

SAT - Quiz Questions with Answers

Critical Reading

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1.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Because we have _____ orders for cupcakes, we will purchase less sugar and flour.

fewer

additional

added

supplementary

further

Because we have fewer orders for cupcakes, we will purchase less sugar and flour.

The key words in this sentence are “purchase less.” Those two words should inform you that they are baking less; thus, they have fewer orders.

The other answer options all indicate that they should buy more sugar and flour, not less.

2.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teaching, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author’s tone?

Anxious

Enthusiastic

Excited

Delirious

Impartial

Correct answer: Anxious

The passage’s first paragraph informs the reader as to how the author is feeling by the following statements: “lump fills my throat” and “apprehensiveness”; thus, the author must be feeling anxious or nervous. The first paragraph also informs the reader that the author is “excited to teach writing again,” but it is quickly diminished by her statement “but at the same time apprehensiveness boggles my mind;” thus, you can eliminate excited, enthusiastic, and delirious.

3.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teaching, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

From the passage, you can determine that the author is which of the following?

A teacher

A principal

A student

An administrator

A parent

Correct answer: A teacher

Sentence 5 informs the reader that the author of this passage is a fourth grade teacher. The passage also informs you that the author wishes that administration (“the top”) would do more; thus, the reader can infer that the author is not an administrator.

4.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing Japanese beetles, is an excerpt from Pestnet.com and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the function of the passage's third sentence ("Originally native ... hospitable climates.")?

To inform the reader that Japanese beetles were accidentally introduced to America

To inform the reader that Japanese beetles are harmless to the climate

To indicate that the Japanese beetle will only survive in warm climates

To suggest that Japanese beetles are only found in Japan

To describe how Japanese beetles came to America

Correct answer: To inform the reader that Japanese beetles were accidentally introduced to America

The third sentence states "these beetles were unintentionally introduced to America;" thus, the reader can determine that they were accidentally introduced to America.

The sentence states that the beetles thrive in warm climates, but it does not state that the beetles can only survive in warm climates. The sentence does not inform the reader on how the beetle came to America, only that it was done by accident. The sentence does not mention if the beetles are or are not harmless to the climate.

5.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

The man's _____ of the mountain was completed in record time.

ascent

assent

expertise

remoteness

aloofness

The man's ascent of the mountain was completed in record time.

From the information provided, you know that the man had to complete some type of action in record time; therefore, the only answer that could be true is ascent, which means to climb or scale.

Assent means to give permission, expertise is knowledge, and remoteness and aloofness both indicate distance.

6.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Despite the fact that Amber is lactose _____, she still consumed the ice cream.

intolerant

lenient

indulgent

compliant

voracious

Despite the fact that Amber is lactose intolerant, she still consumed the ice cream.

The use of “despite” is similar to using the words “even though,” so you need to choose a word that shows that even though dairy (“lactose”) products do not agree with Amber, she is still eating them (ice cream). Thus, Amber is intolerant of dairy products.

The other answer options all suggest that dairy products would not affect Amber.

7.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing watercolor painting, is an excerpt from *The Columbia Encyclopedia, 6th ed.*, and should be used to answer the question that follows.

The author implies that watercolor paintings had achieved a higher form of “sophistication” because they were what type of paintings?

Complex

Popular

Expensive

Simple

Diverse

Correct answer: Complex

The author states that watercolor paintings had achieved a level of sophistication because watercolors had been able to reach a level of complexity or difficulty. This can be found in the passage’s fifth sentence, which describes how Bihzad had achieved miniature paintings of great complexity.

8.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Despite their _____ eating habits, Carol weighs more than Amy.

similar

unusual

various

diverse

distinct

Despite their similar eating habits, Carol weighs more than Amy.

The key words in this sentence are "Despite" and "weighs more than." The use of despite is similar to using the words "even though," so you need to choose a word that shows that even though Carol and Amy are eating the same amount, Carol weighs more.

9.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing the comfort of food, is an excerpt from *Food & Wine* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author's purpose for writing this passage?

To share an experience

To inform the reader

To define a word

To provide direction

To influence the reader

Correct answer: To share an experience

The author is using this passage to share his Haiti experience.

The author is not informing the reader about Haiti, nor is the author trying to influence the reader to do something. The author is also not using the passage to define a word or to provide directions on how to do something. Therefore, the author is just sharing his story.

10.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Clay _____ the mail from the mailbox after he _____ off the bus.

retrieved ... stepped

burned ... walked

read ... drove

canceled ... flagged

grabbed ... washed

Clay retrieved the mail from the mailbox after he stepped off the bus.

The sentence is asking you what Clay did with the mail from the mailbox and how he got off the bus. Thus, Clay could not have burned or canceled the mail from the mailbox, so those two options can be deleted. However, Clay could have read or grabbed the mail from the mailbox, but it is not likely that he would have drove off the bus or washed off the bus. That leaves “retrieved ... stepped” as the best choice of words.

11.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing autism, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What is the author’s purpose for writing this passage?

To inform

To direct

To advertise

To debate

To persuade

Correct answer: To inform

The author of the passage is informing the reader about autism. The author describes autism and lists the effects it has on children who are diagnosed with it.

The author is not giving directions, advertising, debating or persuading.

12.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teaching, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

The author uses the term “jewels” in sentence 10 to describe which of the following?

Students

Teachers

Parents

Books

Writers

Correct answer: Students

If the reader reads sentence 10 in its entirety, he or she will find that the last part of the sentence states “until these jewels reach fourth grade.” Since students are the ones who are going through each grade level, the reader can conclude that the author must be referring to the students as jewels.

13.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

The _____ that was printed was from Mark Twain.

quotation

heirloom

antique

bequest

chalet

The quotation that was printed was from Mark Twain.

