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NEW QUESTION 1

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 1)

The following appeared in a memo from the president of Bower Builders, a company that constructs new homes.

"A nationwide survey reveals that the two most-desired home features are a large family room and a large, well-appointed kitchen. A number of homes in our area built by our competitor Domus Construction have such features and have sold much faster and at significantly higher prices than the national average. To boost sales and profits, we should increase the size of the family rooms and kitchens in all the homes we build and should make state-of-the-art kitchens a standard feature. Moreover, our larger family rooms and kitchens can come at the expense of the dining room, since many of our recent buyers say they do not need a separate dining room for family meals."

Write a response in which you examine the stated and or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure to explain how the argument depends on these assumptions and what the implications are for the argument if the assumptions prove unwarranted.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

The memo discusses in detail about the statements made in order to suppose a suggestion that might get more profits for the firm. It is essential that the statements need to be supported by proper data and facts. The given statement is unsupported and is built upon a basic premise of an expected possibility in the future. The memo states that a change in the manner or pattern in which the house is built will probably be helpful for the company to improve its nature and also profit.

The company believes that they would be able to improve the profit by replacing the dining room space with more space for living room and kitchen, they also focus on state of the art kitchen facilities. It is impertaive that the company states the various assumptions and the basis on which these assumptions would be stated. The company has failed to show and prove any given data or fact that ought of lead to the evidence that there might be possible increase in the profits.

The preferential choices of the people have also not been stated any where in the passage. The random generalization only weaknes and undermiens the statement. the statement has to be supported with survey from the people or the purchasers which might provide better insights to the given statements.

It is essential for the company to consider the other factors and look into the sales for the holistic perpoective rather that from a profit oriented angle.

The type of assumptions made in the memo are subjective and inclined towards a great extent. which might be flawed in the event of not proving any lsubstantial evidences.

To conclude. I think that it is essential for the company to substantiate the views and assumptions with better data and facts, failing which it would remain to be flawed. Any assumptions needs to be places on valid and reasonable ideas without which the core of the premise would hold no good.

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 hughest 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 exagerated 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

- (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 4

- (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 5

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit

The least of five consecutive odd integers is $x - 3$.

Quantity A

The greatest of the five integers

Quantity B

$x + 3$

- 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: A

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.

Quantity A

The total amount of money that the candy manufacturer paid the salesperson last month

Quantity B

\$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)

A certain train will travel from City A to City B, and then back to City A along the same route. The train is scheduled to spend a total of T hours traveling time for the round-trip. The train travels from City A to City B in 13 hours, traveling at an average speed of 25 miles per hour. If the train is to arrive exactly on schedule, at what average speed must the train travel from City B to City A?

A)

$$\frac{T - 13}{(25)(130)}$$

B)

$$\frac{(T - 13)(130)}{25}$$

C)

$$\frac{(T - 13)(25)}{130}$$

D)

$$\frac{(25)(13)}{T - 13}$$

E)

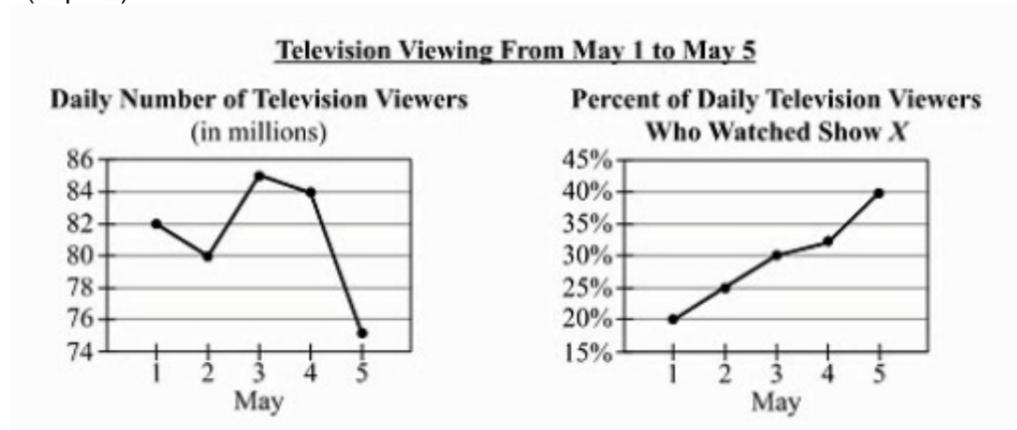
$$\frac{25}{(13)(T - 13)}$$

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 8

- (Topic 2)



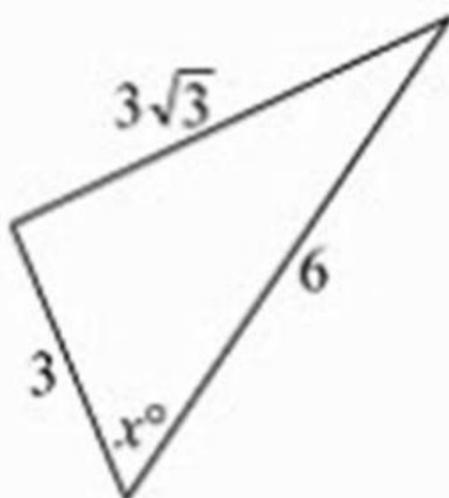
The number k of television viewers who watched Show X on May 2 is approximately what percent greater, or less, than the number n of television viewers who watched Show X on May 1 ?

- A. k is 2.5 percent less than n .
- B. k is 5 percent less than n .
- C. k is 5 percent greater than n .
- D. k is 18 percent greater than n .
- E. k is 22 percent greater than n .

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 9

- (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 10

- (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 10

- (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

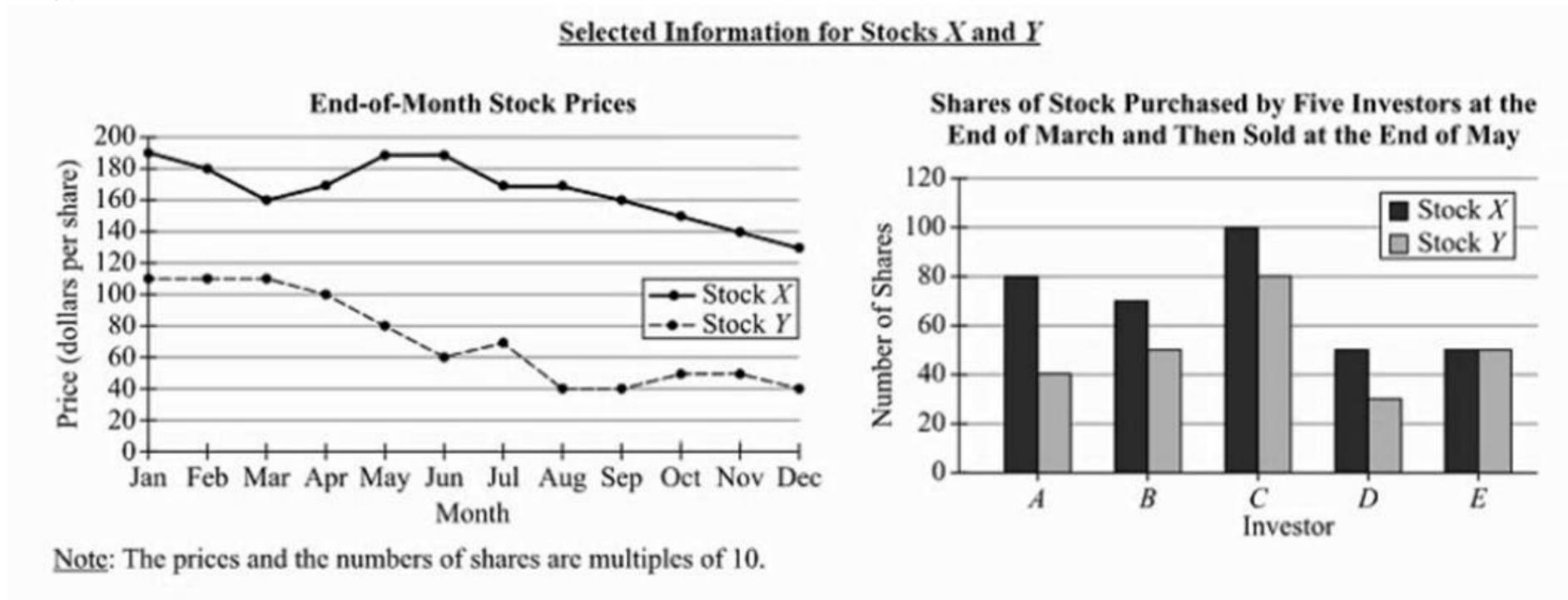
- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.

