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

The passage is primarily concerned with

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

Select one answer choice.

问题反馈

Section1 Question1

Universities should require every student to take a variety of courses outside the student's field of study.

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

Section1 Question2

The following appeared in a memo to the board of directors of Bargain Brand Cereals "One year ago we introduced our first product, Bargain Brand breakfast cereal. Our very low prices quickly drew many customers away from the top-selling cereal companies. Although the companies producing the top brands have since tried to compete with us by lowering their prices and although several plan to introduce their own budget brands not once have we needed to raise our prices to continue making a profit Given our success in selling cereal,we recommend that Bargain Brand now expand its business and begin marketing other low-priced food products as quickly as possible.

Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation and the argument on which it is based are reasonable. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.

Section2 Question1

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The sand paintings that McCall created-a synthesis of painting, sculpture, and photography-were meant to be_____, preserved only in the memories of witnesses.

A) archetypal
B) incendiary
C) ephemeral
D) naturalistic
E) dazzling

Section2 Question2

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Saturn's rings seem_____, but it now appears that several decades ago, the shape of the innermost rings was altered by a mysterious event that all our telescopes and spacecraft failed to detect.

A) immutable
B) fragmentary
C) luminous
D) unique
E) concentric

Section2 Question3

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Hubbert's 1956 prediction that peak oil output in the United States would occur in or around 1970 was met with little (i)_____ at the time, but daily output did peak in 1970, and since then Hubbert's calculations have been viewed as extraordinarily (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A) bewilderment	D) conservative
B) disbelief	E) audacious
C) acceptance	F) farsighted

Section2 Question4

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

It can be (i)_____ to read Margaret Fuller's travel writing, as she produced accounts of her travel that (ii)_____ conventions of bourgeois travel narrative, often capitulating to the most well-worn clichés of the genre at precisely the moments when she sought most energetically to cast them off in favor of some new, more passionate mode of discernment.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A) frustrating	D) challenged
B) enlightening	E) conformed to
C) exciting	F) established

Section2 Question5

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Often, developing new methods for scientific research demands a willingness to reach across disciplinary boundaries something that is notoriously difficult to carry out. Therefore, even though interdisciplinarity is often proclaimed to be (i)_____ there are many structural reasons why it remains (ii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A) a laudable goal	D) feasible
B) an uncertain enterprise	E) admirable
C) a formidable undertaking	F) exceptional

Section2 Question6

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

When facial-identification software on social media platforms performs well it does so because of (i)_____: people usually post photographs of friends, and this (ii)_____ the range of possible matches, and the image quality is usually quite high which (iii)_____ the need to identify grainy images at bad angles.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) particular advantages	D) narrows	G) benefits from
B) innovative programming	E) dispenses with	H) creates
C) mere chance	F) emphasizes	I) lessens

Questions 7 and 8 are based on this passage

The highly dispersed nature of Panzaleo pottery throughout present-day Ecuador has led archaeologists to speculate about the pottery's origins and significance. Jijón y Caamaño 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 montañas were the original producers of Panzaleo. Porras' theory involves the forced migration of the montaña 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.

Section2 Question7

The passage cites evidence supporting which of the following hypotheses?

- A. Jijón y Caamaño's hypothesis about the relationship between trade and the distribution of Panzaleo pottery
- B. Jijón y Caamaño's hypothesis about the probable locus of Panzaleo pottery production
- C. Porras' hypothesis about who the original producers of Panzaleo pottery were
- D. Porras' hypothesis about the forced migration of certain peoples
- E. Porras' hypothesis about the dispersal of the original makers of Panzaleo pottery

Section2 Question8

It can be inferred from the passage that Jijón y Caamaño 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.

Questions 9 and 11 are based on this passage

The evolutionary battle between farmers and the pests that attack their crops began during the earliest days of agriculture, when farmers selected the healthiest plants from one season as the source of seed for the next making it more likely that each generation would produce more of the repellents and toxins needed to fend off pests. But the pests represented a moving target. As a result, pest populations evolved characteristics and behaviors that enabled them to resist such toxins and repellents. In recent years, this conflict has escalated sharply, as modern farmers not only rely on old methods of dealing with pests but also develop new ones, and the resulting pressure on pests to adapt thereby increases. For this reason, many of the shorter term triumphs by farmers have carried within them the seeds of longer-term failure.

Some years ago, for example, geneticists theorized that one way to control caterpillars would be to incorporate into crop plants genes that stimulated the production of caterpillar toxins derived from a species of bacteria, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, or Bt. Since this bacterium and the caterpillars had both been around for millions of years, geneticists assumed that if the caterpillars had the genetic potential to develop resistance to the toxins, they would have done so. What the geneticists overlooked was the fact that in natural environments, outbreaks of this bacterium were extremely rare, so the pressure on the caterpillar to adapt to the toxins was quite low in nature. The caterpillars' genetic potential may never have had occasion to prominently display itself. Indeed this point was borne out when some caterpillar populations developed significant resistance to these bacterial toxins as a result of farmers' unusually heavy reliance on them for controlling caterpillars.

Food deprivation appears to offer another effective approach to pest control. Farmers alternate planting of an insect's normal host plant with a plant that it cannot feed on, and the pest dies of starvation. But some insects have even begun to adapt to this normally quite effective strategy. During the 1980s, farmers in South Dakota reported experiencing trouble with the northern corn rootworm, despite the fact that they were routinely rotating corn and soybean crops. Scientists discovered that the rootworm had in fact adapted to this strategy. In large areas of the Midwest, where corn is grown every year, the corn rootworms produce eggs that remain in the soil for one winter and then hatch and feed on young corn roots in the following spring. In areas where farmers rotated corn with other crops that the rootworm could not eat, about 40 percent of the rootworm eggs were remaining in diapausea rest state, for a second winter. This part of the rootworm population now exhibited a diapause that was synchronized to the rotation of the corn crop.