The correct answer option for this sentence must be able to be printed. The only option that could be printed is a quotation, or direct quote, from Mark Twain.

The other options are all objects; only descriptions of them could be printed.

14.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing two cities, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, which of the following options does **not** describe Beartooth Highway accurately?

Dilapidated

Stunning

Curvy

Mountainous

Popular

Correct answer: Dilapidated

The passage does not once mention that the highway is dilapidated, or rundown.

Sentence 4 infers that Beartooth Highway is stunning, sentence 5 infers that it is curvy and popular, and sentence 3 infers that it is mountainous.

15.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing two cities, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following individuals would **most** likely live in Marfa?

Artist

Farmer

Miner

Fisherman

Mechanic

Correct answer: Artist

Sentence 8 informs you that Marfa consists of high art; thus, you can infer that an artist would most likely live in Marfa.

16.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Considering the amount of money _____ in the project, it's fairly remarkable that it is only costing members a _____ amount to pay their share of the improvements.

invested ... minimal

owed ... significant

earned ... minute

gambled ... sizable

devoted ... considerable

Considering the amount of money invested in the project, it's fairly remarkable that it is only costing members a minimal amount to pay their share of the improvements.

The sentence's first clause is stating that there was money associated with the project, and the only answer options that would make the first clause read correctly are "invested" and "devoted," as you would invest or devote money into a project.

You would not owe money into a project, earn money into a project or gamble money into a project. The sentence's second clause is indicating that it is remarkable that the members do not have to pay much for their share of the improvements. Thus, it would be a minimal (small) amount to pay instead of a considerable (large) amount to pay.

17.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing ADHD, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What can be inferred from the passage?

Children with ADHD have a hard time paying attention

Children with ADHD outnumber those who don't have ADHD

Children with ADHD are highly intelligent

Children with ADHD are less likely to cry than other children

Children with ADHD are smaller in size than other children

Correct answer: Children with ADHD have a hard time paying attention

Sentence 11 states that a child with ADHD has a hard time concentrating on boring tasks; thus, you can infer that children with ADHD have a hard time paying attention.

18.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing education, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following statements would this author would **most** likely agree with?

The education system needs to challenge our children more

The education system pushes our children too far

The education system encourages our children to be the best that they can be

The education system is doing everything in its power to improve the education of our children

The education system feels that children are smarter than their parents

Correct answer: The education system needs to challenge our children more

Sentences 7 and 8 inform the reader that the author feels like the education system believes that children cannot handle more learning and that the children do not need more education. The last few sentences of the third paragraph demonstrate that the author feels as if the education system is just giving up and using excuses, but that it needs to do more. Therefore, you can see that the author would most likely agree that the education system should challenge children more.

19.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Children often behave _____, causing trouble in a playful way.

mischievously

discourteous

insolent

gracious

poised

Children often behave mischievously, causing trouble in a playful way.

This sentence is asking you to identify the option that would represent children who cause trouble in a playful manner; thus, the children are mischievous.

Discourteous and insolent children are rude, gracious children are kind, and poised children are self-assured.

20.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

The essay was _____ because it was written with passion.

engaging

repelling

substandard

disillusioning

thwarting

The essay was engaging because it was written with passion.

When a piece of work is written with passion, it generally means that it is more interesting or more meaningful; thus, the correct answer would be engaging, which means appealing or charming.

The other answer options are words that describe items that are unattractive or boring.

21.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Although the new parents had _____ for their baby's arrival, necessities were still needed.

prepared

improvised

untrained

meticulous

regimented

Although the new parents had prepared for their baby's arrival, necessities were still needed.

*The use of **although** is similar to using the words "even though." You need to choose a word that shows that even though the parents were expecting (prepared for) their baby's arrival, they still needed some of the items that were necessary.*

22.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing ADHD, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, ADHD is which of the following?

Inherited

Acquired

Curable

Avoidable

Viral

Correct answer: Inherited

Sentence 7 states that ADHD is inherited.

ADHD may be curable, but it is not stated or inferred in the given passage.

23.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

A contract _____ its signers to be _____ to the terms set forth.

requires ... adherent

mentions ... complacent

determines ... notified

informs ... bound

releases ... skeptical

A contract requires its signers to be adherent to the terms set forth.

This question will depend on your understanding of the meaning of the words given as options. A contract is generally a legal document between two or more parties. The word requires means to mandate or make, and the word adherent means to be compliant or devoted.

24.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teen suicide, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What is the author’s purpose for writing this passage?

To inform

To direct

To advertise

To debate

To persuade

Correct answer: To inform

The author is using this passage to inform the reader of the causes and statistics of suicide among young people.

The author is not providing direction, advertising, debating or persuading.

25.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Because of the severe weather forecast, Coach John _____ football practice today.

annulled

elongated

prolonged

intensified

augmented

Because of the severe weather forecast, Coach John annulled football practice today.

The key words in this sentence are “severe weather.” Severe weather usually indicates thunderstorms or other poor conditions in which one should not be outside; therefore, the coach would cancel, or annul, the football practice.

The other answer options suggest that the coach would lengthen or make the practice more stringent.

26.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing the comfort of food, is an excerpt from *Food & Wine* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

From the passage, you can infer that the author is touched by which of the following?

A child's smile

Food

Rebuilding homes

Rain

Hunger

Correct answer: A child's smile

Sentence 1 and sentence 11 indicate that the author enjoys seeing children smile; thus, you can infer that the author is touched by a child's smile.

27.

