry, however sensible they may seem from the vantage point of contemporary jurisprudence. Even though originalists are correct in claiming that the search for original meaning is inherently historical, historians would not normally seek.

It can be inferred that the author of the passage would be most likely to agree with which of the following statements about the Bill of Rights?

- A. The Bill of Rights' importance in twentieth-century United States law and politics has been overemphasized by some scholars.
- B. The diversity of views among the Bill of Rights' framers and ratifiers makes the search for any right's original meaning inherently problematic.
- C. The omission of certain rights by the framers and ratifiers should limit the number of constitutionally recognized and protected rights today.
- D. Establishing the original meaning of each clause will enable controversial issues to be settled according to the intentions of its framers.
- E. Originalists have exaggerated the contributions of certain framers and ratifiers of the Bill of Rights while downplaying the contributions of others.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 403

- (Topic 3)

Harriet Monroe, who founded *Poetry: A Magazine of Verse* in 1912, argued that the more heterogeneous and sprawling the modern world became, the more poetry needed "an entrenched place, a voice of power." But this goal could only be realized if poets were valued in ways that encouraged them to participate in the world and made writing verse economically viable. Monroe argued that poets needed sites of institutional opportunity like those that had been developed for visual artists, architects, and musicians. She believed that the hand-wringing anticapitalism dominating genteel literary culture—particularly the idea that poetry ought to be removed from "sordid" pecuniary considerations—brought no economic and only illusory aesthetic benefits, instead severing poets from meaningful participation in the modern world.

The passage suggests that Monroe believed that finding "an entrenched place, a voice of power" for poetry would rely on which of the following?

- A. Providing poets with a refuge from the sprawling modern world
- B. Ensuring that poetry as an art could remain free of economic considerations

C. Creating institutional opportunities for poets to make their work economically viable

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 404

- (Topic 3)

As decorated a nmntr as Shalane Flanagan is. perliaps her greater accomplishment lies in _____ the rising talent around her: all of her training partners—11 women in total—have qualified for the Olympics.

- A. cherishing
- B. identifying
- C. maintaining
- D. nurturing
- E. fostering
- F. publicizing

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 405

- (Topic 3)

Experimental magazine essays are quite in vogue, but many of the characteristic that now seem innovative will doubtless look (1) _____ in thirty years" time; a vaunted self- consciousness will look affected, a fractured style, far from appearing (ii) _____ will appear (lii) _____ instead.

- A. mannered
- B. groundbreaking
- C. foreign
- D. radical
- E. conventional
- F. pretentious
- G. quaint
- H. idiosyncratic
- I. auspicious

Answer: CDE

NEW QUESTION 408

- (Topic 3)

Normally, seeds of Emmenathe penduliflora stay dormant for years and germinate only when a fire burns through their habitat. Nitrogen dioxide in the smoke induces the seeds to germinate. Fires clear the brush, allowing germinating seeds to receive the sunlight they need to grow. The plants mature quickly, produce seeds, and then die. In areas with heavy automobile traffic, however, the seed germinates in the absence of lire, with automobile exhaust supplying the required nitrogen dioxide.

The information given, if accurate, most strongly supports which of the following hypotheses?

- A. Fires in the habitat of £. pendulijlora do not entirely destroy the plant's seeds even in the places where the fires burn most intensely.
- B. The nitrogen dioxide in automobile exhaust eannot harm plants of
- C. pendulijlora after germination.
- D. If human intervention decreases the number of fires in the habitat of
- E. pendulijlor
- F. automobile exhaust can replicate the conditions the plant requires in order to thrive.
- G. Within the habitat of
- H. pendulijlora . natural fires are significantly more frequent in areas with heavy automobile traffic than they are in other areas.
- I. Unless
- J. pendulijlora seeds that have germinated can survive in the shade, automobile exhaust threatens the long-term survival of the plant in areas with heavy automobile traffic.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 412

- (Topic 3)

There is a rather _____ reason for astronomers sudden interest in comets: most other bodies in the solar system have been explored already.