Section2 Question9

The passage is primarily concerned with

- A.outlining the assumptions underlying an incorrect theory about the evolution of pests
- B.discussing the use of bacteria to control certain kinds of agricultural pests
- C.counteracting a claim regarding the nature of a seemingly intractable pest control problem
- D.evaluating some innovative proposals for overcoming pest control problems
- E.explaining why farmers have been unable to overcome a continuing pest control problem

Section2 Question10

It can be inferred from the passage that if a farmer rotated corn and soybeans in order to eliminate a pest that preyed on corn crops, the strategy would be likely to fail if the pest evolved a

- A.resistance to Bt toxin
- B.resistance to toxins released by corn plants
- C.more rapid method of feeding on corn plants
- D.capacity to feed on soybean plants as well as on corn plants
- E.diapause that extended for only one winter rather than two

Section2 Question11

According to the author, the strategy of rotating crops to eliminate pests has been

- A.effective in many instances
- B.used since the earliest days of agriculture
- C.less effective than genetic manipulation of plants
- D.most popular in the midwestern United States
- E.less effective against the northern corn rootworm than against caterpillars

Section2 Question12

In 1995 most new cars priced below \$10,000 were sold to young people buying their first factory-new car. Parents buying a car for a son or a daughter were the second-largest group of buyers. In 1995 every factory new car priced below \$10,000 was a subcompact car. Primarily because parents who buy subcompacts for a son or a daughter are highly safety-conscious all factory-new subcompact cars available in 1995 came with air bags for both front seats.

If the information provided is true, which of the following must also be true about 1995 on the basis of it?

- A.Most factory-new subcompact cars were priced below \$10,000.
- B.Most parents buying a car for a son or a daughter purchased a factory new subcompact car.

C.No parents buying a car for a son or a daughter purchased a factory-new car that did not come with air bags for both front seats.

D.Some young people who bought their first factory-new car bought a car that came with air bags for both front seats.

E.More new cars were purchased by young people buying their first factory-new car than by parents buying a car for a son or a daughter.

Section2 Question13

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

A cure for the common cold has been so elusive that it has become a modern symbol of_____.

A.danger

B.futility

C.unease

D.pointlessness

E.sloth

F.apathy

Section2 Question14

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Atmospheric geoengineering such as whitening clouds to cool Earth by reflecting more sunlight, is not an alternative to reducing carbon emissions, but it might____the beneficial effects of such a reduction.

A.anticipate

B.forestall

C.engender

D.reinforce

E.duplicate

F.complement

Section2 Question15

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Enlightened thinkers in late-eighteenth-century Europe broadly endorsed the concept of progress, yet theories of progress were usually _____ a strong streak of pessimism, a sense of the challenges inherent in the human condition.

- A. rooted in
- B. requisite for
- C. essential for
- D. contradicted by
- E. tempered by
- F. moderated by

Section2 Question16

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Picasso's habit of keeping every last scrap of paper was not entirely a good thing: he left so much of it that his own archives can seem to _____ any view of the man.

- A. corroborate
- B. reflect
- C. elucidate
- D. inspire
- E. confirm
- F. illuminate

Questions 17 and 18 are based on this passage

In seventeenth-century Venice, the invention of the opera house as a public institution altered the relationship of the audience to the operatic performance on the stage and to each other. The stage performance was now separated from the audience both by the proscenium arch, which framed the action and by the orchestra. The occupants of the boxes faced one another across the auditorium as well as the stage. Seeing and being seen was as much a function of the opera house as seeing and hearing what took place on the stage. American visitors to Italy were routinely shocked at the casual ways of the boxholders and at the little attention they seemed to pay to the opera. There was incessant talk in the boxes, banging of doors, a restless to-and-fro. Public display was only half the story. The public nature of Venice's social life was balanced by a passion for disguise. Much of its political activity was conducted in secrecy. Masks were

usually wor during carnival attracting the crowned heads of Europe who could play there incognito. The Venetian opera box was the equivalent of the mask With its door shut with shutters pulled across the front the box became a place of privacy, an association that still exists in our time.

Section2 Question17

The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A.criticize the behavior of members of a group
- B.analyze the architectural variations in a building style
- C.contrast the activities of two different cultures
- D.describe the social implications of a space
- E.enumerate some of the benefits of privacy

Section2 Question18

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

According to the passage, the boxes of public opera houses served to
create privacy for their occupants
frame the opera's action for the audience
advertise the presence of their occupants

Section3 Question1

In a fruit basket containing apples, pears, and oranges, the ratio of the number of apples to the number of pears is 3 to 4, and the ratio of the number of pears to the number of oranges is 5 to 3.

Quantity A

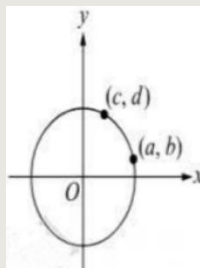
Quantity B

The number of apples in the fruit basket

The number of oranges in the fruit basket

- 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.

Section3 Question2



In the rectangular coordinate system, O is the center of the circle and (a, b) and (c, d) are on the circle.

Quantity A
 $a^2 + b^2$ Quantity B
 $c^2 + d^2$

- 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.

Section3 Question3

$$a > 0$$

$$x > 1$$

Quantity A
 $\frac{a+b}{x}$ Quantity B
 $a + \frac{b}{x}$

- 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.

Section3 Question4

Quantity A

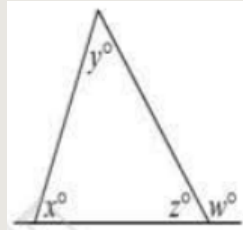
The remainder when 11999.999 is divided by 12

Quantity B

11

- 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.