The committee members were, at first glance, so adversarial that any sort of cohesive decision seemed _____; but despite their inauspicious start, the bill's eventual success was an excellent _____ of the phrase, "where there's a will, there's a way."

implausible; exemplification

unlikely; justification

errant; modification

impossible; adjuration

unnecessary; reminder

The committee members were, at first glance, so adversarial that any sort of cohesive decision seemed implausible; but despite their inauspicious start, the bill's eventual success was an excellent exemplification of the phrase, "where there's a will, there's a way."

The first blank must be something meaning improbable and the second must be an excellent demonstration of the phrase. So, just look for the synonyms.

28.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

_____ can happen in a second when dealing with grain in silos and is often compared to quicksand.

Entrapment

Amusement

Replacement

Concealment

Placement

Entrapment can happen in a second when dealing with grain in silos and is often compared to quicksand.

The second clause of this sentence is comparing the grain in silos to quicksand, and quicksand is known to trap its prey. Thus, the appropriate word to use in this sentence is entrapment.

29.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing reading, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following **best** describes how the author felt about receiving a book for her birthday?

Disappointed

Excited

Neutral

Impatient

Worried

Correct answer: Disappointed

Sentence 9 states “To my horror, the present I unwrapped was a book!” Thus, you could definitely say that the author was disappointed, not excited, neutral, impatient or worried.

30.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Despite being watered and nurtured, the flowers were still _____.

lifeless

animated

blooming

inaudible

tranquil

Despite all being watered and nurtured, the flowers were still lifeless.

The use of despite is similar to using the words “even though.” You need to choose a word that shows that even though the flowers were well taken care of (all the watering and nurturing), they still failed to thrive; thus, they were lifeless.

31.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing pearls of wisdom, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What is meant by the author's statement "pearls of wisdom"?

The author's father passed out pieces of advice

The author's father passed out pearls to each of his children

The author's father provided his children with wealth

The author's father sent his children to college

The author's father gained knowledge from his family

Correct answer: The author's father passed out pieces of advice

"Pearls of wisdom" is a term used to represent pieces of advice or knowledge that is shared. Sentence 5 is stating that the author is now trying to pass along the "pearls of wisdom" from his father to his family.

32.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing a U.S. location, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, Sleeping Bear Dunes would be considered which of the following?

A good place to visit

A good place to see bears

A good place to see Anishinaabek Indians

A place that should be avoided

A good place to go snowboarding

Correct answer: A good place to visit

The passage's first paragraph describes how beautiful the views are and how clear the water is at Sleeping Bear Dunes. Thus, you can infer that it would be a good place to visit.

The passage does mention bears and the Anishinaabek Indians, but the passage was describing a legend from the past and does not mention that the bears or Anishinaabek Indians are still there today.

33.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teaching, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following statements would the author of this passage **most** likely agree with?

Students need to be taught how to write at an earlier age

Students are incapable of learning how to write

Teachers are only as successful as they allow themselves to be

Students are unintelligent and are doomed to fail

Teachers' jobs are made easier with unintelligent children

Correct answer: Students need to be taught how to write at an earlier age

Sentence 12 informs the reader that the author would like the children to be prepared for writing at an earlier age; thus, you can conclude that the author will agree that students need to be taught how to write at an earlier age.

34.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Due to the _____ of Glenn's employment, his funds are _____.

termination ... limited

preservation ... boundless

dissolution ... endless

continuation ... inadequate

conservation ... restricted

Due to the termination of Glenn's employment, his funds are limited.

The sentence's second clause is strictly dependent upon its first clause. Thus, you need to understand that something to do with Glenn's employment has an affect on his financial situation. If Glenn's employment was terminated, he would have limited funds.

35.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing pearls of wisdom, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What is the author's purpose for writing the above passage?

To prove a point

To give direction

To provide information

To generate ideas

To educate the reader

Correct answer: To prove a point

The author is actually proving two points in his article. He is proving that your parents do know what they are talking about (Sentence 4), and he is proving that your job is only as terrible as you allow it to be (Sentence 15).

36.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

After witnessing several neighborly acts, Debbie had to amend her earlier opinion that her neighbors were always _____ individuals.

adversarial

approachable

affable

gregarious

jovial

After witnessing several neighborly acts, Debbie had to amend her earlier opinion that her neighbors were always adversarial individuals.

Adversarial is a word used to mean confrontational or argumentative. The use of the word "After" tells us that the beginning of the sentence will have an effect on the end of the sentence. The use of the word "amend" tells us that Debbie had to change her opinion; thus, the actions at the beginning of the sentence ("neighborly acts") really caused the change. The end of the sentence needs to convey Debbie's opinion prior to witnessing "several neighborly acts." Adversarial is the only word among the five choices that describes un-neighborly acts.

37.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing autism, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

With which of the following objects would an autistic child **most** likely play?

Matchbox cars

Video games

Action figures

Stuffed animals

Computers

Correct answer: Matchbox cars

Sentence 14 informs the reader that autistic children enjoy items that rotate, spin or line up. Thus, out of all the answer options given, an autistic child would most likely enjoy playing with Matchbox cars because they have wheels that spin and they can be lined up.

38.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing watercolor painting, is an excerpt from *The Columbia Encyclopedia, 6th ed.*, and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What is the author's primary purpose for writing this passage?

To inform the reader about watercolor painting

To describe how to use watercolors to paint

To indicate which watercolors are best to use

To discuss each artist and his or her style of painting

To provide direction on how to mix watercolors

Correct answer: To inform the reader about watercolor painting

The passage discusses what watercolors are and how they have been used; thus, the primary purpose would be to inform the reader about watercolor painting.

The passage did inform the reader on how some artists used watercolors, but that was not the primary purpose of the passage. The passage also indicated the style of some artists, but this was also not the passage's primary purpose. The passage did not refer to what watercolors were the best, nor did it provide direction on how to mix watercolors.

