1. Paragraph 1 supports which of the following ideas about the method of preserving cuneiform texts by sun drying them?
   1. It was regarded as unnecessary for texts that were actively being used.
   2. It was discovered accidentally.
   3. It was used for texts intended for libraries but not for other texts.
   4. It did not provide enough protection for texts to survive into modern times.

Paragraph 1 is marked with ► **答案：** D 选项正确

**解析：**

本题根据题干给出的关键词 preserve 和 sun drying 定位到这两句：sun drying was probably reckoned enough to preserve the text for as long as it was being used. 和 Fortunately, however, many tablets survived because they were accidentally fired when the buildings they were stored in burned. 这两句的大意是：在当时人们认为仅仅依靠太阳晒干是可以保存楔形文字的泥板的，但是以后的楔形文字之所以会幸存下来，是因为它们无意间随着储存它们的建筑被烧过了。所以仅仅依靠阳光晒干并不足以保存这些文字。选项 D 符合题意。选项 A 说这种办法不需要，选项 B 说这种办法是偶然间发现的，选项 C 说这种办法只被用在图书馆保存的文字上，都没有在原文中找到依据。选择 D。

1. According to paragraph 1, the name of the earliest form of writing reflects the fact that this writing was
   1. inscribed on damp materials
   2. preserved by accidental firing
   3. made with a wedge-shaped stick
   4. Kept in libraries and word-hoards Paragraph 1 is marked with ►

**答案：**

C 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干给出的关键词 name 和 reflect 定位到原文中这一句 They were written on damp clay tablets with a wedged (or V-shaped) stick; since the

Latin word for wedge is cunea, the texts are called cuneiform. 本句的大意是：这些文字用一种 V 型的楔形棒子被刻在湿润的黏土板子上，因为拉丁语里的楔形的词汇是 cunea，所以这种文字被称为楔形文字。因此我们得知这种文字的名字反映出它是用一种楔形的棒子刻的。选项 C 正确。选项 A 说它们刻在湿润的黏土板上，选项 B 说它们被偶然的火烧所保存下来，选项 D 说它们被保存在图书馆和文字储藏的地方，都不符合原文。选择 C。

1. Select the TWO answer choices that, according to paragraph 2, indicate why cuneiform writing was important in societies of the Middle East. To obtain credit you must select TWO answer choices.
   1. It allowed people from fifteen different language groups to communicate with each other.
   2. It was used to record different kinds of commercial transactions.
   3. It was used to record laws.
   4. It was used to record the established boundaries of the areas occupied by each society.

Paragraph 2 is marked with ► **答案：**

BC 选项正确**解析：**

本题需要通读第二段，根据题干给出的 important 和 societies of Middle East 可以具体定位到第二段这几句：The oldest cuneiform texts recorded the transactions of tax collectors and merchants, the receipts and bills of sale of an urban society. They had to do with things like grain, goats, and real estate. Later, Babylonian scribes recorded the laws and kept other kinds of records. Knowledge conferred power. 这一段话主要是讲了楔形文字在中东的作用，一个是记录税收和商业活动相关，后来又加上了记录法律。最后一句话点题：知识赋予权力，点出了楔形文字的重要性。选项 B 和 C 分别对应税收商业和法律两个用处。双选 BC。选项 A 说的增加不同群的人们交流，选项 D 说记录边界，都没有提到。

1. In paragraph 2, why does the author point out that Babylonian scribes were assigned their own goddess?
   1. To explain why scribes in Babylonia were given the responsibility of writing laws.
   2. To indicate a consequence of the fact that scribes were powerful in Babylonian society.
   3. To explain why over time Babylonian scribes no longer recorded business transactions.
   4. To explain how Babylonian scribes came to be associated with symbols of warfare.

Paragraph 2 is marked with ► **答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干中给出的 Babylonian scribes 和 assigned their own goddess 定位到这一句：Nisaba, later replaced by the god Nabu of Borsippa, whose symbol is neither weapon nor dragon but something far more fearsome, the cuneiform stick. 本句的大致意思是人们的女神一直在换，女神手里拿的东西也在换，从武器到龙，最后换成了楔形石板。实际上体现了楔形文字越来越重要。选项 B 正确。选项 A 的意思是为了解释为什么楔形文字负责书写法律。选项 C 的意思是解释为什么楔形文字不再记录商业往来了，选项 D 的意思是解释为什么楔形文字开始和战争联系在一起。都不符合原文意思。选择 B。

1. The word "abound" in the passage is closest in meaning to
   1. are important
   2. are available
   3. are numerous
   4. are revealing

Paragraph 3 is marked with ► **答案：**

C 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察词汇定位到原文中这一句话：Cuneiform texts on science, astronomy, medicine, and mathematics abound, some offering astoundingly precise data. 本句的大致意思是：科学的、天文学的、药学的和数学的楔形文