Section3 Question5



$$y+z=110$$

Quantity A

w

Quantity B

110

- 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.

Section3 Question6

$$\sqrt{y^2} = 8$$

Quantity A

3^{2y}

Quantity B

3^{-2y}

- 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.

Section3 Question7

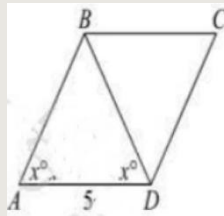
At a certain restaurant the cost of an adult meal is \$12.75 without tax, and the cost of a child meal is \$7.25 without tax. For each meal, the restaurant charges a tax that is a fixed percent of the cost. The total cost, including tax, for 3 adult meals and 3 child meals at the restaurant is \$63.90. To the nearest \$0.01, what is the total cost, including tax, for 2 adult meals and 4 child meals?

- A.\$55.43



- B.\$56.63
- C.\$58.04
- D.\$59.62
- E.\$62.89

Section3 Question8



The perimeter of triangle ABD is 13. What is the perimeter of parallelogram ABCD?

- A.17
- B.18
- C.20
- D.22
- E.26

Section3 Question9

Digit x is an integer between 1 and 8 inclusive and $y=x+1$. If the 3-digit integer with hundreds digit x , tens digit y , and units digit 4 were subtracted from the 3-digit integer with hundreds digit y , tens digit x and units digit 4 the result would be equal to

- A.4
- B.10
- C.90
- D. $180x$
- E. $110x+110$

Section3 Question10

Of the 83 members of a certain club, 48 members enjoy boating and 33 members enjoy fishing. If all except 10 of the members of the club enjoy boating or fishing or both, how many members enjoy boating but not fishing?

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

Section3 Question11

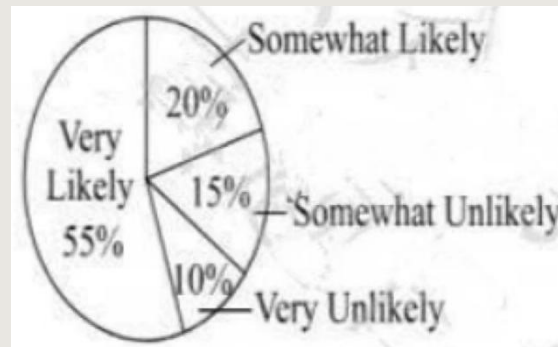
In a certain sequence, each term after the 1st term is 5 greater than the preceding term. If the 4th term of the sequence is 18, what is the 25th term of the sequence?

Questions 12 and 14 are based on the following data

In a survey, 2,400 homeowners responded to the following question.

Question 1. How likely is it that you will continue to live in your current home for at least ten more years?

Responses to Question 1



The homeowners who responded “very likely” or “somewhat likely” to Question 1 were asked Question 2.

Question 2. What aspects of your current home make it likely that you will continue to live there? (Select all that apply.)

Responses to Question 2 as a Percent of Those Who Were Asked Question 2

Response	Percent
House is in a good location.	46%
House is attractive.	43%
House is comfortable.	38%
House is in good condition.	31%
House has no mortgage.	25%

Section3 Question12

How many of the homeowners responded “very likely” to Question 1?
_____homeowners

Section3 Question13

Approximately what percent of the homeowners in the survey responded “very likely” or “somewhat likely” to Question 1 and then responded “house has no mortgage” to Question 2?

- A.15%
- B.20%
- C.25%

D.30%

E.40%

Section3 Question14

A certain tank is half full of gasoline. If 6 gallons of gasoline were now added to the tank, the tank would then be $\frac{7}{8}$ full. How many gallons of gasoline can the tank hold?
_____gallons

Section3 Question15

If m is the median of fifteen consecutive even integers, then the greatest of these fifteen integers is

A. $m+12$

B. $m+14$

C. $m+16$

D. $2(m+5)$

E. $2(m+7)$

Section3 Question16

A student is to be selected at random from a certain class. The probability that the student will be a female is p , the probability that the student will be under the age of 19 is r and the probability that the student will be a female and under the age of 19 is 0.3. Which of the following could be the values of p and r ?
Indicate all such values.

A. $p=0.1$ and $r=0.1$

B. $p=0.2$ and $r=0.6$

C. $p=0.5$ and $r=0.9$

D. $p=0.6$ and $r=0.5$

E. $p=1.0$ and $r=0.3$



Section4 Question1

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Meteorologists often make no strict distinction between sand and dust storms, events during which winds raise minute land-based particles into the atmosphere, since every storm contains_____particles.

A) scattered
B) diverse
C) dangerous
D) airborne
E) mineral

Section4 Question2

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Ideally, a citizens' assembly selected by lottery acts as_____society: its participants are representatives of the population, and thus its deliberations would simulate the consideration of issues from the population's full range of viewpoints.