39.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

The contract is so _____ that I need a lawyer to look over it with me.

overwhelming

concise

insignificant

succinct

coherent

The contract is so overwhelming that I need a lawyer to look over it with me.

This sentence is informing you that the contract requires a lawyer to review it; therefore, it must be hard to comprehend. The only word that would fit correctly into this sentence is overwhelming, as the other answer options are words that represent a contract that would be easy and/or clear to read.

40.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing education, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author’s tone?

Aggravated

Entertained

Enthusiastic

Impassive

Ecstatic

Correct answer: Aggravated

The reader can gauge that the author is aggravated or upset with the education system from sentence 7 when the author states that the education system lies and from sentence 12 when the author states that the education system is self-serving.

41.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing a U.S. roadway, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options best describes what the above passage is about?

A general description of Beartooth Highway

How Beartooth Highway was constructed

The engineer behind Beartooth Highway

How to travel on Beartooth Highway

How Beartooth Highway got its name

Correct answer: A general description of Beartooth Highway

The passage starts by informing the reader of the length and location of Beartooth Highway and finishes by informing the reader of the cost involved in its construction and the spectacular views that can be seen while traveling on it. Thus, the passage is providing a complete description of Beartooth Highway.

42.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing ADHD, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author’s purpose for writing this passage?

To persuade

To inform

To direct

To advertise

To condemn

Correct answer: To persuade

The author is using the first two paragraphs to persuade the reader to change the “D” in ADHD to “difference,” instead of “disorder.” The author is somewhat informing you about ADHD, but his or her main goal is to persuade the reader to look at ADHD as a difference and not a disorder.

43.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) describing education and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What can you infer from this passage?

The author is displeased with the education system

The author is a teacher

The author works for the education system

The author agrees with the fact that children are dumb

The author feels that the education system is justified in its decisions

Correct answer: The author is displeased with the education system

From the passage, the reader can understand that the author feels the education system is letting our children down and making excuses as to why it is not trying to improve children’s education experience. Thus, you could infer that the author is displeased with the education system.

You may have thought that the author could have been a teacher or could work for the education system, but the passage does not mention, or make reference to, the author’s career.

44.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Mom's comment _____ that I should study more.

implied

stated

listed

ridiculed

satirized

Mom's comment implied that I should study more.

This sentence informs you that the mother made a comment, and generally when someone makes a comment, she is suggesting or indicating something (I should study more). Thus, implied would be the correct word to use to represent a suggestion.

Stated would not be the correct option, as you would not say, "stated by her comment;" you would say, "stated that I should study more."

45.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing fracking, is an excerpt from "inthesetimes.com" and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options best defines "denounced" as it is used in sentence 2?

Criticized

Terminated

Supported

Established

Contracted

Correct answer: Criticized

Sentence 1 tells the reader that critics stated that Quinn's attempt to block the legislation would open the floodgates to fracking. The key word in sentence 1 is "critics." Sentence 2 is stating that the demonstrators were "denouncing" Quinn's decisions; thus, you can say that the demonstrators were "criticizing" Quinn's decisions.

46.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing foraging, is an excerpt from *Food & Wine* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, it is likely that you could find ramps in all of the following locations **except** which one?

At the local grocery store

In professional kitchens

Along streams

In food

At a farmers' market

Correct answer: At the local grocery store

Sentences 2 through 4 indicate that ramps can be found near streams, in food, in professional kitchens and at farmers' markets; however, the passage never indicates that ramps can be found at a local grocery store.

47.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing barbeque, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, how was the food served to the consumer?

On butcher paper

On paper plates

On plates

In plastic baskets

In foil

Correct answer: On butcher paper

Sentence 6 informs the reader that the restaurant did not serve the food on plates, and it further tells the reader that the restaurant served the food on butcher paper.

48.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage is an excerpt from “In These Times” website describing fracking and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author’s purpose for writing this passage?

To report

To question

To judge

To condemn

To support

Correct answer: To report

The author of the given passage is merely reporting the incidents that have occurred throughout the fracking debates.

The author did not question, judge, condemn, or support the actions of the governor, the demonstrators, or the legislators.

49.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Our dining experience was less than _____ as our food was cold and _____.

desirable ... unsavory

anticipated ... tasteful

objectionable ... appalling

unfavorable ... tasteless

comprehensible ... sordid

Our dining experience was less than desirable as our food was cold and unsavory.

The second clause of this sentence informs you that the diners were served cold food; thus, their experience was probably not good. There are only two options at this point that would resemble an experience that was not good (remember the phrase before the blank says “less than”): desirable and anticipated. The other three options can be eliminated.

The second blank is looking for a word that would help describe their poor experience; thus, if the food was cold, it could have also been unsavory, or tasteless. If the food was tasteful, it would mean that the food was good.

50.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Hoping to _____ the process, managers introduced two new procedures to _____ the system's workflow steps.

streamline ... reduce

rationalize ... intensify

encumber ... proliferate

muddle ... condense

disarrange ... moderate

Hoping to streamline the process, managers introduced two new procedures to reduce the system's workflow steps.

This sentence is explaining that when managers introduce new policies and procedures for workflow, they are hoping to improve their processes through a restructuring method. There are two options that would correctly complete the first blank: streamline and rationalize. The other three options can be eliminated.

The next blank requires an option that identifies a reduction of workflow steps; thus, reduce is the correct option, as intensify would cause the steps to be increased.

51.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teen suicide, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options represents where you would **most** likely find this article?

Newspaper

Encyclopedia

Dictionary

Thesaurus

Novel

Correct answer: Newspaper

A newspaper generally covers a multitude of articles and events; thus, this article would most likely be found in a newspaper.