字内容丰富，有些甚至提供了这些学科上的令人惊讶的准确数据。abound 在本句中的意思是很丰富。选项 A 的意思是很重要，选项 B 的意思是有效的，选型 C 的意思是很多的，选项 D 的意思是有揭示作用的，有启发作用的。选项 C 最符合

abound 的意思，选择 C。

1. The word "astoundingly" in the passage is closest in meaning to
   1. truly
   2. incredibly
   3. noticeably
   4. reasonably

Paragraph 3 is marked with ► **答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察词汇定位到原文中这一句话：Cuneiform texts on science, astronomy, medicine, and mathematics abound, some offering astoundingly precise data. 本句的大致意思是：科学的、天文学的、药学的和数学的楔形文字内容丰富，有些甚至提供了这些学科上的令人惊讶的准确数据。astoundingly 在本句中的意思是令人震惊的。选项 A 的意思是真实的，选项 B 的意思是不可思议的、不可置信的，选型 C 的意思是显著的，选项 D 的意思是合理的。选项 B 最符合 astoundingly 的意思，选择 B。

1. Why does the author mention a cuneiform text that documents "an early sighting of Halley's Cornet, form September 22 to September 28,164 B.C.E." ?
   1. To explain how important Babylonian events were recorded.
   2. To support the idea that some cuneiform texts provide precise scientific

information.

* 1. To explain how particular Babylonian customs arose concerning sick persons.
  2. To identify a particularly valuable text from the library of King Ashurbanipal.

Paragraph 3 is marked with ►

**答案：** B 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据给出的关键句定位到原文中这一句：One tablet records the speed of the Moon over 248 days; another documents an early sighting of Halley's Cornet, form September 22 to September 28, 164 B.C.E. 本题具体给出了月亮在 248 天里运行的速度和 Halley's Cornet 的具体观测记录。结合前一句，也就是本段的首句我们知道，这两个具体例子的给出是为了证明楔形文字的确记录了很多丰富而精确的科学研究数据。选择 B。其余三个选项都不符合原文意思。

1. The word "foremost" in the passage is closest in meaning to
   1. earliest
   2. largest
   3. most important
   4. best understood

Paragraph 4 is marked with ► **答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察词汇定位到原文中这一句话：The foremost cuneiform text, the Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh, deals with humankind's attempts to conquer time. 本句的大致意思是：最先的楔形文字内容-- the Babylonian Epic of

Gilgamesh—涉及到人类对于时间的征服。foremost 在本句中的意思是最先的。选项 A 的意思是最早的，选项 B 的意思是最大的，选型 C 的意思是最重要的，选项 D 的意思是被理解得最好的。选项 A 最符合 foremost 的意思，选择 A。

1. Paragraph 5 supports all of the following statements about Egyptian hieroglyphics EXCEPT:
   1. They were associated with buildings that had a religious function.
   2. They were used in Egypt for many centuries.
   3. They were believed to be a gift to humans from the gods.
   4. They were sometimes written on material made from plants.

Paragraph 5 is marked with ► **答案：**

C 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干给出的关键词 Egyptian hieroglyphics 定位到第五段，各个选项的依据分布在第五段里。选项 A 的依据是 it was carved on walls of pyramids and other religious structures;选项 B 的依据是 hieroglyphic wiring, in use from 3100 B.C.E. Until 394 C.E.;选项 D 的依据是 a new substance to writ on - papyrus, a precursor of paper, made from a wetland plant. 选 项 C 在文中对应的是这里：This, they thought, was language fit for the gods， 他们认为这种语言是人献给神的礼物，不是神给人的，选项 C 错误。选择 C。10. The word "detected" in the passage is closest in meaning to

A. identified B. described C. studied

D. classified

Paragraph 6 is marked with ► **答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察词汇定位到原文中这一句话：Scholars have detected some 6,000 separate hieroglyphic characters in use over the history of Egyptian writing, but it appears that never more than a thousand were in use during any one period. 本句前半句的大致意思是：学者们探测到有 6000 左右的文字被用在埃及历史的书写中。detect 在这里的意思是探测，找到。选项 A 的意思是确认，选项 B 的意思是描述，选项 C 的意思是研究，选项 D 的意思是分类。选项 A 最贴合 detect 的意思，选择 A。

11. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways of leave out essential information.

A. Sometimes the appearance of texts was improved by giving more beautiful symbols to individual words even though the sound and sense of the changed words remained the same.

B. The symbols for individual words were sometimes moved around in a text, regardless of these words' meaning and sound, to make the text more beautiful.