D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 11

- (Topic 2)
 Exhibit.



The variance of n numerical data $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ with the mean \bar{x} is equal to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

For the shares of stock purchased and then sold by the investors shown, the mean of the 5 numbers for Stock Y is 50 and the corresponding mean for Stock X is 70. The variance of the 5 numbers for Stock Y is what fraction of the corresponding variance for Stock X ?

A)

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

B)

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

C)

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

D)

$$\frac{5}{7}$$

E)

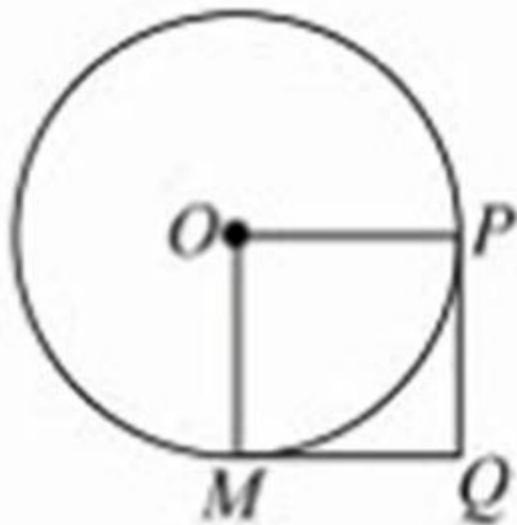
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9

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

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 14

- (Topic 2)



In the circle with center O, if the length of minor arc MP is 3, what is the area of square region MOPQ ?

- A. 9
- B. 12
- C. 24
- D. 36
- E. 144

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 18

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.

$n > 0$

<p><u>Quantity A</u></p> $(n + 6)((n + 7) - (n + 8))$	<p><u>Quantity B</u></p> $((n + 6) - (n + 7))(n + 8)$
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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: A

NEW QUESTION 20

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

The average (arithmetic mean) of a set of n test scores is 70. If a new score of 90 is added to the set. the average of the set of scores will be 72. What is the value

of w?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:
9

NEW QUESTION 22

- (Topic 2)

A group of children is divided into r teams of \sim 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.

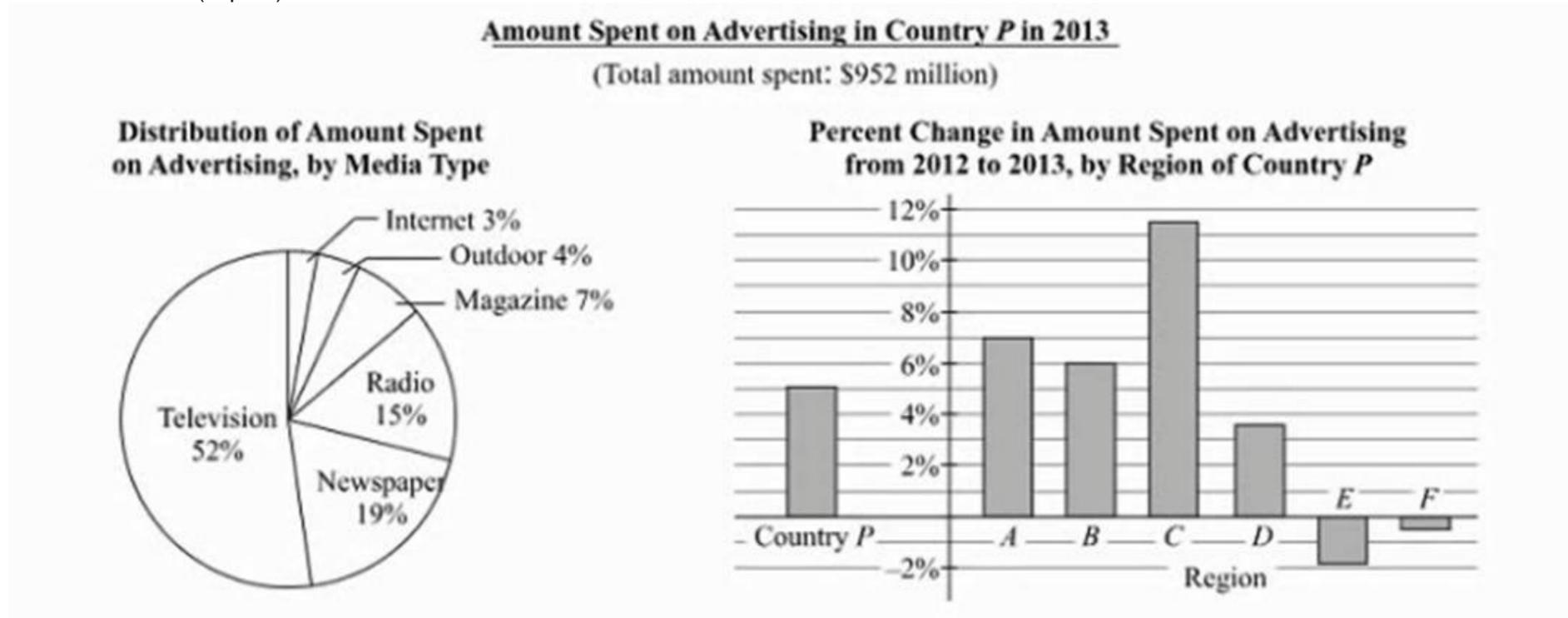
<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
The number of children in the group	38

- 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 27

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)



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 31

- (Topic 2)

$$y + 5 > x$$

Quantity A

$$y + 2$$

Quantity B

$$x - 2$$

- 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: D

NEW QUESTION 35

- (Topic 2)

Annual Budget of the Alden Family in Year X

Category	Amount
Housing	\$7,600
Food	4,000
Transportation	4,400
Clothing	3,600
Medical services	3,800
Insurance	6,400
Entertainment	2,800
Vacation	4,400
Savings	3,000
Total	\$40,000

The three children in the Alden family contributed 30 percent of the amount budgeted for savings. The oldest child contributed \$150 more than the youngest child, and the middle child contributed \$60 more than the youngest child. What was the median of the amounts that the children contributed to savings ?

- A. \$230

- B. \$270
- C. \$290
- D. \$300
- E. \$380

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 37

- (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

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

Quantity B

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 42

- (Topic 2)

How many values of x are there such that x is an integer and $|3x - 2| < 8$?