A dictionary would define suicide, but it wouldn't include an article about suicide. A novel tells a complete story; thus, this small article would not be found within it. An encyclopedia covers general information about a subject; thus, this article would not likely be found in an encyclopedia. A thesaurus is a reference tool that lists similar words together according to their meaning and would not include an article.

52.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing ADHD, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options best defines “spontaneity” as it is used in sentence 11?

Impulsiveness

Constraint

Control

Vulnerabilities

Failings

Correct answer: Impulsiveness

While reading sentence 11 in its entirety, you learn that children with ADHD have a hard time concentrating on boring tasks; thus, they may have a hard time controlling their impulse to do something. Therefore, impulsiveness would define the use of “spontaneity” the best.

53.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teen suicide, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

Males have a harder time dealing with stress than females

Suicide occurs mostly when children are happy

Suicide is only an issue with children whose parents are separated

Adolescents are taught to deal with their frustration at an early age

Teens who do well in school do not commit suicide

Correct answer: Males have a harder time dealing with stress than females

Although the passage does not directly state that males have a harder time dealing with stress than females, it does state that more males attempt and succeed at suicide than females. Since suicide is generally stress related, you could infer that males have a harder time dealing with stress.

54.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing autism, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, an autistic child would **most** likely enjoy which of the following?

Being left alone

Playing a board game with others

Playing with other kids at the park

Eating dinner at a restaurant

Sleeping over at a friend’s house

Correct answer: Being left alone

Sentence 9 informs the reader that autistic children would prefer to be left alone.

The third paragraph also informs the reader that autistic children have a difficult time with social interactions and taking turns in turn-taking games or activities; thus, the other answer options can be quickly eliminated.

55.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

An illness is classified as _____ when it is deadly.

terminal

benign

innocuous

anodyne

taciturn

An illness is classified as terminal when it is deadly.

This sentence requires you to know the meaning of the answer options. Terminal means deadly, benign and innocuous mean harmless, anodyne means soothing, and taciturn means silent.

56.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing pearls of wisdom, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

From the passage, you can infer that the author is which of the following?

A sibling

A priest

A physician

A teacher

A husband

Correct answer: A sibling

Sentence 5 states that the author tries to pass along his father's advice to his nieces and nephews. You can infer that the author is a sibling; otherwise, he or would not have nieces or nephews.

You may have thought that the author was a husband, but a person can have children without being married; thus, a sibling is the better choice.

57.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Abby _____ as she watched her husband making a _____.

cringed ... scene

embraced ... racket

guffawed ... reticence

stalked ... stifle

considered ... manifestation

Abby cringed as she watched her husband making a scene.

In order to find the correct options for this sentence, it may be easier to fill in the second blank first. The sentence tells you that Abby was watching her husband; thus, he must be doing something, not saying something. The only two options that would fit this stipulation are scene and manifestation. The other three options can be eliminated.

Now, you can look at the first blank and identify what Abby would have done. It would not make sense for Abby to consider, but it would make sense for Abby to cringe.

58.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing ADHD, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author’s tone?

Determined

Anxious

Enthusiastic

Excited

Delirious

Correct answer: Determined

The author of this passage is persuading the reader that the “D” in ADHD should be considered a difference and not a disability; thus, you could say that the author is determined to get his or her point across.

The other options do not describe the author’s tone, as he or she does not project nervousness, excitement or confusion in the passage.

59.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Mom's magnificent flower gardens bloom _____ every year.

exquisitely

repellently

ineptly

monotonously

leadenly

Mom's magnificent flower gardens bloom exquisitely every year.

This sentence informs you that Mom's flower gardens are magnificent; therefore, the flowers need to bloom beautifully every year. The only option that represents beautiful is exquisitely.

The other answer options all represent dullness and darkness.

60.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

The _____ writer published her first book today.

amateur

expert

desolate

indignant

exultant

The amateur writer published her first book today.

This sentence is informing you that this writer was publishing a book for the very first time; thus, she was new to it. The only answer option that would fit correctly into this sentence is amateur.

Expert means professional, desolate means depressed, indignant means angry and exultant means happy.

61.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

To show no interest is to be _____.

indifferent

concerned

apprehensive

absorbed

engrossed

To show no interest is to be indifferent.

This is a definition sentence; thus, you must know which option means to show no interest. Indifferent is the option that means to show no interest.

The other answer options all show some sort of emotion toward a person, place or thing.

62.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

An individual can _____ a lot just by listening.

learn

discuss

converse

lecture

discourse

An individual can learn a lot just by listening.

From the information provided, you know that a person has to be able to listen; thus, you need to find the option that would allow a person to only listen. Discuss, converse, lecture and discourse are all words that indicate one is speaking; thus, they all can be eliminated because one cannot listen if he is talking.

Learn is the correct answer because one can listen and learn at the same time.

63.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing reading, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author’s attitude toward reading?

Enjoyable

Horrible

Frightening

Bearable

Boring

Correct answer: Enjoyable

Sentence 18 states “In the battle between books and TV, my heart was firmly on the side of books.” Thus, the beginning of the passage informs the reader that the author enjoyed watching television shows, and since her heart is now on the side of books, the author must find reading enjoyable.

64.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage describing the comfort of food is an excerpt from *Food & Wine* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, what does the word “blan” mean?

Foreigner

Tasteless

Mild

Spicy

Hungry

Correct answer: Foreigner

Sentence 6 informs the reader that “blan” means foreigner. You may have thought that “blan” meant hungry, but the parentheses that contain the word “foreigner” are placed directly after the word “blan,” which indicates that it means foreigner, not hungry.

65.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

She will be this year's _____ as she is ranked at the top of her class.

valedictorian

subordinate

graduate

subservient

mentor

She will be this year's valedictorian as she is ranked at the top of her class.