C. The glyphs used as symbols for individual words in texts were sometimes chosen more for their beauty than for their connection to sound or sense. D. For various reasons, individual glyphs were sometimes shuffled to make a text sound more pleasing, to make its sense clearer, or to make its appearance more beautiful.

Paragraph 6 is marked with ► **答案：** B 选项正确

**解析：**

本题高亮出的句子是：Egyptologists have noticed that the glyphs that constitute individual words were sometimes shuffled to make the text more pleasing to the eye with little regard for sound or sense. 本句大意是： 埃及古物学者注意到由单个文字组成的雕文有时候会被弄乱以让这些文字看起 来更好，而不管这样做会不会影响发音或者意思。选项 B 是本句的同义转述。选项 A 说通过给文字做出更美丽的符号来改进文字的外观，选项 C 说雕文被用作标志，选项 D 说弄乱文字以使得发音更好听，都不符合原文。选择 B。

12. Directions: Select from the seven phrases below the 2 phrases that correctly characterae Cuneiform Writing and the 3 phrases that correctly characterize Hieroglyphic Writing. Drag each phrase you select into the appropriate column of the table. Two of the phrases will NOT be used. This question is worth 3 points

Drag your answer choices to the spaces where they belong. To remove an answer choice, click on it. To review the passage, click on View Text. Answers Choices

A. Written on papyrus and sometimes carved into stone. Limited to financial and business uses.

B. Emphasis on the beauty and overall design of the text. C. Written on clay tablets with a stick.

D. Most characters redesigned 1,500 years after they were created

E. Up to a thousand characters used during a given period. F. Written on papyrus and sometimes carved into stone.

G. Used for fifteen languages over a wide area. Cuneiform Writing:

l l

Hieroglyphic Writing: l

l l **答案：**

Cuneiform Writing 选择 C 和 G，Hieroglyphic Writing 选择 B，E，F。**解析：**

本题需要依次分析每个选项。选项 A 后半句说局限于经济和商业用途，定位到第二段，错误，其实楔形文字用途很多;选项 B 定位到第六段倒数三行，说的是Hieroglyphic Writing，正确;选项 C 定位到第一段第四行，说的是 Cuneiform

Writing，正确;选项 D 定位到第四段最后两句，但是原文中并没有说 redesign， 错误;选项 E 定位到第六段第一行，应该是 6000 左右文字，不是不到 1000 个， 错误;选项 F 定位到第五段前四行，说的是 Hieroglyphic Writing，正确;选项 G 定位到第二段第三行，说的是 Cuneiform Writing，正确。综合起来，Cuneiform

Writing 选择 C 和 G，Hieroglyphic Writing 选择 B，E，F。

1. Paragraph 1 supports which of the following inferences about mammal evolution?

A. Bats and seals most probably originated in New Zealand and then migrated to other parts of the world.

B. Most mammal species were already present in Gondwanaland before it broke up, between 80 to 85 million years ago.

C. No mammals that evolved after New Zealand separated from Gondwanaland were able to migrate to New Zealand.

D. No mammals evolved from the animals that originally inhabited New Zealand.

Paragraph 1 is marked with ► **答案：**

D 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干给出的关键词 mammal revolution 定位到第一段 After the

separation,后面的部分，这一部分的大致意思是新西兰是从别的大陆里分裂出来的，任何不能跨越大洋的物种都不能迁移到新西兰。蛇类和哺乳动物都是自从新西兰分裂以后才开始进化的。所以在一千年前毛利人到来的时候，新西兰的哺乳动物只有后来迁移过去的蝙蝠和海豹。所以新西兰的哺乳动物没有本土的，选项 D 符合题意。其余三个选项都不符合本段意思。

2. The word "striking" in the passage is closest in meaning to A. abundant

B. attention getting C. familiar

D. important

Paragraph 2 is marked with ► **答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察单词定位到这一句：The most striking of these animals must have been moa. 本句大意是：这些里面最让人震惊的物种一定是恐鸟。striking 在这里的意思是让人震惊的。选项 A 是多余的，过多的;选项 B 是吸引人注意的; 选项 C 是熟悉的;选项 D 是重要的。选项 B 最贴合 striking 的意思，选择 B。3. The word "currently" in the passage is closest in meaning to

A. at the present time B. officially

C. normally D. easily

Paragraph 2 is marked with ► **答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察的单词定位到这一句：The species of moa that are currently recognized occupied ecological niches customarily filled elsewhere by large mammalian browsing herbivores. 本句大意是：恐鸟这个物种现在被认为是占据了通常是被吃草的哺乳动物占据的生态位。currently 在这里的意思是现在。选项 A 的意思是现在，选项 B 的意思是官方的，选项 C 的意思是正常的， 选项 D 的意思是简单的。选项 A 最贴合 currently 的意思，选择 A。