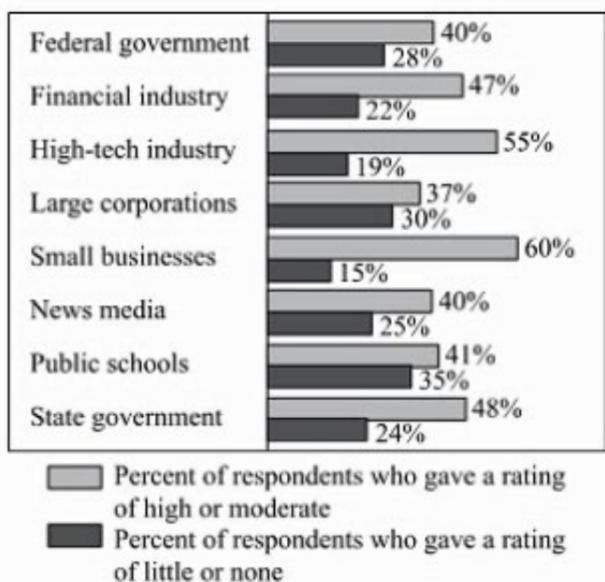
- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four
- E. Five

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 44

- (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 45

- (Topic 2)

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

Quantity A

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

Quantity B

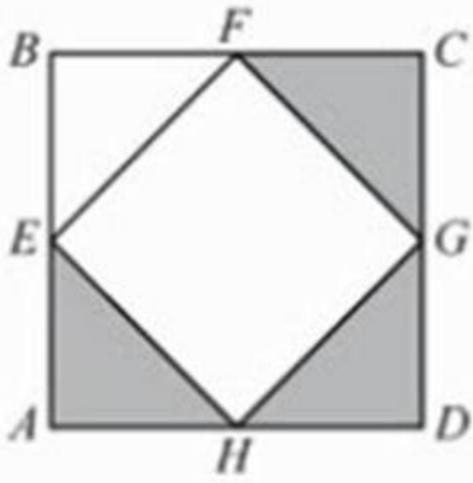
$$2$$

- 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 48

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

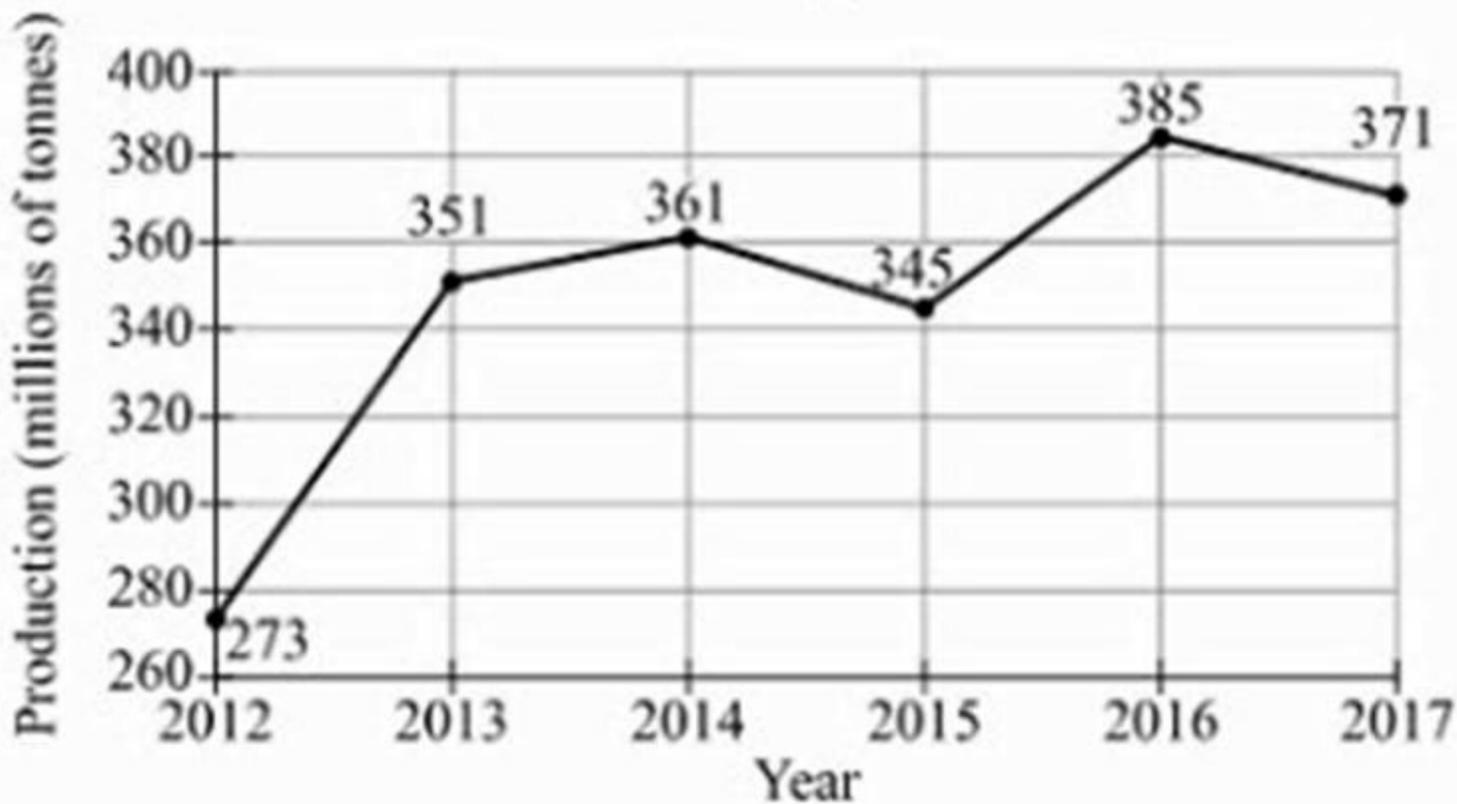
Explanation:
 below is the answer.

3
8

NEW QUESTION 53
 - (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%

Which of the following is closest to the average rate of change, in tonnes per year, for maize production from 2012 to 2017 ?

- A. 20 million
- B. 19 million
- C. 18 million
- D. 17 million
- E. 16 million

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 58

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

The sales tax on clothing items in Country A is 25 percent of the purchase price of the item, and the sales tax on clothing items in Country B is 20 percent of the purchase price of the item. If the two countries have the same currency and if the price of a certain clothing item is the same in both countries, what percent

greater is the amount of sales tax on the clothing item purchased in Country A than the amount of sales tax on the clothing item purchased in Country B ?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:
25%

NEW QUESTION 59

- (Topic 2)

The perimeter of rectangle ABCD is 20. and the length of each side is an integer. Which of the following values could be the length of diagonal AC? Indicate all such values.

A)

$$\sqrt{82}$$

B)

$$\sqrt{68}$$

C)

$$\sqrt{58}$$

D)

$$\sqrt{52}$$

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

Answer: ABCD

NEW QUESTION 60

- (Topic 2)

A large cube and a small cube are made of granite of uniform density- The large cube has edges of length 1.2 meters and weighs 4.752 kilograms. If the small cube has edges of length 10 centimeters, what is the weight, in grains, of the small cube?

- A. 275
- B. 396
- C. 570
- D. 2.750
- E. 3.960

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 65

- (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 67

- (Topic 2)
 Exhibit.

Fish Type	Cost per Fish
A	\$12
B	\$11
C	\$9

Hezekiah has a whole number of dollars to purchase fish for his fish tank. He has less than \$100, and the cost of each type of fish is shown in the table. If he purchases as many fish of type A as he can and no other fish, he will have \$4 remaining. If he purchases as many fish of type B as he can and 1 fish of type C, he will have \$0 remaining. How many dollars does Hezekiah have?

- A. \$52
- B. \$64
- C. \$66
- D. \$72
- E. \$75

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 69

- (Topic 2)

How many first-year students did 112 take the placement exam in 1995?