This sentence is a definition question that requires you to know the correct word that represents one who is ranked at the top of his or her class. Valedictorian is a person who is ranked at the top of his or her class.

66.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

As the sole _____ of the island, she had no neighbors to _____ with.

inhabitant ... quarrel

dweller ... cleanse

chauffeur ... bother

juggernaut ... dine

carter ... converse

As the sole inhabitant of the island, she had no neighbors to quarrel with.

The sentence's first clause informs you that there is only one (sole) person on the island; thus, the only two options that would correctly fit are inhabitant and dweller. The other three options are actions or professions that one would have.

The second clause suggests that the individual would do something with his or her neighbor (if there was one). Generally speaking, you would not cleanse or bathe with your neighbor, but you would quarrel or argue with your neighbor.

67.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing education, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

In regard to the passage, which of the following best defines the word “sophistries” as used in sentence 13?

Dishonest statements

Sensible comments

Reasonable theories

Relationships

Discoveries

Correct answer: Dishonest statements

Sentence 7 helps describe the word “sophistries” the best when it states “they throw out one basic lie.” From that statement forward, the reader can conclude that “sophistries” is best described as dishonest statements.

68.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing autism, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options represents where you would **most** likely find this article?

A magazine

A poster

A novel

An economic review

A dictionary

Correct answer: A magazine

Magazines cover a variety of subjects, including children’s health; thus, one could most likely find this article in a magazine.

A dictionary would define autism, but it wouldn’t include an article about autism. A poster is generally used to advertise; thus, you would not likely find this article on a poster. A novel tells a complete story; thus, this small article would not be found within it. An economic review would review the current status of the world’s economic situation; thus, this article would not be found in it.

69.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teen suicide, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, which of the following is **not** a change that heightens a young person’s level of stress?

Economic changes

Physical changes

Psychological changes

Emotional changes

Social changes

Correct answer: Economic changes

Sentence 14 informs the reader that a young person’s level of stress is heightened by physical, psychological, emotional and social changes; thus, you can eliminate economic changes.

70.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Although Carl does not care for chocolate, he thought that the chocolate cheesecake served with dinner was _____.

delectable

revolting

repugnant

unpleasant

tasteless

Although Carl does not care for chocolate, he thought that the chocolate cheesecake served with dinner was delectable.

Delectable is a word used to mean delicious. The word "Although" is used to introduce an idea that generally conflicts with something else in the sentence. In this sentence, "Although" is used to state that even though Carl usually doesn't like chocolate, he did like the chocolate cheesecake.

71.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing pearls of wisdom, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

From the passage, you can infer that the author would describe his parents as which of the following?

Wise

Boring

Abusive

Unintelligent

Caring

Correct answer: Wise

Sentence 4 informs the reader that the author felt that his parents were brilliant; thus, you can infer that the author felt that his parents were wise.

72.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing teaching, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What is meant by the author’s use of “Scylla and Charybdis” in sentence 7?

Being faced with having to choose between two unpleasant things

The disappointment that comes from others who don’t care

The inner workings of the education system

The advancement of the use of technology in schools

The methods used to fix the problems in the world

Correct answer: Being faced with having to choose between two unpleasant things

As the reader, you may not know what “Scylla and Charybdis” is; however, if you read the sentences prior to and immediately after, you can determine that the author’s use of “Scylla and Charybdis” is to refer to the unpleasant things that she is being made to choose between. The author is nervous about having enthusiastic teachers who will be thrown into a mix of students who know nothing about writing and then be expected to work miracles with the children while hopefully remaining enthusiastic.

73.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Fortunately, _____ treatment for activity anorexia is available.

effective

inoperative

nominal

negative

empathetic

Fortunately, effective treatment for activity anorexia is available.

The use of fortunately at the beginning of the sentence informs the reader that something good has occurred; thus, the treatment for activity anorexia should be good or effective.

It would not be good if the treatment were inoperative, nominal or negative; thus, those options can be eliminated. The word empathetic is used to show sympathy or support and would not be used as a treatment for a disease.

74.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

The teacup was so _____ and _____ that I didn't want to break it and go bankrupt.

delicate ... priceless

fragile ... worthless

robust ... irreplaceable

stout ... peerless

hardy ... insignificant

The teacup was so delicate and priceless that I didn't want to break it and go bankrupt.

The two blanks in the sentence's first clause need to represent what the sentence's second clause is telling you: the person didn't want to break the teacup and the person didn't want to have to pay for the teacup as it must be expensive in order to cause someone to go bankrupt. The teacup must either be delicate or fragile; however, it must be priceless, not worthless.

75.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing the comfort of food, is an excerpt from *Food & Wine* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

In relation to the passage, the author's tone can be best described as which of the following?

Sincere

Devious

Annoyed

Depressed

Envious

Correct answer: Sincere

The word "sincere" is used to represent one that is genuine, earnest or heartfelt; thus, it would be the best word to describe the author, as the author was on a humanitarian mission to help Haiti during a time of need and, while there, he provided some children with food just to see their smiling faces.

The author's tone can be considered sincere as he is telling the story because at no time during the passage did the author sound upset, sad or jealous.

76.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing foraging, is an excerpt from *Food & Wine* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What can you infer from the passage?

Foraging will become more popular in the future

Foraging is a thing of the past

Foraging is only for the wealthy

Foraging is only for the poor

Foraging can be dangerous

Correct answer: Foraging will become more popular in the future

Sentences 5 through 7 inform the reader that there is going to be a new TV show about foraging and that Gray feels that he will have more customers in the future; thus, you can infer that foraging will become more popular as more people become aware of it.