4. According to paragraph 2, moa A. had large wings

B. hatched many eggs at one time

C. had no mammals that preyed on them

D. were ordinarily small in size and light in weight Paragraph 2 is marked with ►

**答案：**

C 选项正确**解析：**

本题通读第二段，发现出题点在第一句：When the Maori arrived in New Zealand, they encountered birds that had been evolving for 80 million years without the presence of mammalian predators. 本句的后半句 without the presence of mammalian predators 的意思是在恐鸟到达新西兰的时候，是没有哺乳动物捕食者的出现的，选项 C 正确。其余三个选项均与原文不符。选择 C。

5. Why does the author include the information "Climatic conditions in New Zealand appear to have been relatively stable over the period during which moa became extinct"?

A. To eliminate what might seem to be a plausible explanation of the extinction of moa.

B. To explain why some moa species may still have existed at the time of Captain Cook's first visit to New Zealand.

C. To explain why, in the late 1700s, moa most likely lived in remote areas of New Zealand.

D. To suggest that climate conditions in New Zealand varied widely when moa were plentiful.

Paragraph 3 is marked with ►

**答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干给的句子找到原文：Climatic conditions in New Zealand appear to have been relatively stable over the period during which moa became extinct. 本句的大致意思是新西兰的气候状况一直在恐鸟走向灭绝的时期里保持相对稳定。结合本句后面 Different factors could have worked in concert to account for their abrupt disappearance.这句说明导致恐鸟突然灭绝的因素有很多，但是鉴于气候条件一直没怎么变化，所以气候的因素可以排除。符合选项 A 的说法。选项 B 说更多物种也要灭绝，选项 C 说解释为什么恐鸟在 18 世纪后期还生存在新西兰偏僻地区，选项 D 说气候条件多变，都不符合题意。选择

A。

6. The word "abrupt" in the passage is closest in meaning to A. gradual

B. complete C. predicted D. sudden

Paragraph 3 is marked with ► **答案：**

D 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察的单词定位到这一句：本句大意是：Different factors could have worked in concert to account for their abrupt disappearance. 本句的大致意思是：不同的因素共同导致了恐鸟突如其来的灭绝。abruptly 在这里的意思是现在。选项 A 的意思是逐渐的，选项 B 的意思是完全的，选项 C 的意思是预测的，选项 D 的意思是突然的。选项 D 最贴合 abruptly 的意思，选择 D。7. According to paragraph 4, why is forest burning considered only a partial explanation for the disappearance of moa?

A. Forest burning was far less intense on New Zealand's South Island, where the majority of moa habitats were located.

B. Moa populations had already been significantly reduced before most of the forest burning started.

C. Moa became extinct long after the Maori had stopped the practice of forest burning.

D. Moa gradually adapted to changes that resulted from forest burning. Paragraph 4 is marked with ►

**答案：** B 选项正确**解析：**

本题的出题点在这两句：Forest and shrubland burning appears to have reduced the prime habitat of many moa species. However, the main forest burning started around 700 years ago, after what current archaeological evidence indicates was the most intensive stage of moa hunting. 这两句的大致意思是：森林和灌木的燃烧减少了很多恐鸟种类的栖息地，但是最主要的森林火灾发生的时间是早于恐鸟最极速消亡的时期的。所以森林大火并不是一定要归因于森林大火。选项 B 符合题意。其余三个选项均曲解了原文的意思。

8. Why does the author say that "At one excavated Maori site, moa remains filled six railway cars."?

A. To indicate how large the moa population was before it was hunted. B. To indicate that scientists were very interested in learning details about moa.

C. To illustrate the intensity with which the Maori hunted moa.

D. To suggest that moa hunting was largely limited to New Zealand's South Island.

Paragraph 5 is marked with ► **答案：**

C 选项正确**解析：**

本题给出的句子可以定位到第五段：At one excavated Maori site, moa remains filled six railway cars. 句子大意是：在每一个撤空的毛利人聚集地，恐鸟的尸体可以装满六趟火车。可见毛利人对于恐鸟捕杀的力度。选项 C 符合。选项

A 说为了证实恐鸟的数量有多大，太片面;选项 B 说证明科学家喜欢研究恐鸟的细节，错误;选项 D 说对恐鸟的捕杀仅仅局限在新西兰，也不对。选择 C。

9. Paragraph 5 presents which of the following as evidence that hunting was one of the factors responsible for the decline of moa?

A. The length of the period during which moa were intensively hunted. B. The decline in the size of the Maori population in the period after moa were intensively hunted.