- A. pedantic
- B. prosaic
- C. controversial
- D. untenable
- E. mysterious

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 414

- (Topic 3)

Female Australian Dunaiothhps [small, sap-sucking insects] create tent-like structures on the surface of leaves to protect themselves and their eggs and larvae from desiccation in the arid Australian climate. Bono and Crespi compared survival and reproduction of thrips that founded structures alone with those in groups of two or more individuals. They found that although per capita egg production fell with increasing group size, foundresses were more likely to survive and lay eggs in groups than when alone. Several studies of other species of nest-building insects have concluded that foundress associations are beneficial to all parties. It is likely that the relative success of groups is at least in part accounted for by a reduction of energy use in the modification of a shared nest. The author mentions "desiccation" primarily to

- A. describe an environment suitable for one species' reproduction
- B. characterize a stage in an insect species' developmental cycle
- C. analyze an environmental challenge faced by some insect species
- D. exemplify a changing feature of a particular climate
- E. identify the purpose served by a particular behavior

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 416

- (Topic 3)

In the brushland of Klanos Island, seeds of the plant Emmenan the penduliflora normally stay dormant for years and germinate only after a brushfire. The resulting plants quickly mature, produce seed, and then die. It is the nitrogen dioxide in (he smoke that induces the seeds lo germinate. Because automobiles are being introduced on Klanos. and their exhaust contains nitrogen dioxide, the plants will probably be seen throughout Klanos every year.

Which of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the argument?

- A. All efforts to reduce the frequency and intensity of brushfires on Klanos have failed.
- B. Fires clear much of the brush in the habitat of
- C. penduliflor
- D. allowing germinating seeds to receive enough sunlight to grow.
- E. A small amount of nitrogen dioxide, such as is contained in the exhaust of two or three automobiles, is sufficient to induce the germination of nearby seeds of
- F. penduliflora.
- G. The seeds of some of the other plants that are found on Klanos do not germinate unless the seed coat that protects the kernel of the seed is cracked by intense heat.
- H. Fires in the habitat of
- I. penduliflora entirely destroy the plant's seeds in the places where the fires bum most intensely.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 417

- (Topic 3)

While prudence is recognized as a kind of virtue, there is nonetheless a tendency to view someone who is prudent as. in some sense. _____. too narrow and dull to partake of spontaneously arising opportunities.

- A. timid
- B. laudable
- C. wanting
- D. inculpable
- E. exemplary
- F. deficient

Answer: CF

NEW QUESTION 421

- (Topic 3)

In 1755 British writer Samuel Johnson published an acerbic letter to Lord Chesterfield rebuking his patron for neglect and declining further support. Johnson's rejection of his patron's belated assistance has often been identified as a key moment in the history of publishing, marking the end of the culture of patronage. However, patronage had been in decline for 50 years, yet would survive, in attenuated form, for another 50. Indeed. Johnson was in 1762 awarded a pension by the Crown—a subtle form of sponsorship, tantamount to state patronage. The importance of Johnson's letter is not so much historical as emotional: it would become a touchstone for all who repudiated patrons and for all who embraced the laws of the marketplace.

The author of the passage mentions Johnson's 1762 pension award in order to

- A. provide a specific example of patronage's surviving into the second half of (he eighteenth century
- B. emphasize that patronage still helped support Johnson's writing after his letter to Chesterfield
- C. provide evidence for a general trend in the later half of the
- D. eighteenth century of private patronage's being replaced by state sponsorship

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 423

- (Topic 3)

Until 1992. microprocessor types were identified by number, and for a long time they were considered so _____ that manufacturers would share design specifications for them.

- A. fungible
- B. interchangeable
- C. perishable
- D. integral
- E. inimitable
- F. essential

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 424

- (Topic 3)

Cole makes the argument that while some advocates of government transparency seem to treat any exposure of state secrets as an (i) . that position is (ii) ; there are many legitimate bases for (hi) disclosures. Cole contends, particularly when they reveal the identities of sources and methods of foreign intelligence.

- A. abuse of power
- B. ambiguous act
- C. unmitigated good
- D. untenable
- E. understandable
- F. commonplace
- G. condemning
- H. condoning
- I. extolling

Answer: CDG

NEW QUESTION 425

- (Topic 3)

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In the context in which it appears highlighted, "obscure" most nearly means

- A. dark
- B. unexamined
- C. ambiguous
- D. indistinct
- E. disreputable

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 429

- (Topic 3)

Scientists have recently confirmed that Mercury possesses a lot of ice. _____ discovery for a place that ranks among the hottest in the solar system.

- A. a controversial
- B. a stunning
- C. a doubt fill
- D. a counterintuitive
- E. a dubious
- F. an unexpected

Answer: AF

NEW QUESTION 431

- (Topic 3)

Instances of "galactic cannibalism"—mergers in which large galaxies completely consume smaller ones—may be fairly common. Tidal forces produced by the Milky Way's powerful gravity, for example, appear to be dismantling and engulfing a dwarf galaxy in the constellation Sagittarius, producing large clumps and streamers of stars connecting the two galaxies. Astronomers have also observed two dense clusters of stars and gas at the heart of the Andromeda galaxy, an apparent "double nucleus" that may contain the remnant of a cannibalized dwarf galaxy. But this Twin-lobed appearance could also be created by two parts of a single nucleus bisected by a lane of dust. Scientists believe that only about 25 percent of such apparent double nuclei actually represent galactic cannibalism. Many of the rest result from the illusion of proximity that occurs when objects at different distances appear along the same line of sight: others consist of debris from galactic "collisions," in which one galaxy has passed through another without merging, causing waves of new star formation.

