**[Verbal Reasoning 19](http://borzabadi.persianblog.ir/page/19" \o "Link)**

1. Teresa: Manned spaceflight does not have a future, since it cannot compete economically with other means of accomplishing the objectives of spaceflight.

    Edward: No mode of human transportation has a better record of reliability: two accidents in twenty-five years. Thus manned spaceflight definitely has a positive future.

**Which of the following is the best logical evaluation of Edward’s** **argument as a response to Teresa’s argument?**

(A) It cites evidence that, if true, tends to disprove the evidence cited by Teresa in drawing her conclusion.

(B) It indicates a logical gap in the support that Teresa offers for her conclusion.

(C) It raises a consideration that outweighs the argument Teresa makes.

(D) It does not meet Teresa’s point because it assumes that there is no serious impediment to transporting people into space, but this was the issue raised by Teresa.

(E) It fails to respond to Teresa’s argument because it does not address the fundamental issue of whether space activities should have priority over other claims on the national budget.

2. A program instituted in a particular state allows parents to prepay their children’s future college tuition at current rates. The program then pays the tuition annually for the child at any of the state’s public colleges in which the child enrolls. Parents should participate in the program as a means of decreasing the cost for their children’s college education.

**Which of the following, if true, is the most appropriate reason for** **parents not to participate in the program?**

(A) The parents are unsure about which pubic college in the state the child will attend.

(B) The amount of money accumulated by putting the prepayment funds in an interest-bearing account today will be greater than the total cost of tuition for any of the pubic colleges when the child enrolls.

(C) The annual cost of tuition at the state’s pubic colleges is expected to increase at a faster rate than the annual increase in the cost of living

(D) Some of the state’s public colleges are contemplating large increases in tuition next year.

(E) The prepayment plan would not cover the cost of room and board at any of the state’s public colleges.

3. A conservation group in the United States is trying to change the long-standing image of bats as frightening creatures. The group contends that bats are feared and persecuted solely because they are shy animals that are active only at night.

**Which of the following, if true, would cast the most serious doubt** **on the accuracy of the group’s contention?**

(A) Bats are steadily losing natural roosting places such as caves and hollow trees and are thus turning to more developed areas for roosting.

(B) Bats are the chief consumers of nocturnal insects and thus can help make their hunting territory more pleasant for humans.

(C) Bats are regarded as frightening creatures not only in the United States but also in Europe, Africa, and South America.

(D) Raccoons and owls are shy and active only at night; yet they are not generally feared and persecuted.

(E) People know more about the behavior of other greatly feared animal species, such as lions, alligators, and snakes, than they do about the behavior of bats.

**ANSWER KEY: 1. D     2. B      3. D**