The passage indicates that both the poor and wealthy use foraged goods; thus, those two answers can be eliminated.

77.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing education, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following best describes the author’s purpose for writing this passage?

To make the reader aware of the education system’s actions

To debate whether or not children are as dumb as the education system believes they are

To discuss methods of improving the education system

To give directions on how to contact a representative of the education system

To encourage the reader to become an educator

Correct answer: To make the reader aware of the education system’s actions

The opening sentence informs the reader that the education system has abandoned its main responsibility, and from there it continues to discuss why the author feels this statement is true. Thus, the author’s purpose is to make the reader aware of the education system’s disappointing actions.

78.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing two cities, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

If one is traveling on Beartooth Highway, where might his or her destination be?

Yellowstone Park

South Dakota

Jellystone Park

Nevada

Mexico

Correct answer: Yellowstone Park

Both sentence 1 and sentence 5 state that people travel Beartooth Highway to get to Yellowstone Park.

The other answer options can all be eliminated as they are not mentioned in the passage.

79.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing barbeque, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

The passage infers that a person shouldn't eat at Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que if they don't like which of the following?

People

Pineapple

Trucks

Chicken

Salty food

Correct answer: People

Sentence 4 informs the reader that a customer of Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que will have to sit by strangers while eating; thus, if a person does not like people, then he or she probably shouldn't eat at this restaurant.

80.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing foraging, is an excerpt from *Food & Wine* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

The passage describes ramps as which of the following?

Oniony things

Baby radishes

Potato hash

Rubbish

Herbs

Correct answer: Oniony things

Sentence 1 informs the reader that the doctor's patients described ramps as "strong, oniony things."

Sentence 4 mentions baby radishes but only as another food that individuals forage.

81.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing reading, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options best defines the word “wreak” as it is used in sentence 7?

Inflict

Abolish

Defeat

Smell

Nauseate

Correct answer: Inflict

Wreak is a word used to describe infliction, destruction, and hatred. Thus, in sentence 7, wreak is best defined as inflict, as television can inflict havoc on one’s mind.

82.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing reading, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What can you infer from this passage?

When children read, their reading comprehension improves

Reading is more exciting to children than watching television

Television is not as entertaining as reading a book

Books are bad gifts to give to children

Books should all contain pictures

Correct answer: When children read, their reading comprehension improves

Sentences 15 and 16 state that the author started reading on her own and within a few months, her reading comprehension improved; thus, you can infer that reading improves one’s comprehension.

The other answer options are all referred to in the passage; however, you cannot make references to them, as they are opinions, not facts.

83.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing two cities, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following groups of people would **most** likely be interested in reading this passage?

Tourists

Farmers

Entrepreneurs

Gardeners

Boaters

Correct answer: Tourists

Tourists are those who like to travel to different places; thus, they would be the ones most likely to read a passage about traveling a certain highway.

84.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing the benefits of apple cider vinegar, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, when should apple cider vinegar be consumed in order to be beneficial?

Before or during meals

Immediately after meals

Prior to eating meals

During meals

Before bedtime

Correct answer: Before or during meals

Sentence 4 informs the reader that apple cider vinegar holds the most promise when it is consumed before or during meals.

85.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing pearls of wisdom, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options best represents the author's point?

Work is only as terrible as you allow it to be

Work is not always fun, yet we must still do it

If you do what you love, you will never work a day in your life

Working is for those who are not rich

Working is not an enjoyable hobby

Correct answer: Work is only as terrible as you allow it to be

Sentence 15 summarizes the author's point regarding his passage by stating, "we must approach work with the correct attitude and effort." From that statement, the author is indicating that work is only as terrible as you allow it to be. If you go to work with a bad attitude, then your work experience will be bad. If you go to work with a good attitude, then your work experience will be good.

86.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Both _____ and _____, Melissa never makes decisions and always thinks of others.

indecisive ... thoughtful

conclusive ... heedless

pivotal ... tactful

influential ... insensitive

authoritative ... inconsiderate

Both indecisive and thoughtful, Melissa never makes decisions and always thinks of others.

The two blanks in the sentence's first clause need to represent what the sentence's second clause is telling you: Melissa has the inability to make decisions and she has the ability to be considerate. Therefore, Melissa would be indecisive (unable to make decisions) and thoughtful (considerate).

87.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing two cities, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

The term “denizens” in sentence 5 is used to refer to which of the following?

Residents

Animals

Artists

Commuters

Visitors

Correct answer: Residents

You may not know what the word “denizens” means, but if you read the whole sentence, you can comprehend that it must mean people who live in each town (Not surprisingly, denizens of each tend to look down on the other.) as the other answer options would not look down on the other.

88.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

His _____ complaint is his lack of freedom.

principal

provost

dean

omen

divination

His principal complaint is his lack of freedom.

From the sentence, you can gather that the individual does not have enough freedom, which for most, would be a primary complaint. The only option that would correctly complete this sentence is principal, as it is used to mean primary, main or lead.

Omen and divination are used to represent signs or premonitions. Provost and dean are used to represent leaders.

89.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing two cities, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

According to the passage, which of the following best describes the residents of Terlingua?

Crazy

Snobbish

Polished

Educated

Reserved

Correct answer: Crazy

Sentence 6 informs you that the Marfa residents refer to Terlingua as “the world’s largest outdoor insane asylum,” and goes on to state that the Terlinguans do not dispute it. Thus, the passage infers that the residents of Terlingua are crazy.

90.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing reading, is an excerpt from “Education Articles” website (www.edarticle.com) and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options best defines the word “eclipse” as it is used in sentence 1?

Outshine

Avoid

Prevent

Obliterate

Abolish

Correct answer: Outshine

When you read sentence 1 entirely, you gather that the author is saying that television has finally taken over or cast a shadow on the everyday, dull things in life. Thus, you can say that television has outshined or eclipsed the duller things in life.