C. The large number of Maori living today in areas that were moa habitats. D. The large number of hunting weapons that archaeologists have excaved. Paragraph 5 is marked with ►

**答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题的出题点在于这里：The density of Maori settlements and artifacts increased substantially at the time of the most intensive moa hunting (900 to 600 years ago). This period was followed by a time of decline in the Maori population and a societal transition to smaller, less numerous settlements. 这两句话主要讲了毛利人的栖息地在逐渐增加，伴随着的是对于恐鸟的强力捕杀。在此之后，毛利人人口密度降低，开始转到建造小的、人数少的聚集地。所以在恐鸟被大力扑杀之后毛利人的人口减少了，选项 B 正确。选项

A 的意思是证据是捕杀恐鸟的时间长度，选项 C 的意思是大量毛利人住在恐鸟栖息地里，选项 D 的意思是大量的捕杀武器，都与原文无关。选择 B。

10. According to paragraph 6, scientists may never know if diseases contributed to the extinction of moa because

A. previous research to establish the role of diseases in the extinction of animals did not yield any significant findings.

B. scientists have difficulty identifying past diseases from paleoecological and archaeological data.

C. moa's fossilized remains contain no DNA.

D. conducting such research is time-consuming and expensive. Paragraph 6 is marked with ►

**答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据 disease 定位到原文中出题点：However, evidence of such diseases is difficult to determine directly from paleoecological or archaeological remains. 本句大意是：然而，很难找到古生态学中或者人类学中关于这些疾病的证据。选项 B 符合本句意思。选项 A 的意思是前面研究疾病在恐鸟灭绝中的作用没有重要成果，选项 C 是说恐鸟化石里没有 DNA，选项 D 是说这些调查既耗费时间，也花费高，都不符合原文。选择 B。

11. The word "potentially" in the passage is closest in meaning to A. historically

B. remarkably C. possibly D. certainly

Paragraph 6 is marked with ► **答案：**

C 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察单词定位到这一句：For these reasons, it is hard to determine the likelihood that introduced disease organisms were a cause of the decline of moa, but they are potentially significant. 这句话的大意是：正因为如此，我们很难决定疾病的引入是不是恐鸟数量下降的原因之一， 但是它们很可能很重要。potentially 的意思是有潜力的，很可能的。选项 A 是历史的，选项 B 是显著的，选项 C 是可能的，选项 D 是一定的。选项 C 最贴合

potentially 的意思，选项 C。

12. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

A. The extinction of moa suggests the vulnerability of species to human-caused changes to the species' environment.

B. Some species, such a moa, are vulnerable to changes in their environment.

C. The environmental changes that moa experienced included modifications to plant and animal life and the introduction and elimination of certain animal species.

D. The story of moa raises issues that are important for ecologists to consider.

Paragraph 7 is marked with ► **答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题先分析被高亮出来的句子：The story of moa species and their demise raises ecological issues on the vulnerability of species to human-caused changes- including altered vegetative cover of the landscape, change in the physical environment, and modification of the flora and fauna of a region by eliminating some species and introducing others. 本句的大意是：恐鸟的灭绝向我们提出了一个生态话题，即关于人类造成的环境变化对于物种的伤害，包括通过减少某些物种的数量和引入其他物种来改变植被、物理环境、植物群和动物群。选项 A 是本句的同义转述。选项 B 的意思是一些物种容易受到环境变化的伤害，不全面;选项 C 的意思忽略了人为这一信息，不全面;选项 D 省去了具体需要生态学家注意的内容，也不全面。选择 A。

13. Look at the four squares [ ■ ]that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

Investigations of DNA recovered from these sources suggest that there were ten to fifteen moa species.

Where would the sentence best fit?

Click on a square [■ ] to insert the sentence in the passage. **答案：**

D 选项正确**解析：**

本题先分析需要插入的句子：Investigations of DNA recovered from these sources suggest that there were ten to fifteen moa species. 本句中的

these 暗示前文提到过 sources，带着这个预设我们去依次尝试四个可插入位置， 发现最后一个最合适。这个位置前文在讲恐鸟的蛋、蛋壳、尸体等等的化石，符合 source 对于前文的呼应。选择 D。

14. Directions: An introductory sentence for a brief summary of the passage is provided below. Complete the summary by selecting THREE answer

choices that express the most important ideas in the passage. Some answer choices do not belong in summary because the express ideas that are not presented in the passage or are minor ideas in the passage. The Question is worth 2 points.

Moa were large, flightless birds of New Zealand that became extinct several centuries ago.

Answers Choices

A. Because New Zealand had no large mammals, moa had no mammalian predators and occupied the ecological niches that elsewhere were occupied by large mammalian herbivores.

B. DNA analysis of moa remains revealed that the extinction of moa species occurred less than three centuries ago.

C. Scientists claim that forest burning is the factor most responsible for the disappearance of moa.

D. Initially, moa had a high reproductive rate, but overtime it significantly declined, largely due to changes in New Zealand's climatic pattern.