A) an organ of
B) an adjunct to
C) a microcosm of
D) a check on
E) an alternative to

Section4 Question3

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

According to an expert on Viking archaeology, the (i)_____of artifacts is often (ii)_____: for example a grave filled with a warrior's weapons at a Swedish site was long assumed to be a man's final resting place until DNA evidence proved it was that of a woman.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A) arrangement	D) influenced by stereotypes



B) discovery	E) unaffected by technology
C) interpretation	F) dependent on serendipity

Section4 Question4

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

(i)_____of scholarship on Black utopianism, it is still somewhat surprising that critics have (ii)_____the possibility that Toni Morrison's Paradise should be understood as belonging to the genre of utopian literature, especially given the utopian desire the novel clearly harbors.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A) Given the diversity	D) conceded
B) In light of the advent	E) slighted
C) Notwithstanding the dearth	F) raised

Section4 Question5

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Almost all properties of the ocean vary in some way (i)_____. For example, light penetration is (ii)_____absorption and scattering, so the ocean has a relatively bright upper zone and a lower lightless one, with a more or less well-defined twilight region in between.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
A) over time	D) enhanced by
B) at random	E) measured through
C) with depth	F) attenuated by

Section4 Question6

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Although "sustainable development" is part of the title of his book, Hall does not completely (i)_____this widely used term because, he claims, it is a (ii)_____. He

maintains that economic development or growth cannot be indefinitely sustained because there are (iii)_____the resources of all countries.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
A) embrace	D) contradiction	G) obvious synergies among
B) overlook	E) superfluity	H) noticeable differences among
C) criticize	F) cure-all	I) inherent limits to

Questions 7 and 8 are based on this passage

The **growing participation of diverse people** in mermaiding [the practice of wearing a costume mermaid tail] has blurred lines of normative heterosexuality, race and physical difference. Yet gender still defines representations of merpeople in obvious ways. Merpeople are generally gendered as female, with mermen under-represented in commercial and artistic circles. But there are small changes under way, and major companies are beginning to appreciate mermen as tangible counterparts to mermaids. In 2018, for example an established toy company finally released a merman doll as part of their line of mermaid dolls. However while the mermaid dolls represented a variety of skin colors and body sizes, their male counterpart was only available as a slim, white merman with platinum blond hair blue eyes, and six-pack abs.

Section4 Question7

According to the passage, the "growing participation of diverse people" has had the effect of

- A.skewing representations of merpeople toward images of nongendered beings
- B.creating a thriving market for dolls of merpeople representing various genders
- C.challenging traditional ways in which merpeople have been imagined
- D.helping to resolve debates about race in depictions of merpeople
- E.popularizing increasingly realistic embodiments of Merpeople

Section4 Question8

The passage is structured to lead to which of the following as a conclusion about how merpeople are represented?

- A.Differences in the ways that mermaids and mermen are represented are likely to become more pronounced as mermaiding becomes increasingly popular.
- B.Ultimately, the responsibility for increasing the visibility of mermen lies with individual artists rather than with toy companies.

- C.Paradoxically, depictions of merpeople are becoming more narrowly traditional as increasingly diverse individuals are drawn to mermaiding
- D.Even if more men were to participate in mermaiding it is unlikely that depictions of mermen in commercial and artistic circles would become more diverse.
- E.Although toy companies are making progress toward diversifying their depictions of merpeopletheir offerings are still constrained by gender and racial conventions.

Questions 9 and 12 are based on this passage

This passage is excerpted from material published in 2013.

Analyses of gas bubbles trapped in ice cores from Greenland and the Antarctic-tiny samples of air from the past-show unequivocally that during the Pleistocene Epoch, which lasted approximately two and a half million years and included several ice ages, the atmosphere had high concentrations of greenhouse gases during interglacial warm periods and low concentrations during cold intervals. Until recently, researchers believed that the high concentrations during the interglacials were an effect of the increasing temperatures, not the cause. This conclusion was drawn from detailed studies of Antarctic ice cores, which showed that as the Earth warmed into the interglacials, rising temperatures (measured via isotopic proxies in the ice) slightly preceded the greenhouse gas increases (measured directly in gas bubbles from the same ice cores). The time difference was small, and the results were crucially dependent on accurate dating of the ice cores. But the data seemed robust and the conclusion inescapable. Although higher carbon dioxide levels would have **enhanced** the warming something else must have been the primary forcing factor.

However, recent work by an **international group of climatologists** (Shakun et al.), published in the journal *Nature*, has challenged that conclusion. These scientists realized that temperature data from the Antarctic ice cores reflect only local temperatures whereas greenhouse gas results from the same cores provide information for the Earth as a whole because gases in the atmosphere are well mixed globally. The researchers wanted to find out what the story would be if they compared the greenhouse gas results with temperature data that were also averaged globally.

In their study Shakun and his colleagues examined temperature information from a globally distributed set of eighty different natural records, mostly ice and sediment cores, through the period from the onset of the most recent deglaciation to the point when the Earth's climate reached approximately its present state (roughly the interval between twenty thousand and eleven thousand years ago). The data show that throughout most of that interval, increasing global average temperatures lagged increasing carbon dioxide concentrations by several hundred years. Surface temperatures averaged for the Earth as a whole evidently changed on a different timescale from those at the sites of the Antarctic ice cores. The authors concluded that greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide, were the primary cause of the global warming and melting of the glaciers.

Section4 Question9

The international group of climatologists mentioned in the passage would most likely agree that in comparison with increases in global greenhouse gas levels during the Pleistocene, increases in temperatures around the globe

- A.were more likely to recur in predictable chronological patterns
- B.occurred at a faster rate in interglacial warm periods
- C.occurred slightly earlier in locations where ice cores had not previously been sampled
- D.more likely occurred as a result of an unknown factor
- E.left less ubiquitous traces in a range of ice cores covering the same time span

Section4 Question10

Replacement of the word “enhanced” with which of the following would result in the least change in meaning for the passage?

- A.incited
- B.heightened
- C.improved
- D.consolidated
- E.ameliorated

Section4 Question11

The author of the passage mentions the “set of eighty different natural records” primarily in order to

- A.imply that Shakun et al. used an unreliable estimate of global temperatures
- B.imply that the research performed by Shakun et al. was more labor-intensive than previous research
- C.suggest that Shakun et al. gathered more data than was necessary
- D.describe the method used by Shakun et al. to determine global temperatures
- E.suggest the wide range of global temperatures during the Pleistocene

Section4 Question12

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

As described in the passage, the argument of Shakun et al. is vulnerable to criticism on which of the following grounds?