- A. 57
- B. 63
- C. 66
- D. 70
- E. 73

Answer: D

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 74

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

If the ratio of positive integer x to positive integer y is 4 to 3, then $x + y$ must be a multiple of integer k , where $k > 1$. What is the value of k ?

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:
 K= 7

NEW QUESTION 75

- (Topic 2)

In which of the years shown was the total number of first-year students at College X greatest?

- A. 1991
- B. 1992
- C. 1993
- D. 1994
- E. 1995

Answer: B

Explanation:

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1995	630	90%

NEW QUESTION 80

- (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 84

- (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 89

- (Topic 2)

Exhibit.

Mineral	Amount (milligrams)	Recommended Dietary Allowance (milligrams)
Calcium	6	1,000
Iron	0.12	18
Magnesium	5	420
Phosphorus	11	700
Sodium	1	1,500
Zinc	0.04	11

For selected minerals, the table shows the mineral content in an apple that weighs 100 grams and also shows the recommended daily allowance of the minerals. For which of the following minerals is the total amount of the mineral contained in 5 such apples greater than 4 percent of the recommended dietary allowance of the mineral?

Indicate all such minerals.

- A. Calcium
- B. Magnesium
- C. Sodium
- D. Zinc

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 92

CORRECT TEXT - (Topic 2)

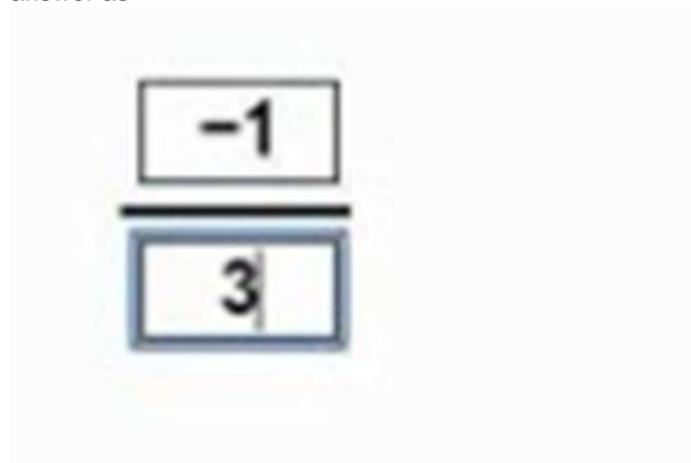
In the xy-plane, what is the slope of the line that passes through the points (2,-3) and (5, - 4)? Give your answer as a fraction.

- A. Mastered
- B. Not Mastered

Answer: A

Explanation:

answer as



NEW QUESTION 93

- (Topic 2)

$$Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots, Q_n, \dots$$

The sequence shown is defined by $Q_1 = 6$ and $Q_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}Q_n$ for each positive integer n .

Quantity A

$$Q_{11}$$

Quantity B

$$(3^{17})Q_{28}$$

- 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 98

- (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 101

- (Topic 2)

The sides of triangle T all have different lengths.

Quantity A

Twice the length of the longest side of T

Quantity B

The perimeter of T

- 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 102

- (Topic 2)

Age-group (years)	Yes	No
18 to 29	212	112
30 to 39	123	233
40 to 49	421	341
50 to 59	223	323
60 to 69	131	211
70 and above	243	323
Total	1,353	1,543

Of the 2,896 people who voted on a certain issue, the number who voted yes and the number who voted no are shown in the table, classified by age-group. Which of the following statements are true?
 Indicate all such statements.

- A. Of all the people who voted, the number of voters from the 40-to-49 age-group was more than the number of voters from any of the other age-groups shown.
- B. There were more votes of no on the issue than votes of yes.
- C. The median age of all the people who voted was in the 50-to-59 age-group.

Answer: ABC

NEW QUESTION 103

- (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 108

- (Topic 2)

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

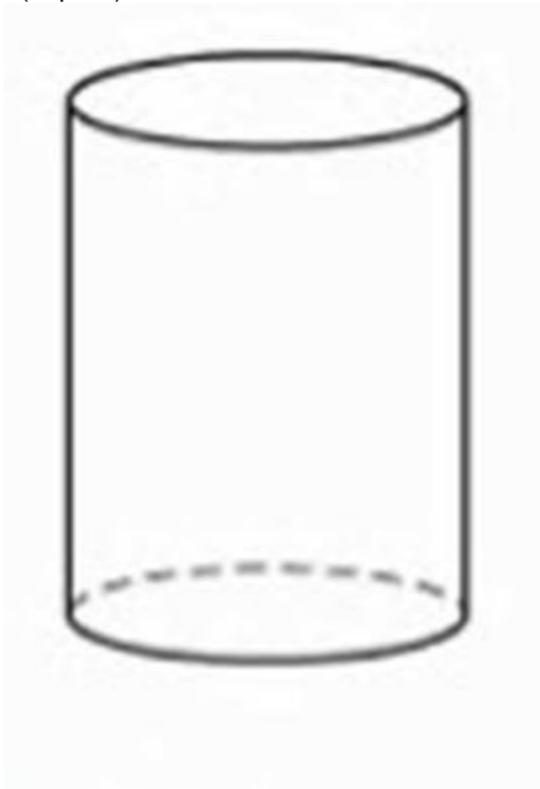
<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
The probability that neither <i>R</i> nor <i>T</i> will occur	0.47

- 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 113

- (Topic 2)



The right circular cylindrical tank above has inner dimensions of radius 4 feet and height 10 feet. What is the greatest possible distance, in feet, between 2 points

inside the tank?

A)

$$2\sqrt{21}$$

B)

$$\sqrt{94}$$

C)

$$2\sqrt{29}$$

D)

$$\sqrt{154}$$

E)