E. The extinction of moa was primarily caused by the hunting and deforestation activities of the Maori, who arrived in New Zealand about one thousand years ago.

F. The Maori introduced dogs, rats, and perhaps disease organisms, which may have contributed to the extinction of moa, but evidence is not available.

Drag your answer choices to the space where they belong. To remove an answer choice, double click on it.

**答案：**

AEF 选项正确**解析：**

本题需要依次分析每一个选项。选项 A 说恐鸟没有哺乳动物的捕食者，并且占据了大型食草哺乳动物的生态位，概括了第二段内容，正确;选项 B 文中没有对应的原文依据，错误;选项 C 的意思是森林大火最应该为恐鸟灭绝负责，但是在第四段 However 后面的原文则说明了大火并不是主要原因，错误;选项 D 说恐鸟灭

绝是很大程度上因为气候改变，根据第三段倒数第一二句我们知道，气候在恐鸟灭绝的时候一直稳定，所以本选项错误;选项 E 的意思是恐鸟因为毛利人的大量捕杀灭绝，概括了第四五段内容，正确;选项 F 是说毛利人引入的老鼠，狗和疾病导致恐鸟灭绝，概括第六段内容，正确。综合起来本题选择 A，E，F。

1. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

A. Climate change caused by human activity is the main reason for the increase in fires over the past 30 years.

B. While human activity is definitely considered a factor, foresters are still debating whether climate plays a role in the recent increase in fires.

C. For complicated reasons, over the past 30 years there has been an increase in the number of fires that take place during hot, dry summers. D. Both climate change and human activities are responsible for the recent increase in forest fires, although the contributions of those factors are still not agreed on.

Paragraph 1 is marked with ► **答案：**

D 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干找到高亮部分：This recent increase in fires has resulted partly from climate change (the recent trend toward hot, dry summers) and partly from human activities, for complicated reasons that foresters came increasingly to understand about 30 years ago but whose relative importance is still debated. 本句大意是：最近森林火灾的增长一部分是气候变化(夏天变得更干更热)和人类活动的原因，虽然这些复杂原因谁更重要还在争论中。选项 D 是本句的同义转述。选项 A 说人类活动导致气候变化，错误;选项 B 说森林学家还在争辩气候变化算不算一个导致森林大火的原因，错误，只是在争辩谁更重要;选项 C 说在夏天的森林大火增多，本句没有具体说到在哪个季节森林大火多，错误。选择 D。

2. The word "approximating" in the passage is closest in meaning to

A. containing B. surrounding C. resembling D. providing

Paragraph 1 is marked with ► **答案：** C 选项正确

**解析：**

本题根据所考察的单词定位到原文中这一句的前半句：One factor is the direct effect of logging, which often turns a forest into something approximating a huge pile of kindling (wood for burning)。这半句的意思是：有一个直接影响一片森林被砍伐成类似于一堆燃烧的木头堆的原因。approximating 的意思是接近，像。选项 A 的意思是包含，选项 B 的意思是环境，选项 C 的意思是相似， 选项 D 的意思是提供。选项 C 最贴合 approximating 的意思，选择 C。

3. All of the following are mentioned in paragraph 1 as consequences of logging that can promote forest fires EXCEPT:

A. Fires are accidentally started by loggers.

B. Pieces of flammable wood are left behind in the forest.

C. There is a dense growth of new plants that act as fuel for fire. D. The most fire-resistant trees are removed by the loggers. Paragraph 1 is marked with ►

**答案：** A 选项正确**解析：**

本题的出题点分散在第一段。选项 A 在原文中没有对应依据，错误;选项 B 对应原文中的 leaving behind smaller and more flammable trees，正确;选项 C 对应原文中的 a dense growth of new vegetation springs up, further increasing the forest's fuel loads，正确;选项 D 对应原文中的 the trees logged and removed are of course the biggest and most fire-resistant individuals，正确。选择 A。

4. What can be inferred from paragraph 2 about forest-fire suppression before 1900?

A. It was more effective than afterward because there were fewer fires to suppress in most regions.

B. There was no official program of forest-fire suppression in the United States.

C. Forest-fire suppression was practiced more for the purpose of protecting homes than for protecting forests.

D. The Forest Service had rules to control forest fires, but the rules were ignored.

Paragraph 2 is marked with ► **答案：** C 选项正确

**解析：**

本题的出题点分布在第二段。选项 A 涉及到原文中的 Firefighters became much more successful at achieving that goal after 1945, thanks to improved firefighting technology. 说明其实灭火是越来越容易了，因为灭火技术在进步，错误;选项 B 涉及到原文中的 Another factor is that the United States Forest Service in the first decade of the 1900s adopted the policy of fire

suppression，说明这个时候已经有了官方的行动了，错误;选项 C 涉及到原文中it did not want valuable timber to go up in smoke, or people's homes and lives to be threatened，正确;选项 D 是说灭火的规则被忽视了，在原文中没有提及，错误。选择 C。

5. Why does the author include the quotation "Put out every forest fire by 10:00 A.M on the morning after the day when it is first reported"? A. To suggest that the Forest Service's goals were unrealistic and ultimately unattainable.