- A.It accepts that greenhouse gas data from Antarctic ice cores reflect global results, even though temperature data from Antarctic ice cores do not.

B.Its temperature data may have been gathered from an unrepresentative set of global sites.

C.It relies on data from a single, possibly atypical period of warming, rather than multiple cycles of warming and cooling

Section4 Question13

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

To accommodate the_____nature of clouds, pioneering meteorologist Luke Howard added compound nomenclature to his cloud classification system as a way of marking the regular transitions that occur among the three main cloud types.

- A.unusual
- B.essential
- C.solitary
- D.unstable
- E.dynamic
- F.scattered

Section4 Question14

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

Audiences in Edo, Japan, knew that no work appearing on the Kabuki stage was ever_____: if a Kabuki play outlived its first production, it would inevitably be reworked in subsequent performances.

- A.revised
- B.singular
- C.original
- D.fixed
- E.final
- F.recorded

Section4 Question15

Select the two answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

In the academic world, the peer-review process and editorial deliberations are largely_____, with only brief traces of these discussions appearing in acknowledgement sections or the occasional footnote that mentions a reviewer's critique.

- A. protracted
- B. contentious
- C. adversarial
- D. inconclusive
- E. invisible
- F. concealed

Section4 Question16

Over the past five years, many trees in Maronia have suffered an abnormal loss of leaves. During that time the acidity of rainwater there has increased. Acid rain can cause tree defoliation by adding nitrates to the soil while removing calcium. Although tests show that trees in Maronia have suffered defoliation only in soil high in nitrates, it cannot be concluded that acid rain is a major cause of the defoliation, since_____.

Which of the following most logically completes the argument?

- A. acid rain is a result of air pollution, and five years ago Maronia's government introduced strict new measures to curb air pollution
- B. many of the areas in which trees have suffered defoliation have experienced increased rainfall in the past five years
- C. none of the fertilizers used by farmers in Maronia contain any nitrates
- D. most of the trees that have suffered defoliation are in soil that contains normal levels of calcium
- E. different tree species have suffered significantly different degrees of defoliation

Questions 17 and 19 are based on this passage

In 1970 Robert Carneiro published his famous article in Science on "A Theory of the Origin of the State." It proposed that the emergence of complex forms of social organization was due to the effect of environmental circumscription resulting from a lack of farmland. Under this situation, increasing population exceeded local "carrying capacity" and caused stress on production in these areas. The pressure on resources and their proper handling resulted in the emergence of the first complex forms of social organization. Later, Patterson was the first to apply Carneiro's model for the Central Andean region. Following this perspective Moseley emphasized Patterson's

argument that population pressure (instead of the climatic causes proposed by Lanning) caused the depletion of the lomas resources [lomas are isolated, oasis-like pockets of vegetation sprinkled throughout the Peruvian coastal desert. Loss of lomas in turn forced people to seek more stable sources of supply ones which demanded a minimum investment of time and effort. In his view the abundance of marine resources led to the transition from lomas exploitation to an economy based on fishing specialization. Thus, the growing coastal population could find a steady source of subsistence products. The abundance of resources allowed the development of the first surplus production and thereby the emergence of political leaders, the construction of **monumental architecture**, and so on.

Section4 Question17

The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A. provide a context for understanding a particular view of a region's social development
- B. present a hypothesis about the chronology of demographic changes within a region
- C. contrast differing explanations of significant changes in a population's subsistence patterns
- D. support a claim about the ways in which climate shifts can affect human activity
- E. suggest that the development of social complexity in a particular region may have been atypical

Section4 Question18

It can be inferred that Carneiro and Moseley

- A. disagreed with earlier researchers about the extent to which the Central Andean region's people originally depended on lomas
- B. regarded a lack of farmland as one of the factors leading to the development of social complexity in the Central Andes
- C. considered Patterson's view about how societies develop to be useful in general though in need of qualification
- D. presented the Central Andean region as a prototype for understanding the relationship between environment and social organization
- E. ascribed the development of social complexity to an alteration in the relationship between an area's population size and its food resources

Section4 Question19

The author mentions "monumental architecture" primarily to

- A. identify a potential factor that contributed to the abundance of Central Andean resources

- B.undermine the prevailing explanation of how social complexity emerged in the Central Andes
- C.note a development that was unique to the Central Andean region
- D.cite a phenomenon made possible by surplus food production
- E.contrast two different manifestations of social complexity



Section5 Question1

x and s are positive.

Quantity A

The amount of money invested for one year at $\frac{x}{2}$ percent simple annual interest that will earn $2s$ dollars in interest in that year

Quantity B

The amount of money invested for one year at x percent simple annual interest that will earn dollars in interest in that year

- 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.

Section5 Question2

$-1 < n < 0$

Quantity A
 n^5

Quantity B
 n^7

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

Section5 Question3

n is an integer greater than 2.

List L: 2, n , n , n

List M: 2, 2, 2, n

Quantity A

The standard deviation of the numbers in list L

Quantity B

The standard deviation of the numbers in list M

- 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.

Section5 Question4

n is an integer greater than 1.

Quantity A

The number of positive divisors of $2n$

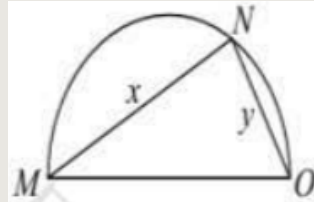
Quantity B

Twice the number of positive divisors of n



- 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.