According to the passage, a true double nucleus may be produced by the

- A. collision of two dwarf galaxies
- B. incorporation of a dwarf galaxy into a larger galaxy
- C. merging of two galaxies of approximately equal size
- D. separation of a single nucleus into two parts by a lane of dust
- E. waves of new star formation resulting from an instance of galactic cannibalism

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 436

- (Topic 3)

Since Gilmore, as a critic, has rarely if ever disliked works that are surprising and unpredictable, he will undoubtedly view this new novel as a (i) . since it skillfully (ii) conventional expectations.

- A. conundrum
- B. failure
- C. triumph
- D. satisfies
- E. assumes
- F. confounds

Answer: CF

NEW QUESTION 437

- (Topic 3)

When Flemish painter Anthony Van Dyck moved to England in 1632 to become court painter to Charles The introduced an entirely new way of representing dress in portraiture. In women's portraits, he left off fashionable accessories, depicted subjects in unbuttoned sleeves and collars, and added lavish drapery and jewels. For the first time an artist actively participated in dressing his subjects, creating an amalgam of fantasy and reality. While Van Dyck was most innovative when representing women, he used similar elements in portraits of men.

Van Dyck's Portrait of Thomas Killigrew and Willian. Lord Crofts (1638) demonstrates how the artist relaxed and unbuttoned men's dress to accord with an underlying theme. The double portrait may be seen as an essay in grief: Killigrew, a poet and playwright, had lost his wife Cecelia to the plague shortly before the sitting, and Crofts was her nephew. The painting contains clear references to the situation at hand. The background features a broken column, a traditional emblem of earthly transience. A drawing in Killigrew's right hand depicts two Itinerary monuments. Crofts holds a blank sheet of paper, seen by some scholars as an analog to the drawing Killigrew holds: a symbol of what is gone.

At historians have interpreted the clothing depicted in this portrait, particularly Crofts' doublet which is worn unbuttoned in back, as an allusion to the subjects' grief-stricken distraction. It is true that Killigrew's dress includes references to his loss—he wears a cross inscribed with his wife's initials. There is an intimate nature to this painting, which seems underscored by the loose clothing worn by both subjects. However, diis reading of the costumes as signs of grief does not take account of seventeenth-century fashion conventions. Only Killigrew appears in noticeably disheveled attire;

Crofts' dress would be quite appropriate for a formal portrait. Though black clothing, such as that won by Crofil, was common for mourning, it was also ordinary on other occasions. Furthermore, during the first stage of mourning no shiny surfaces, such as Crofts' satin doublet, would be permitted. The unbuttoned slit on Crofts' doublet was probably a matter of style: a French courtier in a 1635 fashion print by Bosse, who is gallivanting rather than grieving, wears a similarly undone doublet. Evidence suggests that by the late 1630s a certain calculated looseness was conventional in men's formal dress. Ribeiro, for example, cites the writings of moralists objecting to this style.

Killigrew's attire, though even looser than Crofts', should not necessarily be associated with grief. Other seventeenth-century subjects depicted in melancholic states do not dress this way. Although Killigrew's "undress" lends this portrait a distinctive intimacy, it might also refer to Killigrew's literary career. Many of Van Dyck's other subjects who engaged in literary pursuits are depicted in loose clothing. The blank sheet held by Crofts may be a reminder not only of Killigrew's loss but also of his solace: he had but to express his grief in writing.

The author of the passage suggests that if the cited "art historians" had taken account of seventeenth-century fashion, they would have been more likely to

- A. recognize that the clothing worn by the subjects in the Portrait contributes to an atmosphere of intimacy in the painting
- B. recognize the extent to which Van Dyck's approach to portraiture represented a departure from the practices of other artists
- C. recognize that Crofts' manner of dress in the Pom-ait was appropriate for a formal portrait
- D. conclude that the doublet worn by Crofts in the Portrait is not made of satin
- E. be able to distinguish between the significance of the unbuttoned doublet depicted in the Portrait and that of the one depicted in a fashion print by Bosse

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 442

- (Topic 3)

The unwillingness of either political party to surrender any ground on the issue makes compromise unlikely: both sides are too_____ .