B. To demonstrate how seriously the Forest Service took their responsibility of fire suppression.

C. To support the idea that fire-suppression techniques are most effective early in the day.

D. To provide an example of the new methods that resulted in successful firefighting after 1945.

Paragraph 3 is marked with ►

**答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题先看给出的句子："Put out every forest fire by 10:00 A.M. on the morning after the day when it is first reported."这句话的意思是：我们在每场森林大火被首次报道的第二天早上 10 点前灭掉它们。这个命令显示了灭火团队对于灭火的负责。选项 B 符合。选项 A 说为了说明灭火队的目标是不现实的，选项C 的意识是为了支持灭火措施在现在越来越有效了，选项 D 的意思是给出成功的灭火方法的例子，都不符合题意。选择 B。

6. According to paragraph 3, all of the following have been used to determine the frequency of forest fires under natural conditions in Montana's ponderosa pine forests EXCEPT

A. recent records of fire-suppression efforts in the region B. historical documents

C. examination of tree rings on burned trees

D. the dating of scars on remaining stumps of fire-damaged trees Paragraph 3 is marked with ►

**答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干给出的关键词 determine the frequency 定位到这一句：To make Montana's low- altitude ponderosa pine forest as an example, historical records, plus counts of annual tree rings and datable fire scars on tree stumps, demonstrated that a ponderosa pine forest experiences a lightning-lit fire about once a decade under natural conditions (i.e.., before fire suppression began around 1910 and became effective after 1945). 选项 B 对应 historical records，选项 C 对应 counts of annual tree rings， 选项 D 对应 datable fire scars on tree stumps，只有选项 A 没有原文中的依 据。选项 A。

7. The word "Hence" in the passage is closest in meaning to A. Afterward

B. Therefore

C. Certainly

D. In particular

Paragraph 3 is marked with ► **答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察的单词定位到原文中这一句：Hence the fire remains confined to ground and understory. 本句大意是：因此大火就被控制在了地面，烧不到树冠上，破坏性也被控制了。hence 的意思是因此。选项 A 是后来，选项 B 是因此，选项 C 是当然的确定的，选项 D 是尤其的。选项 B 最贴合题意，选择 B。 8. In paragraph 3, what is the author's purpose in describing the natural cycle of fires in ponderosa pine forests?

A. To emphasize the importance of replanting seedlings after a forest fire.

B. To argue for increasing the effectiveness of laws to suppress forest fires.

C. To describe how fire affects a typical ponderosa pine forest in the absence of

human intervention.

D. To explain the long-lasting damage that once occurred in the ponderosa pine forests of Montana before fires were controlled.

Paragraph 3 is marked with ► **答案：** C 选项正确

**解析：**

本题根据题目给出的关键词 natural cycle 定位到第三段的后半段。这本段主要讲述了 ponderosa 树的着火的循环。每次新的火起来后，都会因为小树太矮了而烧不到大树的树干，因此火焰被控制在了地面，破坏性也被控制了。作者形容这个过程是为了向我们说明 ponderosa 树在着火时候的情况，当然也是在无人干预的情况下。选项 C 符合意思。其余三个选项都不符合原文意思。

9. According to paragraph 4, why is the human preservation of Douglas fir sapling trees a threat to the ponderosa pine forest?

A. The presence of many sapling trees makes it more difficult for firefighters to reach the source of a forest fire.

B. Douglas fir saplings are expensive to maintain, leaving little government money for forest-fire suppression.

C. Saplings compete for space with the larger and more valuable fire-resistant trees.

D. Dense areas of tall sapling trees can spread fire to the crowns of larger, fire- resistant trees.

Paragraph 4 is marked with ► **答案：**

D 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据 Douglas fir sapling trees 定位到原文中这里：When a fire finally does start in a sapling-choked forest, whether due to lightning or human carelessness or (regrettably often) intentional arson, the dense, tall saplings young trees) may become a ladder that allows the fire to jump into the crowns of the trees. 本句的大致意思就是，这种新种的树木容易着火，一旦大火燃烧起来，这种树的树苗足够高，油脂足够多，很容易把大火引到大树的树冠上，进而酿成森林大火。选项 D 符合这几句的意思。其余三个选项则曲解文意。

