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1. For hundreds of years, pearl divers have gathered pearls directly

   from mollusks on the sea floor. This is an extremely risky profession,

   exposing the divers to risks of drowning, air embolism, and shark

   attacks. Still, as long as society demands authentic cultured pearls,

   these brave divers must continue to risk their lives.

**Which of the following statements, if true, most seriously weakens**

**the conclusion above?**

A. Shark attacks on pearl divers have decreased steadily over the

     last three decades because of declining shark populations.

B. Cultured pearls are generally considered more beautiful than

     those made by artificial means.

C. Robotic pearl harvesters can gather pearls faster and at less

    cost than human divers, although they may disturb aquatic

    communities.

D. Part of the value of cultured pearls derives from the exotic way

     in which they are obtained.

E. With the proper equipment and training, a diver employing

    scuba gear can harvest three times as many pearls per hour

    as can a free air diver.

2. The Elk City garbage dumps are so full that Elk City has been

    forced to pay a large sum to Caribou City to accept much of Elk

   City’s garbage. The Elk City mayor has proposed paying for this

   garbage relocation by imposing a tax on manufacturing businesses

   in Elk City. MegaCorp, the largest manufacturing business in the

   area, protests that this tax is unfair because businesses should not

   have to pay for a garbage problem that has been created by homeowners.

**Which of the following, if true, most weakens MegaCorp’s argument?**

A. MegaCorp already pays more than $10,000 per year in taxes and

    fees to Elk City.

B. MegaCorp employs more than 60 percent of the employed

    residents of Elk City.

C. A recycling program would address the garbage problem more

    effectively by reducing the overall quantity of waste.

D. MegaCorp’s manufacturing processes produce more than 90

    percent of the total waste that goes into Elk City’s garbage dumps.

E. Caribou City is happy to receive the extra garbage because the fees

    it collects from Elk City have helped to address a shortfall in education

    funding.

3.The Comfocar company manufactures a sedan that can drive

     comfortably at 80 miles per hour. A rival company, Turbocar,

     recently introduced a comparably equipped sedan that can

     drive comfortably at up to 110 miles per hour. Turbocar claims

     that its sedan will outsell Comfocar’s sedan because the

     Turbocar sedan can get customers to their destinations in

     comfort much faster than can the Comfocar sedan.

**Which of the following, if true, casts the most doubt on Turbocar’s claims?**

A. Customers in surveys consistently rank comfort among the

     most important criteria in purchasing a car.

B. Many road surfaces are engineered to allow comfortable

    driving at speeds up to 120 miles per hour.

C. Automotive safety experts state that it is not safe for any

    car to be driven faster than 100 miles per hour.

D. Comprehensive research has determined that while the

     Turbocar model has faster acceleration and a higher top

     speed than the Comfocar sedan, both cars show approximately

     the same fuel efficiency.

E. Nowhere in the main marketing areas for these two car companies

     is it legal or practical to drive faster than 70 miles per hour.

**Answer Key:**

1. C   2. D   3. E