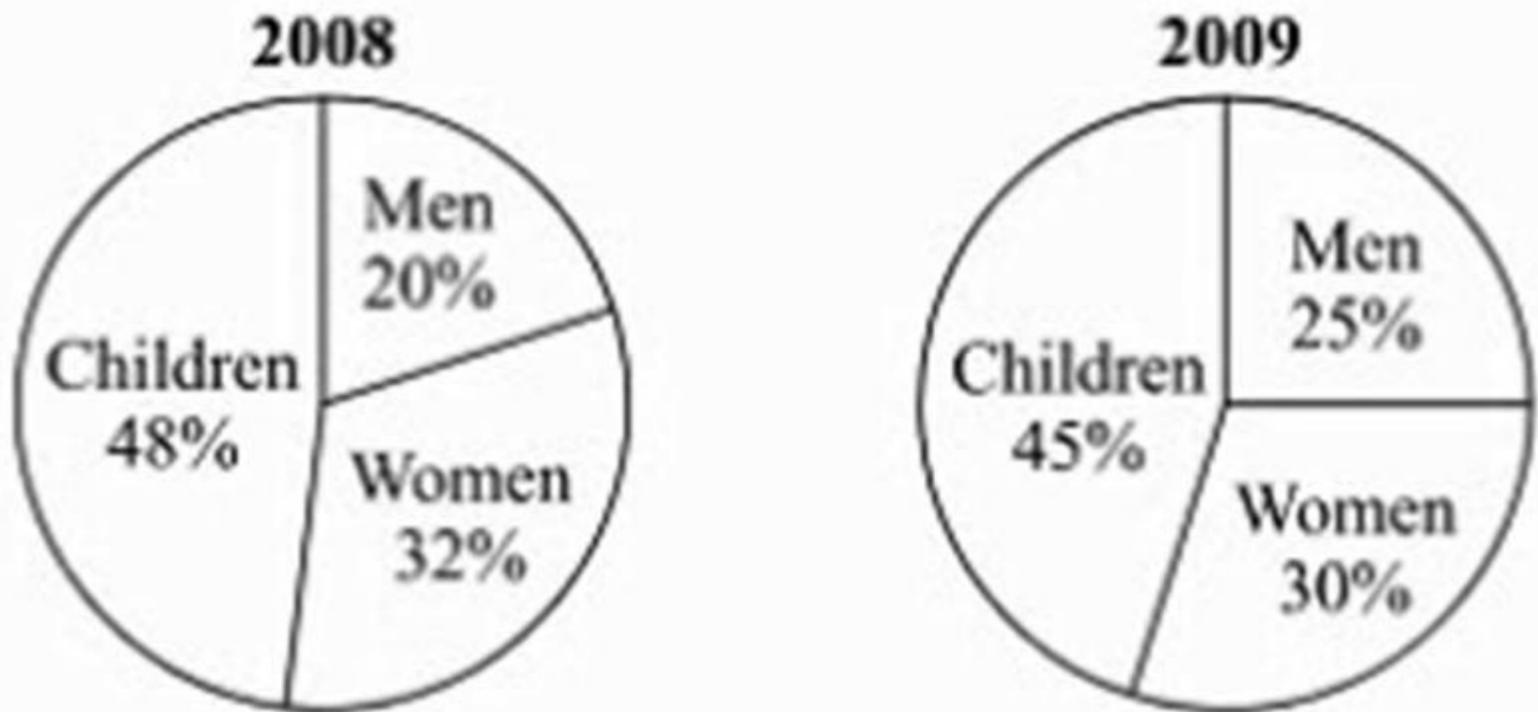
$$2\sqrt{41}$$

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

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 117

- (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 120

- (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 124

- (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 127

- (Topic 2)
 Exhibit.

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

Quantity A

$$\frac{x^y}{y^x}$$

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 129

- (Topic 2)

A rancher is planning to build an enclosed pen for horses on level ground. The pen will be rectangular with a length that is 2 times the width. If the perimeter of the pen will be P meters, which of the following represents the area, in square meters, of the pen in terms of P ?

A)

$$4P^2$$

B)

$$2P^2 + P$$

C)

$$\frac{P^2}{6}$$

D)

$$\frac{P^2 + 2P}{12}$$

E)

$$\frac{p^2}{18}$$

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

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 134

- (Topic 2)

$a > 2$

<p><u>Quantity A</u></p> $a^{21} - a^{20}$	<p><u>Quantity B</u></p> a^{20}
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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: A

NEW QUESTION 139

- (Topic 2)

The average (arithmetic mean) of x , y , and z is 80, and the average of x , y , z , and w is 83.

<p><u>Quantity A</u></p> <p>The average of x, y, and w</p>	<p><u>Quantity B</u></p> <p>84</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 141

- (Topic 2)

For a list of k consecutive integers, the median is m and the range is r . Which of the following must be equal to k ?

- A. m
- B. r
- C. $m+1$
- D. $r-m+1$

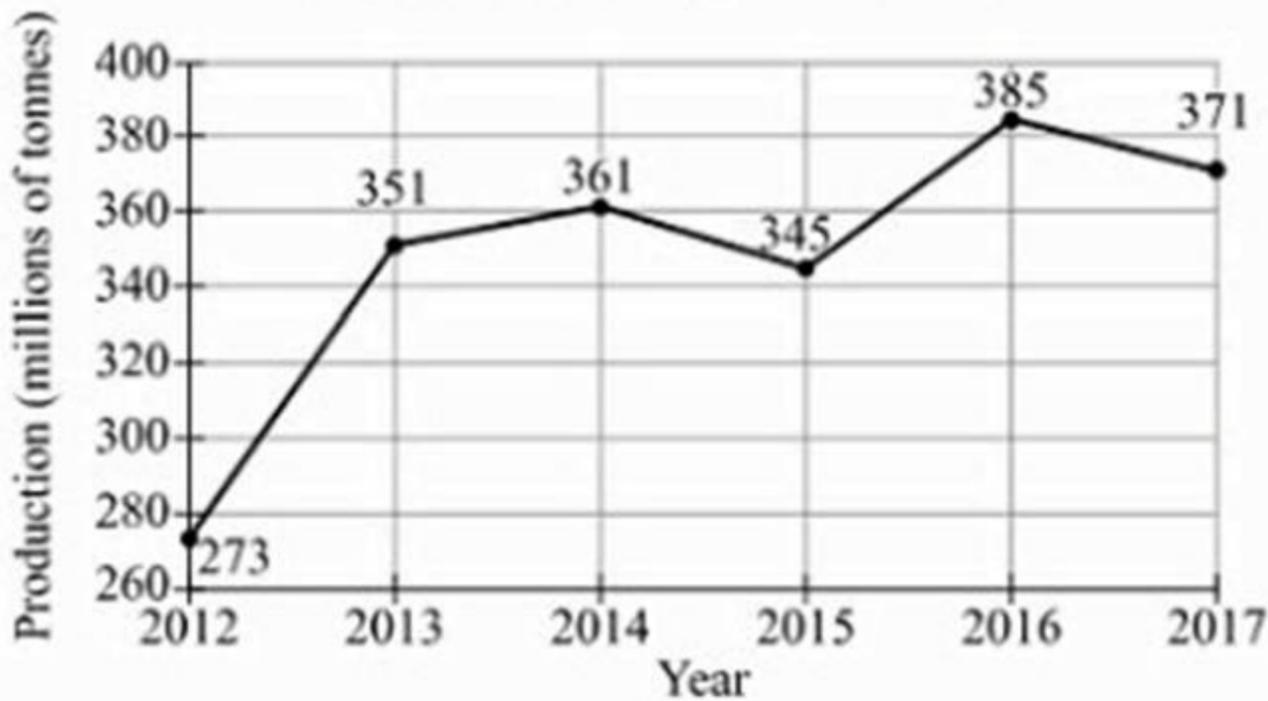
Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 142

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 144

- (Topic 2)

If a set S has a total of 6 subsets that consist of 2 members each, then S consists of how many members?

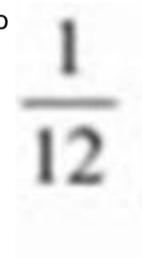
- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Five
- D. Six
- E. Seven

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 145

- (Topic 2)

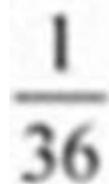
The volume of a red container is 3 times the volume of a green container. What fraction of the volume of the green container is equal to



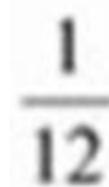
of the volume

of the red container?

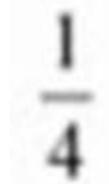
A)



B)



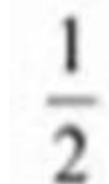
C)



D)



E)



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

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 148

- (Topic 2)

If the sum of two positive prime numbers is 5, which of the following is a multiple of the product of the two numbers?