Section5 Question5



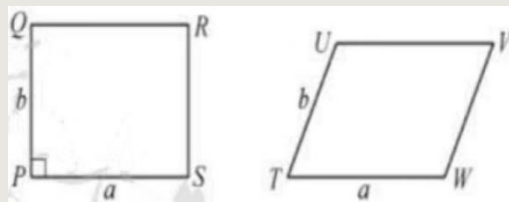
$\triangle MNO$ is inscribed in semicircle MNO with radius r .

Quantity A
 $x^2 + y^2$

Quantity B
 $4r^2$

- 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.

Section5 Question6



PQRS is a rectangle and TUVW is a parallelogram, with side lengths as indicated. The measure of angle UTW is less than 90 degrees.

Quantity A
The area of region PQRS

Quantity B
The area of region TUVW

- 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.

Section5 Question7

List P consists of the integers from 80 to 100, inclusive.

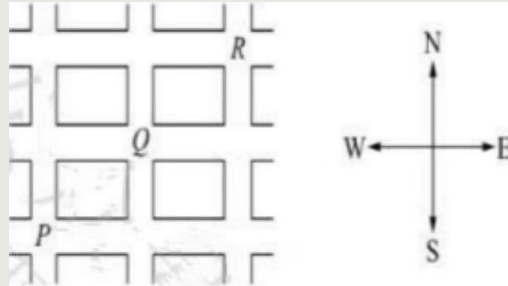
Quantity A
The fraction of integers in list P that are prime

Quantity B
 $\frac{1}{7}$

- A.Quantity A is greater.

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

Section5 Question8



Each morning Betty walks from intersection P to intersection R, always walking along streets shown in the figure above and always going east or north. If she varies her walks as much as possible, taking every different path in turn before repeating the sequence of paths, on how many mornings in 48 consecutive mornings will Betty walk through intersection Q?

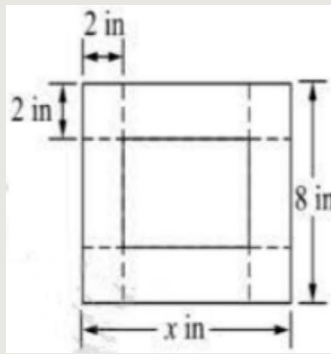
- A.27
B.28
C.30
D.32
E.36

Section5 Question9

A certain trunk contains only 6 blankets and 3 pillows. The weight of each blanket is exactly 3 times the weight of each pillow. The trunk alone weighs the same as all the blankets and pillows combined. The weight of the 3 pillows is what fraction of the total weight of the trunk and its contents?

- A. $\frac{1}{14}$
B. $\frac{1}{6}$
C. $\frac{1}{4}$
D. $\frac{1}{3}$
E. $\frac{1}{2}$

Section5 Question10



The thin rectangular sheet of metal shown in the figure is 8 inches wide and x inches long. An open box is to be made by cutting a 2-inch square from each corner of the sheet of metal and then folding up the sides. If the volume of the box is to be 48 cubic inches, what is the value of x ?

- A.6
- B.8
- C.10
- D.12
- E.14

Section5 Question11

Which of the following is the graph of $|x-5| \leq 2$?

A.



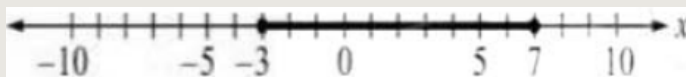
B.



C.



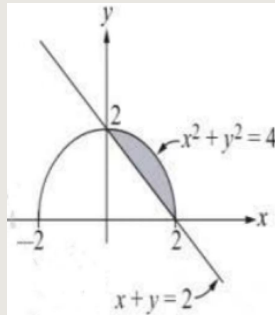
D.



E.



Section5 Question12



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

- A. $\pi - 2$
- B. $\pi - 4$
- C. $4\pi - 2$
- D. $4\pi - 4$
- E. $16\pi - 2$

Section 5 Question 13

The variables x and y are related by a linear equation. If y increases by 4 whenever x increases by 1, which of the following equations could represent the relationship between x and y ?

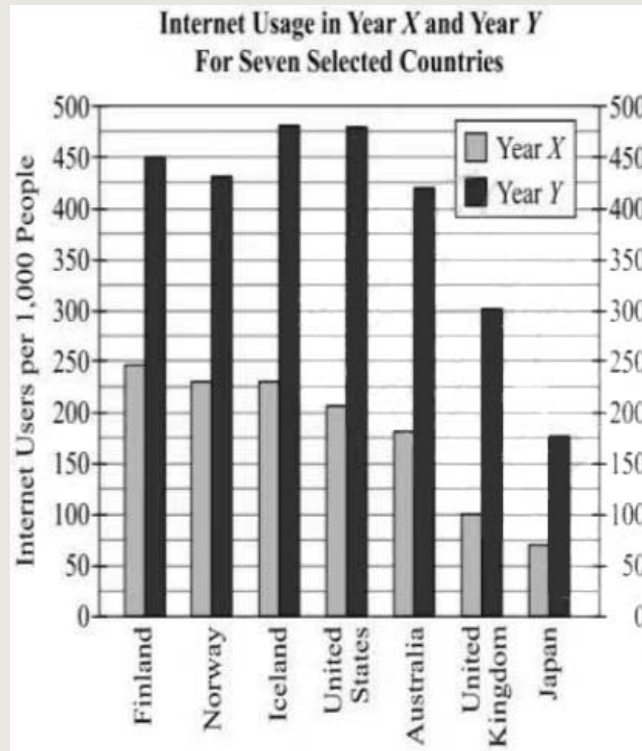
Indicate all such equations.

- A. $y = 4x$
- B. $y = x - 4$
- C. $y = 8x + 4$
- D. $y = 4(x - 5)$

Questions 14 and 16 are based on the following data



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**Section5 Question14**

If the population of the United Kingdom was 60 million in year X, which of the following is closest to the total number of Internet users in the United Kingdom in year X?