- A. entrenched
- B. pessimistic
- C. dispirited
- D. obdurate
- E. wary
- F. belligerent

Answer: DF

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Which of the following best describes (he function of the last sentence of the passage?

- A. It suggests that a certain detail of the painting should not be understood ;is emblematic.
- B. It calls attention to a detail of the painting that art historians have generally overlooked.
- C. It offers support for the author's interpretation of the significance of Killigrew's clothing.
- D. It introduces evidence to support the author's view of the appropriateness of Crofts' manner of dress.

E. It casts doubt on the way that art historians have interpreted the relationship between the two subjects in the painting.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 447

- (Topic 3)

The _____ of biographies of antebellum capitalists is particularly striking in contrast with the abundance of life stories of industrialists in later eras.

- A. brevity
- B. banality
- C. utility
- D. paucity
- E. triteness
- F. dearth

Answer: DF

NEW QUESTION 448

- (Topic 3)

Sensationalism—the purveyance of emotionally charged content, focused mainly on violent crime, to a broad public—has often been decried, but the full history of the phenomenon has yet to be written. Scholars have tended to dismiss sensationalism as unworthy of serious study, based on two pervasive though somewhat incompatible assumptions: first, that sensationalism is essentially a commercial product, built on the exploitation of modern mass media, and second, that it appeals almost entirely to a simple, basic emotion and thus has little history apart from the changing technological means of spreading it. An exploration of sensationalism's early history, however, challenges both assumptions and suggests that they have tended to obscure the complexity and historicity of the genre. According to the passage, scholars have not given sensationalism serious consideration because they believe sensationalism

- A. possesses largely emotional rather than rational content
- B. is produced with an eye to making money
- C. lacks historical complexity

Answer: BC

NEW QUESTION 450

- (Topic 3)

- A. Du Bois's exhibit of African American history and culture at the 1900 Paris Exposition Universelle attracted the attention of a world of sociological scholarship whose values his work challenge
- B. Du Bois believed that sociological sociologists failed in their attempts to gain greater understanding of human deeds because their work examined not deeds but theories and because they gathered data not to effect social progress but merely to theorize
- C. In his exhibit
- D. Du Bois sought to present cultural artifacts that would shift the focus of sociology from the construction of vast generalizations to the observation of particular
- E. living individual elements of society and the working contributions of individual people to a vast functioning social structure. The passage implies that Du Bois attributed which of the following beliefs to Spencerian sociologists?
- F. Theorizing is important to the understanding of human actions.
- G. Vast generalizations have limited value.
- H. Data gathering is a relatively unimportant part of sociological research.
- I. Sociology should focus on the living elements of society rather than cultural artifacts.
- J. Particulars are more important than universals.

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 455

- (Topic 3)

Economists use two competing models to describe the effects of commercial advertising—advertising as market competition and advertising as market power. The market competition model holds that the fundamental function of advertising is to provide information about products and brands. It is argued that information in ads permits greater marketplace efficiencies, such as lower prices and reduced monopoly power. In a similar vein, much discussion regarding political advertising has rested on its informational value. Does political advertising provide political information and help voters make informed decisions? Nelson argues that promoting bars of soap in commercial ads is no different than promoting political ideas ideology from political candidates in political ads. On the grounds that information is being distributed in both cases. Others, such as Ferguson and Jamieson, disagree with Nelson's proposition. Ferguson, for example, pointed out that choosing a political candidate is more like buying an experience good (where the quality is hard to evaluate prior to purchase) rather than a search good (where the quality is easily evaluated before the purchase). According to Ferguson, claims in political ads do not have true informational value, because it is difficult for voters to draw inferences about the future deeds of a candidate from what the ads say. Furthermore, Jamieson argues that political ads reshape the public image of political candidates and change voters' feelings about the candidates with subtle emotional cues but without substantive information upon which to base a reasoned judgment.

Which of the following statements, if true, would most clearly weaken Nelson's argument as it is presented in the passage?

- A. Political advertisements that make false claims are subject to rebuttal by political advertisements for opposing candidates.
- B. Most producers of political advertisements work directly for the political campaigns of the candidates the advertisements promote.
- C. Soap advertisements typically rely on evocative images that do not relate to the effectiveness of the product being advertised.
- D. Advertisements for familiar products, such as bars of soap, are evaluated more critically by audiences than are advertisements for less familiar products.
- E. Voter disappointment in the candidates that they elect is analogous to the disappointment consumers of familiar products sometimes experience.

Answer: D

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