- A. 46
- B. 45
- C. 44

D. 39

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 153

- (Topic 2)

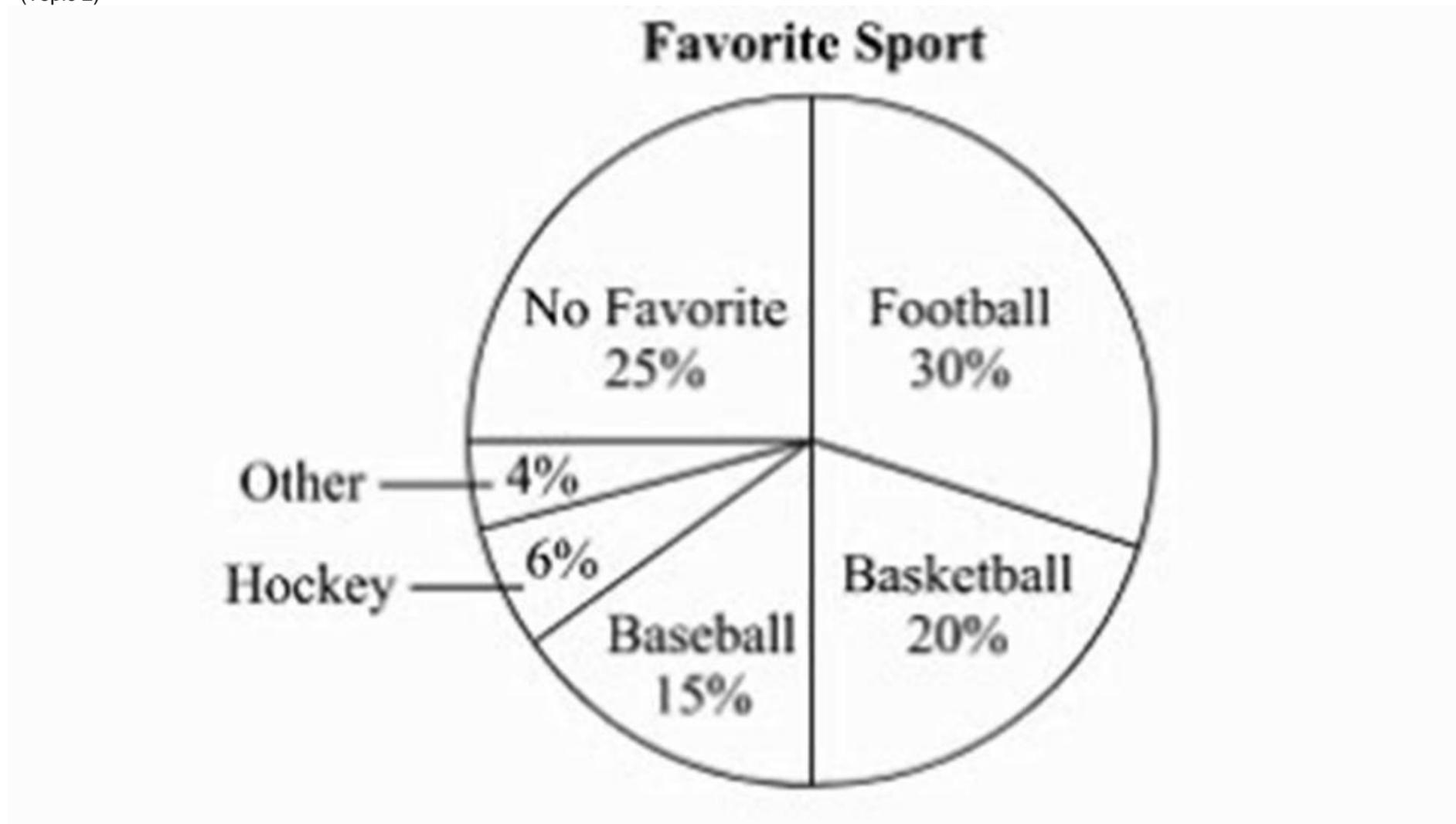
<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
The number of odd integers between $\sqrt{12}$ and 12^2	70

- 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 156

- (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 158

- (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.

<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
9 times the number of rounds in which the contestant scored 2 points	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 160

- (Topic 2)

The probabilities assigned to the four possible outcomes of an experiment are p_1 , p_2 , p_3 , and p_4 . If these outcomes are mutually exclusive, which of the following could be P_1, p_2, p_3 and p_4 ?

- A. 0.10, 0.05, 0.50, 0.30
- B. 0.10, 0.50, 0.05, 0.60
- C. 0.25, 0.25, 0.50, 0.30
- D. 0.25, 0.05, 0.10, 0.60
- E. 0.50, 0.25, 0.50, 0.30

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 165

- (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 (to 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 166

- (Topic 3)

In contrast to today, when many readers consider the moral sentiments expressed in the ancient writer's work to be quite sophomoric, in the writer's own time these sentiments were regarded as remarkably _____ .

- A. arcane
- B. brash
- C. melancholy
- D. sagacious
- E. sanguine

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 171

- (Topic 3)

In 1995 the United States National Park Service reintroduced wolves into Yellowstone National Park, from which they had been eliminated decades before by overhunting. Biologists hoped the reintroduction would return the park's mix of animals to a more natural state. After the wolves' disappearance, the population of their onetime prey, the elk, had burgeoned. Subsequently, new tree growth declined as multiplying elk browsed young trees, denuding certain areas of the park. Following the wolves' return, the elk population declined and young trees rebounded. Most scientists attribute the vegetation changes to the wolves' return. However, Ration observes that Yellowstone has not had a harsh winter since wolf numbers reached high levels and suggests that elk may not have needed to resort to trees for food.

It can be inferred from the passage that the scientists would be most likely to cite which of the following in support of their view?

- A. The correlation between the reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone and the decline of the elk population
- B. The correlation between wolves' disappearance from Yellowstone and the growth of the elk population
- C. The correlation between the rebounding of Yellowstone's trees and the pattern of its winters since 1995

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 174

- (Topic 3)

Suburbanization arguably ushered in numerous changes in the way many people in the United States lived: the suburbs _____ a society based on unprecedented consumption and intense privacy.

- A. validated
- B. affirmed
- C. inaugurated
- D. engendered
- E. enlivened
- F. represented

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 179

- (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 184

- (Topic 3)

As originally formulated, the selfish-herd theory of prey species aggregation assumed that predatory attacks were equally likely to be launched from any position within the environment. In some circumstances (e.g., avian predators attacking prey from above), such an approach is appropriate. However, as James et al. argue, in many predator-prey associations, attacks are unlikely to occur from positions within the group. For example, it is likely that an ambushing predator waiting in the path of a group would be detected before the group moves over its position. Hence, in many ecological situations, predatory attacks on grouped prey will occur exclusively from outside the group. In such circumstances, there is a strong premium to a group member in being in the interior of the group. The passage suggests that compared to members of the prey groups in "some circumstances," certain members of the prey groups in "many ecological situations" are likely to be less

- A. skilled at detecting ambushing predators
- B. vulnerable to predator attacks
- C. able to reach escape routes to avoid predators

Answer: AB

NEW QUESTION 189

- (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 193

- (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 196

- (Topic 3)

Though most physicists claim that the standard model of particle physics is wrong, some prefer to say that the theory is _____ : it succeeds in answering certain questions but has nothing to say about others.

- A. inconsistent
- B. effective
- C. incomplete
- D. sound
- E. limited
- F. valid

Answer: AE

NEW QUESTION 197

- (Topic 3)

In *Cleopatra: A Life*, Schiffrin _____ Cleopatra, stripping away the accretions of myth built up around the Egyptian queen and plucking off the imaginative embroiderings of Shakespeare and Shaw.

- A. denigrates
- B. elucidates
- C. embellishes
- D. aggrandizes
- E. demystifies
- F. manipulates

Answer: AE

NEW QUESTION 202

- (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 207

- (Topic 3)

The fact that there are so many varieties of youthful dissent indicates that there is considerably less _____ to this counterculture than has been suggested.

- A. hypocrisy
- B. relevance
- C. spontaneity
- D. degeneracy
- E. coherence

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 208

- (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 a 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 212

- (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 217

- (Topic 3)

The book's approach to modern art was hardly _____ : it aimed simply to give readers a deeper understanding of prevailing perspectives in the field.