- A. 0.6 million
- B. 1 million
- C. 6 million
- D. 10 million
- E. 16 million

Section5 Question15

In year X, for how many of the countries shown was the number of Internet users greater than 15 percent of the population of that country?

- A. None
- B. Four
- C. Five
- D. Six
- E. Seven

Section5 Question16

In year Y, the ratio of the number of Internet users per 1,000 people in Finland to the number of Internet users per 1,000 people in Japan was closest to which of the following?

- A. 2 to 1
- B. 3 to 2
- C. 4 to 1
- D. 4 to 3
- E. 5 to 2

Section5 Question17

The range of the seven integers in a list is 12, and all of the integers are different. If the median of the seven integers is 86, what is the least possible integer in the list?

Section5 Question18

If n is an integer, what is the least possible value of $3^n + (3)(3^{-n})$?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. $3\frac{1}{3}$
- E. 4

Section5 Question19

B is a positive integer and A is 125 greater than B . Which of the following statements must be true?

Indicate all such statements.

- A. A is odd.
- B. B is even.
- C. $A+B$ is odd.
- D. $A-B$ is even.
- E. AB is even.

Section5 Question20

Which of the following values of x satisfies the equation $\frac{x}{2} = n!$ for some positive integer n ?

- A. 160
- B. 360



C.580

D.720

E.1,440



Section6 Question1

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The notion that the universe is _____ goes back at least to 1006 A.D. when Chinese astronomers noted a “guest star” that became visible to the naked eye for a few weeks before fading away.

A) monolithic
B) benign
C) orderly
D) changeable
E) infinite

Section6 Question2

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

Natural selection has favored some instinctive reactions of organisms over others so only those that promote survival and reproduction have become established, but instinctive responses need not be _____: they may adjust over time.

A) determinative
B) immutable
C) heritable
D) reflexive
E) idiosyncratic

Section6 Question3

Select one entry for the blank. Fill the blank in the way that best completes the text.

The fanciful notion that the legislative initiative would bring unlimited social benefits has soured into an equally _____ mood of skepticism and distrust.

A) valid
B) pessimistic
C) unanticipated
D) pragmatic

E) baseless

Section6 Question4

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

In light of Elizabeth's habitually (i)_____nature, her friends were quite surprised by her (ii)_____at the convention.

Blank (i)

A) ingenuous
B) laconic
C) intractable

Blank (ii)

D) garrulity
E) ostentatiousness
F) tenacity

Section6 Question5

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Regardless of the putative decline of (i)_____in contemporary culture, such (ii)_____remains essential to civil discourse. It allows people to avoid embarrassing or maligning an adversary, and it serves as a form of irony that draws attention to a problem that can scarcely be exaggerated.

Blank (i)

A) partisanship
B) originality
C) understatement

Blank (ii)

D) restraint
E) inventiveness
F) objectivity

Section6 Question6

For each blank select one entry from the corresponding column of choices. Fill all blanks in the way that best completes the text.

Our contemporary preference for natural expression over artifice is (i)_____the traditional Western view that the skill with which you expressed a position corresponded closely to the credibility of your argument. Rhetorical styles might vary, but style itself was never a matter of (ii)_____. And "style" was not just a well-turned sentence poor expression, it was believed (iii)_____poor thought.

Blank (i)

A) a departure

Blank (ii)

D) substance

Blank (iii)

G) ameliorated



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B) a reflection on	E) indifference	H) elevated
C) an endorsement of	F) intention	I) betrayed

Questions 7 and 8 are based on this passage

Job evaluation systems which assign point values to various jobs to reflect their complexity and set wages accordingly, were widely adopted by United States manufacturing firms in the 1940s. Companies argued that this assured equal pay for equal work, though their primary aim was to contain labor costs. However, because a truly objective skill-related wage system would threaten long-standing practices of paying women less than men some companies established separate job evaluation systems for traditionally male and female jobs. Furthermore, definitions of job complexity reflected gender bias. In early job evaluation systems, existing wage rates for jobs were used as the basis for determining what types of job content were complex. Jobs traditionally held by men were routinely rated as more complex than those traditionally held by women.

Section6 Question7

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

Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about the introduction of job evaluation systems by United States companies?

- A. Companies presented job evaluation systems as a way to assure fair treatment to workers.
- B. Companies expected job evaluation systems to increase workers morale.
- C. Companies perceived job evaluation systems as a way to limit wage increases.

Section6 Question8

The passage suggests that companies implementing job evaluation systems faced which of the following difficulties?

- A. Job evaluation systems, if implemented evenly, would exacerbate existing conflicts over gender-based pay discrimination.
- B. The argument for job evaluation systems was not compatible with companies gender-based compensation practices.
- C. Workers in traditionally female jobs were resistant to job evaluation systems because they perceived such systems as a threat to their interests.
- D. Companies found it difficult to justify to workers the way in which they assigned point values to various jobs to reflect their complexity.

E. Job evaluation systems tended to undermine workers' motivation to compete with other workers for higher wages.

Questions 9 and 11 are based on this passage

In the absence of reliable data concerning the relationship between the material quality [i.e. physical condition] and the price of used books, it is impossible to offer statistically exact information for the impact of the used-book market on the cost of reading in eighteenth-century England. Yet it can hardly be doubted that such an impact occurred, not only as the standard behavior of markets but inferentially through the innovative design and packaging strategies that London booksellers increasingly resorted to from 1760 in order to identify (and no doubt also create) more finely differentiated classes of readers. Fortunately we can also call on extensive, independent price lists for eighteenth-century books published in Britain to track differences in the cost of new and used volumes of the same title, edition, and format. To the extent that new list prices for successive editions of the same work in a uniform format remain constant or increase at a lesser rate than consumer prices generally, the **hypothesis** that the secondary book market **exercised a drag on** book prices would gain fresh support. At the same time variance in price among new and used copies of any given title and edition can be used as a proxy for material quality determinations in the two markets.