10. The word "regrettably" in the passage is closest in meaning to A. unfortunately

B. surprisingly C. probably

D. extremely

Paragraph 4 is marked with ► **答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据所考察的单词定位到原文中这一句：When a fire finally does start in a sapling-choked forest, whether due to lightning or human carelessness or (regrettably often) intentional arson, the dense, tall saplings (young

trees) may become a ladder that allows the fire to jump into the crowns of the trees. 本句大意是：当一场大火最终在砍伐过森林里燃烧起来时，不管是因为闪电还是人类的不小心或者(很不幸经常发生的)故意纵火，枝叶浓密还高的小树会成为火势烧到树冠的梯子。本句中 regrettably 的意思是不幸的。选项

A 是不幸的，选项 B 是惊奇的，选项 C 是可能的，选项 D 是极其的。选项 A 最贴合 regrettably 的意思，选择 A。

11. What does paragraph 5 describe as a solution to the fires in Western forests?

A. The careful management of forests to reduce the buildup of fuel loads. B. The preservation of a dense understory.

C. The occasional flooding of western forests to make them as wet as those in the East.

D. A return to the effective methods of fire suppression of the previous half century.

Paragraph 5 is marked with ► **答案：**

A 选项正确**解析：**

本题根据题干中关键词 solution 定位到这一句：In an ideal world, the Forest Service would manage and restore the forests, thin them out, and remove the dense understory by cutting or by controlled small fires. 本句的大致意思是：一种理想的解决办法是削薄或者砍伐这些含油量高的树木的密度，并且严密控制小型火灾的发生。选项 A 符合以上的说法。其余三个选项均不符合原文意思。

12. According to paragraph 5, people in the United States would probably not support the described forest-management and restoration techniques because they

A. think that the use of small, controlled fires may be too dangerous. B. do not want to spend money on the expensive process of managing forest understory.

C. distrust the Forest Service due to the harmful fire-suppression techniques of the past.

D. do not want politicians involved in forest management. Paragraph 5 is marked with ►

**答案：**

B 选项正确**解析：**

本题的出题点就在上一题的下面那一句：But no politician or voter wants to spend what it would cost to do that. 本句大意是：没有政治家或者选民愿意去花费这个解决办法需要的钱。所以关键还是这个办法花费高。选项 B 符合。其余三个选项都没有涉及到这句话的意思。

13. Look at the four squares [ ■ ]that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

Such a reduction seemed to demonstrate that the program of fire suppression was having its desired effect.

Where would the sentence best fit?

Click on a square [ ■ ] to insert the sentence in the passage. **答案：**

C 选项正确**解析：**

本题先分析下需要插入的句子：Such a reduction seemed to demonstrate that the program of fire suppression was having its desired effect. 本句中的 such a reduction 暗示着前文也提到过一种 reduction。带着这种预设我们去一一尝试每个可插入位置，发现第三个插入点很合适，前面一句的 decrease 与 reduction 相配，形成逻辑关系。选择 C。

14. Directions: An introductory sentence for a brief summary of the passage is provided below. Complete the summary by selecting THREE answer choices that express the most important ideas in the passage. Some answer choices do not belong in summary because the express ideas that are not presented in the passage or are minor ideas in the passage. The Question is worth 2 points

For several reasons, forest fires have increased in number and intensity in the western United States.

Answers Choices

A. Fire suppression, which was initially thought to be beneficial, and logging are two human activities that have caused an increase in large forest fires.

B. Because forest fires are dangerous to people's property and a waste of valuable resources, the Forest Service currently has a policy to suppress all fires within a day.

C. The Forest Scientists has not yet discovered exactly why the climate of western United States causes some types of trees but not others to catch fire.

D. Logging is much less likely than other human activities to have effects that contribute to large forest fires.

E. The biggest problem in Western forest management is the increased amount of fire fuel available in forests as a result of human activity. F. The United States government and the public are unwilling to cover the costs required to reduce the increased fuel loads in Western forests. Drag your answer choices to the space where they belong. To remove an answer choice, double click on it.

**答案：**

AEF 选项正确**解析：**

本题需要依次分析每一个选项。选项 A 讲了森林灭火一开始的初衷和森林起火的原因，概括了第一段的内容，正确;选项 B 说森林灭火的原因是担心浪费森林资源，这个原文第二段并没有提及，错误;选项 C 说森林学家现在还没有确定气候对于不同种类森林着火的影响，并没有在原文中提到，错误;选项 D 说伐木不大可能造成森林起火，错误，伐木会助长森林起火;选项 E 讲了高含油量的树木的引入对于森林大火的影响，概括了第四段的内容，正确;选项 F 讲了美国政府和民众对于花费巨额钱财整治森林树木的情况，概括了第六段内容，正确。综合起来选择 A，E，F。