- A. revisionist
- B. conventional
- C. calculated
- D. innocuous
- E. decipherable

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 220

- (Topic 3)

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

her teacher

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

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 221

- (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 224

- (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 225

- (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
- B. turmoil
- C. forethought
- D. direction
- E. management

Answer: DE

NEW QUESTION 229

- (Topic 3)

Greenberg's book presents a very good argument that there is something not quite (i) in the science community's perennial lament over inadequate budgets. Although the lament (ii) fears over looming shortages of scientifically trained personnel, the reality. Greenberg argues, is that government support for science and engineering has never been greater, with

budgets continuing to grow every year—even through the past decade, when the climate for government spending generally has not been (iii) one.

- A. forthright
- B. original
- C. sophisticated
- D. Understates
- E. alleviates
- F. encourages
- G. an expansive
- H. a forbiddine
- I. a perilous

Answer: AFG

NEW QUESTION 234

- (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 237

- (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 240

- (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 241

- (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 244

- (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 246

- (Topic 3)

In 1995 the United States National Park Service reintroduced wolves into Yellowstone National Park, from which they had been eliminated decades before by overhunting. Biologists hoped the reintroduction would return the park's mix of animals to a more natural state. After the wolves' disappearance, the population of their onetime prey, the elk, had burgeoned. Subsequently, new tree growth declined as multiplying elk browsed young trees, denuding certain areas of the park. Following the wolves' return, the elk population declined and young trees rebounded. Most scientists attribute the vegetation changes to the wolves' return. However, Patton observes that Yellowstone has not had a harsh winter since wolf numbers reached high levels and suggests that elk may not have needed to resort to trees for food.

If the view attributed to the majority of scientists is correct, which of the following must be true?

- A. The elk population in Yellowstone had probably begun to decline prior to the reintroduction of wolves to the park.
- B. Browsing by species other than elk probably had a significant impact on young trees in Yellowstone.
- C. Human activity contributed both to the decline and to the resurgence of new tree growth in Yellowstone.
- D. The reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone has had negative as well as positive effects on vegetation in the park.
- E. The rate at which young trees rebounded in Yellowstone following the reintroduction of wolves was in part due to weather patterns.

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 249

- (Topic 3)

Female Australian Duiiatothrip.% (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 tlirips 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 would most likely agree with which of the following claims about Australian Drmatolhrips ?

- A. Their offspring survival rates increase when larger groups cooperate to modify nests.
- B. Their effect on the leaves used to support their tent-like structures is not necessarily permanent
- C. They expend as much energy to create tent-like structures as they do to produce broods.
- D. They exhibit an effect from collective activity that is also found in certain other insect species.
- E. They modify nests in different ways depending on what other species are present in their vicinity.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 250

- (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 252

- (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 255

- (Topic 3)

The author mentions "sentimental novels" primarily to

- A. account for the increased attention being paid to certain kinds of writing
- B. explain the relative obscurity of some categories of literature
- C. question an assumption shared by certain scholars
- D. emphasize the apparent incongruity of a scholarly omission
- E. note the literary diversity of a particular historical period

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 257

- (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 260

- (Topic 3)

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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 265

- (Topic 3)

The danger often facing authors of satirical works is that if the audience is not (i) _____ the joke, the piece may end up (ii) _____ the behavior it was trying to (iii) _____.

- A. already frustrated by
- B. willing to laugh at
- C. discerning enough to get
- D. reinforcing
- E. depicting
- F. elucidating
- G. conceal
- H. support
- I. ridicule

Answer: CDI

NEW QUESTION 266

- (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.

It can be inferred from the passage that the author would agree with which of the following statements regarding the reasoning discussed in the highlighted sentence?

- A. It is based on an underestimation of the extent to which flowing water would alter volcanic materials on Mars
- B. It provides the basis for an explanation of why water on Mars has been difficult to find until recently
- C. It correctly identifies a consequence of water flowing on the Martian surface.
- D. It fails to take into account the impact of wind-borne dust on the Martian surface

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 270

- (Topic 3)

Though mathematics is _____, like language, it has its roots in the mud of everyday embodied experience: one such root is counting.

- A. essential
- B. indispensable
- C. abstract
- D. theoretical
- E. prescriptive
- F. functional

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 274

- (Topic 3)

The highly dispersed nature of Panzaleo pottery throughout present-day Ecuador has led archaeologists to speculate about the pottery's origins and significance. Jijon y Caamano attributed the pottery's distribution to trade, and based on the large quantities of pottery recovered in the Ambato-Latacunga region of the central Ecuadorian highlands, he proposed that region as the probable locus of production. However, Porras suggests that inhabitants of the subtropical eastern Andean slopes, or montaria, were the original producers of Panzaleo. Ponas' theory involves the forced migration of the montaria population from their homeland in the Quijos River valley into the Ecuadorian highlands. The gradual exodus and ensuing dispersal of the makers of this ware could account for the diffuse distribution of the materials.

It can be inferred from the passage that Jijon y Caamano would probably agree with which of the following statements about the distribution of Panzaleo pottery throughout Ecuador?

- A. This distribution is not primarily the result of the relocation of the original makers of the pottery
- B. This distribution originally took place over a relatively short period of time.
- C. This distribution could not have occurred without the forced migration of certain peoples
- D. This distribution was largely limited to the Ambato-Latacunga region.
- E. This distribution indicates that the Ambato-Latacunga region was known primarily as a trading center

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 276

- (Topic 3)

Our eating habits are rooted in our physiology, but they are also _____ the culture in which we grow up.

- A. symbolic of
- B. mediated by
- C. influenced by
- D. ascribed to
- E. inferable from
- F. universal in

Answer: CD

NEW QUESTION 281

- (Topic 3)

Some archaeologists speculate that the Americas might have been initially colonized between 40,000 and 25,000 years ago. However, to support this theory it is necessary to explain the absence of generally accepted habitation sites for that time interval in what is now the United States. Australia, which has a smaller land area than the United States, has many such sites, supporting the generally accepted claim that the continent was colonized by humans at least 40,000 years ago. Australia is less densely populated (resulting in lower chances of discovering sites) and with its overall greater aridity would have presented conditions less favorable for hunter-gatherer occupation. Proportionally, at least as much land area has been lost from the coastal regions of Australia because of postglacial sea-level rise as in the United States, so any coastal archaeological record in Australia should have been depleted about as much as a coastal record in the United States. Since there are so many resource-rich rivers leading inland from the United States coastline, it seems implausible that a growing population of humans would have confined itself to coasts for thousands of years. If inhabitants were present 25,000 years ago, the chances of their appearing in the archaeological record would seem to be greater than for Australia. The author of the passage implies that, in what is now the United States, archaeological evidence of inhabitation in the period from 40,000 to 25,000 years ago is lacking because that region

- A. had its oldest habitation sites inundated following a postglacial rise in sea level
- B. has many resource-rich rivers that facilitated the dispersal of its early inhabitants from an initial concentration in coastal areas
- C. was sparsely populated until about 25,000 years ago
- D. was colonized less than 25,000 years ago
- E. was inhabited only by hunter-gatherers until 25,000 years ago

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 284

- (Topic 3)

Hotels in major urban markets seem to offer the biggest potential _____ seasoned investors looking to make an investment in the lodging sector: those hotels took the hardest hit during the recession, and analysts expect them to bounce back just as steeply.

- A. risk for
- B. concession from
- C. source of
- D. disincentive to
- E. windfall to

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 285

- (Topic 3)

Many shipwrecks dating from the period between A.D. 300 and 600 have been discovered in the Ramian Sea. Well over half of those ships were carrying cargo stored in large ceramic jars, many of which were preserved largely intact on the ocean floor. During that period, such jars carried only liquid. Therefore, liquid cargo was probably carried by a majority of the cargo ships that navigated the Ramian Sea during that period. The force of the evidence cited in the passage is most seriously weakened if which of the following is true?