Section6 Question9

The primary function of the first sentence of the passage is to

- A. propose a theory that the passage later disputes
- B. articulate an argument that the passage goes on to support
- C. point out a difficulty in evaluating a phenomenon
- D. explain why certain evidence has not been fully used
- E. identify a dispute concerning a historical issue

Section6 Question10

The passage suggests that in order to evaluate the “hypothesis” it is necessary to have reliable data about

- A. changes in consumer prices as a whole over time
- B. variations in the material quality of used books
- C. income discrepancies among different classes of readers
- D. the rate at which used books entered the market
- E. the total number of books published in any given year

Section6 Question11

Replacement of the phrase “exercised a drag on” with which of the following words would result in the least change in meaning?

- A. forestalled
- B. denigrated
- C. circumvented
- D. admonished
- E. restrained

Section6 Question12

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The power of our Sun is _____: more solar energy strikes the Earth's surface in one hour of each day than the energy used by all human activities in one year.

- A. prodigious
- B. ominous
- C. auspicious
- D. foreboding
- E. colossal
- F. sufficient

Section6 Question13

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

The author takes a decidedly _____ approach to fiction, ensuring that any assumptions a reader might bring to his stories will be subject to challenge and disruption.

- A. controversial
- B. nostalgic
- C. unpolished
- D. unorthodox
- E. experimental
- F. wistful

Section6 Question14

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

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

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

Section6 Question15

Select the **two** answer choices that, when used to complete the sentence, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole **and** produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.

In a production process that is complex and often unpredictable, roles that start out discretely defined may become quite_____.

- A.unambiguous
- B.untenable
- C.fluid
- D.mutable
- E.explicit
- F.perfunctory

Section6 Question16

Rutoria's new national health-care system provides annual bonuses to physicians who keep treatment costs low. Critics have claimed that these bonuses will make physicians reluctant to prescribe available but expensive medical treatments, even to patients for whom such treatments are medically best. However, since comparable bonuses are given to physicians who receive high average ratings on patient-satisfaction surveys, Rutoria's new health-care payment system is unlikely to have the consequences its critics fear.

Which of the following is an assumption about Rutoria on which the argument depends?

- A. Patients bear part of the cost of medical treatment under the new national health-care system.
- B. Patients often ask their physicians to provide them with treatments that are not medically beneficial.
- C. Patients are sufficiently well informed about treatment alternatives to know when they have been denied the medically best treatment.
- D. Physicians rarely provide their patients with treatments whose medical benefits are not well established.
- E. Physicians who neither keep treatment costs low nor receive high average ratings on patient-satisfaction surveys do not receive any bonuses.

Questions 17 and 18 are based on this passage

Washburn's examination of textile designs from the precolonial Kuba Kingdom in Africa reveals that, despite a theoretical embrace of infinite formal variation, there exists in practice a limited number of pattern structures with creativity channeled into developing nuanced variations on those designs. A parallel sensibility informs the Kuba approach to the ndop figurative sculptures depicting paramount leaders. While one might assume royal portraits capture the unique image of each leader, in practice Kuba sculptors adapted a preferred figurative convention. Although the ndop figures themselves are so homogeneous that they are essentially expunged of any idiosyncratic physiognomic features, the embedded ibol signifier a symbolic emblem incorporated into the base of each sculpture]and an accompanying explanatory proverb invest each image with a particular identity.

Section6 Question17

Which of the following is an accurate statement about Kuba ndop sculptures as they are described in the passage?

- A. The ibol signifiers they contain show insignificant formal variation.
- B. There are minimal differences in their facial features.
- C. The identification of each with a historical person is a modern-day assumption.
- D. Individual sculptures have historically been associated with specific textile patterns.
- E. The proverbs that accompany them were chosen by the leaders they portray.

Section6 Question18

The passage mentions "Washburn's examination" in order to

- A. correct a misconception regarding the role of creativity in Kuba art
- B. reassert a widely accepted theory regarding the pattern structures found in Kuba textiles
- C. compare the ways in which two types of Kuba art developed historically
- D. draw attention to a similarity between two genres of Kuba art
- E. provide an example of a genre for which Kuba artists are renowned

Questions 19 and 20 are based on this passage

Eighteenth-century French naturalist Benoit de Maillet attempted to estimate Earth's age based on its physical properties. Noting that seashells could be found in sediments on land in many places around the world de Maillet reasoned that **Earth's surface must have once been entirely covered by water and**, that sea levels have been falling steadily ever since. By observing sea levels and estimating how fast they fell de Maillet thought he could calculate how long Earth had existed. Although de Maillet's main idea was flawed—sea levels have remained roughly constant for billions of years—he correctly realized that long-term natural processes could provide a way to measure Earth's age and his suggestion that Earth could be as old as 2 billion years was daring and prescient.

Section6 Question19

The author implies which of the following about sentiments regarding Earth's age during de Maillet's time?

- A. There was little agreement among scientists as to how old Earth actually was.
- B. The consensus was that Earth was well below 2 billion years old.
- C. Most scientists thought it was extremely difficult to estimate Earth's age.
- D. There was little interest in determining Earth's age through its physical properties.
- E. There was a dispute between scientists and nonscientists regarding Earth's age.

Section6 Question20

As presented in the passage, the highlighted claim is best characterized as

- A. an assertion that many eighteenth-century observers disputed
- B. an observation that provided the basis for a theory
- C. an assumption that initially seemed plausible to eighteenth-century observers
- D. a hypothesis that proved to be correct
- E. a conclusion based on an empirical observation

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