## **VERBAL REASONING (Fill-in-the-Blank)**

## 1. Which of the following best completes the passage below?

In a survey of job applicants, two-fifths admitted to being at least a little dishonest. However, the survey may underestimate the proportion of job applicants who are dishonest, because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) some dishonest people taking the survey might have claimed on the survey to be honest
- (B) some generally honest people taking the survey might have claimed on the survey to be dishonest
- (C) some people who claimed on the survey to be at least a little dishonest may be very dishonest
- (D) some people who claimed on the survey to be dishonest may have been answering honestly
- (E) some people who are not job applicants are probably at least a little dishonest

## 2. Which of the following best completes the passage below?

In opposing government regulation of business, conservatives often appeal to the Jeffersonian ideal of limited government, expressing the wish that government would "get off the backs of the American people." Yet, paradoxically, many of these same conservatives address questions of private morality, such as those dealing with sexual behavior, by calling for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) a return to the restrictive sexual morality of the Victorian era
- (B) a strengthening of the role of the family in setting moral norms for society
- (C) a limitation on the amount of sexually provocative material appearing in books, motives, and television shows
- (D) greater freedom for individuals to choose their own way of handling sexual issues
- (E) an increased governmental role in the regulation and control of private sexual behavior

## 3. Which of the following best completes the passage below?

The more worried investors are about losing their money, the more they will demand a high potential return on their investment; great risks must be offset by the chance of great rewards. This principle is the fundamental one in determining interest rates, and it is illustrated by the fact that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) successful investors are distinguished by an ability to make very risky investments without worrying about their money
- (B) lenders receive higher interest rates on unsecured loans than on loans backed by collateral
- (C) in times of high inflation, the interest paid to depositors by banks can actually be below the rate of inflation
- (D) at any one time, a commercial bank will have a single rate of interest that it will expect all of its individual borrowers to pay
- (E) the potential return on investment in a new company is typically lower than the potential return on investment in a well-established company