

Of the five bill collectors at Apex Collection Agency, Mr. Young has the highest rate of unsuccessful collections. Yet Mr. Young is the best bill collector on the agency's staff.

**1. Which one of the following, if true, most helps to resolve the apparent discrepancy?**

- (A) Mr. Young is assigned the majority of the most difficult cases at the agency.
- (B) The other four bill collectors at the agency all consider Mr. Young to be a very capable bill collector.
- (C) Mr. Young's rate of collections per year has remained fairly steady in the last few years.
- (D) Before joining the agency, Mr. Young was affiliated with the credit department of a large department store.
- (E) None of the bill collectors at the agency has been on the agency's staff longer than Mr. Young has.

A primate jawbone found in Namibia in southern Africa has been identified by anthropologists as that of an ape that lived between 10 million and 15 million years ago. Researchers generally agree that such ancient primates lived only in dense forests. Consequently, the dry, treeless expanses now dominating the landscape in and around Namibia must have replaced an earlier heavily forested terrain.

**2. The argument assumes which one of the following?**

- (A) Modern apes also tend to live only in heavily forested terrain.
- (B) The ape whose jawbone was found lived in or near the area that is now Namibia.
- (C) There were no apes living in the area that is now Namibia prior to 15 million years ago.
- (D) The ape whose jawbone was found was adapted to a diet that was significantly different from that of any modern ape.
- (E) The ancient primates were numerous enough to have caused severe damage to the ecology of the forests in which they lived.

Workers may complain about many things at work, but stress is not high on the list. In fact, in a recent survey a majority placed boredom at the top of their list of complaints. The assumption that job-related stress is the most serious problem for workers in the corporate world is thus simply not warranted.

**3. Which one of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the argument?**

- (A) Those workers who are responsible for the planning and supervision of long-term projects are less likely to complain of either boredom or stress.
- (B) Workers who complain of boredom exhibit more stress-related symptoms than do those who claim their work is interesting.
- (C) Workers responding to opinion surveys tend to emphasize those experiences that have happened most recently.
- (D) Workers who feel that their salaries are commensurate with the amount of work they do are less likely to complain of boredom.
- (E) Workers are less likely to complain about work if they feel that their jobs are secure.