91.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

While working together to get the project done, the four students _____ teamwork.

demonstrated

concealed

obscured

veiled

deliberated

While working together to get the project done, the four students demonstrated teamwork.

This sentence informs you that a team of students worked together. Thus, the four students used or demonstrated teamwork.

The students did not think (deliberate) about teamwork, nor did they hide (conceal, obscure or veil) teamwork.

92.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing two cities, is an excerpt from *HOG* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

Which of the following options best describes what the above passage is about?

How two cities located so close to one another are so different

How Marfans are more artistic than Terlinguans

The population of two cities in Texas

The opinions on how people live in Texas

Why it is better to live in Marfa than Terlingua

Correct answer: How two cities located so close to one another are so different

In order to determine what the passage is about, you need to look at the passage as a whole, not just bits and pieces. As a whole, the passage is discussing the differences between the two towns.

The passage does state that the populations are insignificant (Sentence 1: "rattlesnakes undoubtedly outnumber the human population"), but that is only one sentence. The passage does include a couple of opinions from residents of each town, but those quotes do not describe the passage as a whole. The passage does not state that it is better to live in either town; thus, that option can be eliminated.

93.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

An action done with knowledge of its effects is _____.

deliberate

accidental

fortuitous

reasonable

just

An action done with knowledge of its effects is deliberate.

The definition of deliberate is "done with full consciousness of the effects or on purpose."

Accidental and fortuitous are both words used to refer to actions that are not done on purpose. Reasonable and just are both words used to mean that the actions taken were fair.

94.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing a U.S. location, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

How did Sleeping Bear Dunes get its name?

From an Anishinaabek Indian legend

From the peaceful surroundings of Lake Michigan

From the bears who sleep in the trees around Lake Michigan

From the two islands that are just offshore

From the National Zoo that is located in the same vicinity

Correct answer: From an Anishinaabek Indian legend

Sentence 3 informs the reader how Sleeping Bear Dunes got its name (The National Lakeshore gets its name from an Anishinaabek Indian legend.). Sleeping Bear Dunes is part of the National Lakeshore.

95.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing Japanese beetles, is an excerpt from Pestnet.com and should be used to answer the question that follows.

The passage suggests that the actions of the Japanese beetle are best described as which of the following?

Problematic

Beneficial

Undervalued

Overestimated

Effortless

Correct answer: Problematic

The passage's fifth sentence informs the reader that the actions of the Japanese beetle can be problematic. The sentence states that Japanese beetles "can sometimes become a problem for garden owners as they feed not only on plant leaves, but also on plant veins, which can lead to destruction of the plant itself."

96.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Although the campers shoveled dirt on top of their embers, the fire still was not

_____.

extinguished

ignited

stricken

lit

emergent

Although the campers shoveled dirt on top of their embers, the fire was not extinguished.

The word “Although” is used to introduce an idea that generally conflicts with something else in the sentence. In this sentence, although is used to state that even though they tried to put out the fire with dirt, the fire kept burning; therefore, the fire still was not extinguished.

97.

Identify the words that would best complete the following sentence.

Successful individuals often provide sound _____, so I _____ you to listen.

advice ... advise

documentation ... recommend

evidence ... inform

motivation ... guide

suggestions ... negate

Successful individuals often provide sound advice, so I advise you to listen.

For this sentence, the first blank could be any of the answer options; thus, you need to read the second clause to know that the first blank requires one to listen. The only options that would require one to listen are advice and suggestions. The other three answer options can now be eliminated.

You will notice that in the second clause, the author is telling you to listen. Advise is the only option left that would fit into this blank, as negate means to deny and advise means to recommend.

98.

Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing fracking, is an excerpt from "inthesetimes.com" and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What can you infer from the passage?

Fracking is harmful to the environment

Fracking is expensive

Fracking produces a great deal of revenue

Fracking provides several jobs

Fracking takes months to complete

Correct answer: Fracking is harmful to the environment

Sentence 5 informs the reader that there are environmental risks associated with fracking; thus, you can infer that fracking is harmful to the environment.

The passage does not mention the cost associated with fracking, the revenue produced by fracking, the employment opportunities that are provided by fracking or the amount of time that fracking takes; thus, those options can all be eliminated.

99.

Identify the word that would best complete the following sentence.

Andrea suffered from _____, as demonstrated by her screams when a spider landed on her desk.

arachnophobia

acrophobia

nyctophobia

ophidiophobia

arithmophobia

Andrea suffered from arachnophobia, as demonstrated by her screams when a spider landed on her desk.

From this sentence, you know that the missing word has something to do with being scared of spiders ("screams when a spider"). Arachnophobia is the term used to state that someone has a fear of spiders; thus, it is the correct answer.

Acrophobia is the fear of heights, nyctophobia is the fear of darkness, ophidiophobia is the fear of snakes, and arithmophobia is the fear of numbers.

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Read the passage then answer the following question.

The following passage, describing a U.S. location, is an excerpt from *Country Living* magazine and should be used to answer the question that follows.

What is the author's purpose for writing this passage?

To inform the reader how Sleeping Bear Dunes got its name

To describe the panoramic views located at Sleeping Bear Dunes

To provide directions on how to get to Sleeping Bear Dunes

To persuade the reader to visit Sleeping Bear Dunes

To infer that Sleeping Bear Dunes is the ultimate vacation spot

Correct answer: To inform the reader how Sleeping Bear Dunes got its name

The passage starts by telling the reader where Sleeping Bear Dunes is located, but the bulk of the passage is telling the reader the story of how Sleeping Bear Dunes got its name.