- A. For ships on the Ramian Sea during the period, a full load of liquid cargo stored in large ceramic jars was not likely to be significantly heavier than a full load of other kinds of cargo that were typical of the period.
- B. There are no surviving records dating from the period that detail specific cargoes shipped across the Ramian Sea.
- C. The ratio of liquid to solid cargo shipped across the Ramian Sea did not vary significantly over the period.
- D. The presence of a sizable quantity of large ceramic jars on the ocean floor is so visually striking that a shipwreck of a ship carrying such jars is more likely to be noticed and reported than are shipwrecks of ships carrying other cargoes.
- E. During the period, grain and other solid cargo was shipped across the Ramian Sea in containers made from material other than clay.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 286

- (Topic 3)

Although the percentage of first graders in Almaria who were excellent readers varied little between 1995 and 2010 the percentage of first graders who had considerable difficulty reading their schoolbooks increased markedly during that period. This evidence strongly indicates that the average reading ability of first graders decreased between 1995 and 2010.

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

- A. The number of hours devoted to reading activities in first-grade classrooms in Almaria did not vary significantly, on average, between 1995 and 2010.
- B. The percentage of first graders in Almaria who had difficulty solving arithmetic problems did not increase as much between 1995 and 2010 as did the percentage of first graders who had reading difficulties.
- C. The number of children in Almaria who were enrolled as first graders decreased steadily between 1995 and 2010.
- D. The average difficulty of the schoolbooks used in first-grade classrooms in Almaria decreased between 1995 and 2010.
- E. The average number of schoolbooks used in first-grade classrooms in Almaria increased between 1995 and 2010.

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 287

- (Topic 3)

In recent years it has become common for industrial workers who do heavy lifting to wear special wide leather belts that are advertised as reducing back strain. However, physiologists doubt that these belts actually reduce back strain. In fact the belts must put additional strain on the back, since records of injuries to industrial workers show that people wearing the belts were significantly more likely to suffer a back injury than were others doing the same job. Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the argument?

- A. The special belts were first popularized by recreational weight lifters.
- B. For more than a decade, the overall rate of back injuries among industrial workers has been increasing.
- C. Because of changes in federal safety regulations, records of worker injuries have become much more comprehensive in recent years.
- D. In recent years the length of the average workweek—measured in hours—has increased dramatically for industrial workers who do heavy lifting.
- E. Those workers who chose to wear the special belts always tended to follow proper safety practices on the job.

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 291

- (Topic 3)

It is an ironic reversal that just those politicians who most vociferously lambasted the distorting complexities of the country's tax system are now the ones _____ an agreement that worsens the mess.

- A. espousing
- B. discounting
- C. eschewing
- D. championing
- E. negotiating
- F. ignoring

Answer: AD

NEW QUESTION 292

- (Topic 3)

Recent research has questioned the long-standing view of pearly mussels as exclusively suspension feeders (animals that strain suspended particles from water) that subsist on phytoplankton (mostly algae). Early studies of mussel feeding were based on analyses of gut contents, a method that has three weaknesses. First, material in mucus-bound gut contents is difficult to identify and quantify. Second, material found in the gut may pass undigested out of the mussel, not contributing to its nutrition. Finally, examination of gut contents offers limited insight into the mechanisms and behaviors by which mussels acquire food. Modern studies suggest that pearly mussels feed on more than just algae and may use other means than suspension feeding. Pedal feeding (sweeping up edible material with a muscular structure called the foot) has been observed in juvenile pearly mussels.

Besides the phytoplankton pearly mussels capture from the water column, their guts also contain small animals, protozoans, and detritus (nonliving particulate organic material). Recent studies show that mussels can capture and assimilate bacteria as well, a potentially important source of food in many fresh waters. Another potential source of food for mussels is dissolved organic matter. Early studies showing that pearly mussels could take up simple organic compounds were largely discounted because such labile (unstable) compounds are rarely abundant in nature. Nevertheless, recent work on other bivalves suggests that dissolved organic matter may be a significant source of nutrition.

Of this complex mix of materials that pearly mussels acquire, what is actually required and assimilated? Stable-isotope analyses of mussels taken from nature and of captive-reared

mussels are beginning to offer some insight into this question. Nichols and Garling showed that pearly mussels in a small river were omnivorous, subsisting mainly on particles less than 25 micrometers in diameter, including algae, detritus, and bacteria. Bacterially derived carbon was apparently the primary source of soft-tissue carbon. However, bacteria alone cannot support mussel growth, because they lack the necessary long-chain fatty acids and sterols and are deficient in some amino acids. Bacteria may supplement other food resources, provide growth factors, or be the primary food in habitats such as headwater streams, where phytoplankton is scarce. Juvenile mussels have been most successfully reared in the laboratory on diets containing algae high in polyunsaturated fatty acids. Thus, it appears that the pearly mussel diet in nature may consist of algae, bacteria, detritus, and small animals and that at least some algae and bacteria may be required as a source of essential biochemicals.

The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A. summarize the present state of knowledge about what pearly mussels eat
- B. contrast two mechanisms by which pearly mussels have been shown to feed
- C. explain why evidence used to support a long-standing view about pearly mussels is flawed
- D. suggest that a particular source of nutrients is more essential to pearly mussels than was previously thought
- E. question whether research findings about laboratory-reared pearly mussels can be extrapolated to pearly mussels in natural habitats

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 295

- (Topic 3)

The physical act of drinking may seem _____ to humans since we can fully close our mouths to create suction, but species that cannot do so, including most adult carnivores, must resort to some other mechanism.

- A. necessary
- B. innocuous
- C. uncommon
- D. plicated
- E. tedious
- F. ordinary

Answer: E

NEW QUESTION 297

- (Topic 3)

Among geophysicists there was considerably less (i) _____ the proposed environmental measure than the (ii) _____ media accounts of the conference would suggest: the debate was often animated but never uncivil.

- A. ambivalence toward
- B. satisfaction with
- C. rancor over
- D. sanitized
- E. sensationalized
- F. poignant

Answer: CE

NEW QUESTION 302

- (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.

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In the first paragraph, the author of the passage develops his argument primarily by

- A. pointing out the limitations of earlier approaches
- B. citing evidence from a range of published sources
- C. refuting a generalization by appealing to an individual case
- D. tracing different examples of a trend to the influence of a single source
- E. highlighting the merits of a particular critical framework

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 306

- (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.

In the context of the passage as a whole, the highlighted sentence serves primarily to

- A. present an objection to Nelson's soap-bar analogy
- B. illustrate the distinction between experience goods and search goods
- C. describe the consensus among economists about the informational value of political speech
- D. make a claim about the predictability of voter behavior
- E. indicate the basis for Ferguson's characterization of the process of choosing a political candidate

Answer: E

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- A. provide an example of a change in the public perception of comics" characters
- B. identify the gender stereotypes in comics against which feminists struggled
- C. suggest the extent to which the comics industry remained a male-dominated field
- D. note a significant improvement in the way women were represented in comics
- E. contest the claim that superheroes were generally portrayed as outcasts

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 313

- (Topic 3)

Mathematicians have sometimes acknowledged that _____ is a requirement for creativity: for example, Poincare described explicitly a time when he experienced an insight after an incubation period, a period during which the unconscious mind was at work.

- A. intelligence
- B. preparation
- C. motivation assistance
- D. collaboration

Answer: C

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- A. a concession of partial agreement with a point made by other art historians about the Portrait
- B. evidence supporting the author's main point about the significance of Killigrew's state of dress in the Portrait
- C. an example of the kind of detail overlooked by other art historians who have commented on the Portrait
- D. an example of the type of adornment that was rarely seen in portraiture before Van Dyck
- E. an illustration of the way in which Van Dyck used emblematic as well as realistic elements in his portraits

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 317

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