**[Verbal Reasoning 16](http://borzabadi.persianblog.ir/page/16" \o "Link)**

1. The amount of time it takes for most of a worker’s occupational knowledge and skills to become obsolete has been declining because of the introduction of advanced manufacturing technology (AMT). Given the rate at which AMT is currently being introduced in manufacturing, the average worker’s old skills become obsolete and new skills are required within as little as five years.

**Which of the following plans, if feasible, would allow a company to prepare most effectively for the rapid obsolescence of skills** **described above?**

  (A) The company will develop a program to offer selected employees the opportunity to receive training six years after they were originally hired.

  (B) The company will increase its investment in AMT every year for a period of at least five years.

  (C) The company will periodically survey its employees to determine how the introduction of AMT has affected them.

  (D) Before the introduction of AMT, the company will institute an educational program to inform its employees of the probable consequences of the introduction of AMT.

  (E) The company will ensure that it can offer its employees any training necessary for meeting their job requirements.

2. One variety of partially biodegradable plastic beverage container is manufactured from small bits of plastic bound together by a degradable bonding agent such as cornstarch. Since only the bonding agent degrades, leaving the small bits of plastic, no less plastic refuse per container is produced when such containers are discarded than when comparable nonbiodegradable containers are discarded.

**Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the argument above?**

   (A) Both partially biodegradable and nonbiodegradable plastic beverage containers can be crushed completely flat by refuse compactors.

   (B) The partially biodegradable plastic beverage containers are made with more plastic than comparable nonbiodegradable ones in order  to compensate for the weakening effect of the  bounding agents.

   (C) Many consumers are ecology-minded and prefer to buy a product

         sold in the partially biodegradable plastic beverage containers

         rather than in nonbiodegradable containers, even if the price is higher.

   (D) The manufacturing process for the partially bio- degradable plastic

          beverage containers results in less plastic waste than the

          manufacturing process for nonbiodegradable plastic beverage containers.

   (E) Technological problems with recycling currently prevent the reuse

         as food or beverage containers of the plastic from either type of

         plastic beverage container.

3. The only purpose for which a particular type of tape is needed is to hold certain surgical wounds closed for ten days—the maximum time such wounds need tape. Newtape is a new brand of this type of tape. Newtape’s salespeople claim that Newtape will improve healing because Newtape adheres twice as long as the currently used tape does.

**Which of the following statements, if true, would most seriously call** **into question the claim made by Newtape’s salespeople?**

   (A) Most surgical wounds take about ten days to heal.

   (B) Most surgical tape is purchased by hospitals and clinics rather than by individual surgeons.

   (C) The currently used tape’s adhesiveness is more than sufficient to hold wounds closed for ten days.

   (D) Neither Newtape nor the currently used tape adheres well to skin that has not been cleaned.

   (E) Newtape’s adhesion to skin that has been coated with a special chemical preparation is only half as good as the currently used tape’s adhesion to such coated skin.

**ANSWER KEY: 1. E   2. B   3 C**