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1. A company is considering changing its policy concerning daily working hours. Currently, this company requires all employees to arrive at work at 8 a.m. The proposed policy would permit each employee to decide when to arrive—from as early as 6 a.m. to as late as 11 a.m.

**The adoption of this policy would be most likely to decrease employees’ productivity if the employees’ job functions required them to**

 (A) work without interruption from other employees

 (B) consult at least once a day with employees from

       other companies

 (C) submit their work for a supervisor’s eventual

       approval

 (D) interact frequently with each other throughout

       the entire workday

 (E) undertake projects that take several days to

       complete

3. Installing scrubbers in smokestacks and switching to cleaner-burning fuel are the two methods available to

  Northern Power for reducing harmful emissions from its plants. Scrubbers will reduce harmful emissions more than cleaner-burning fuels will. Therefore, by installing scrubbers, Northern Power will be doing the most that can be done to reduce harmful emissions from its plants.

**Which of the following is an assumption on which** **the argument depends?**

  (A) Switching to cleaner-burning fuel will not be

        more expensive than installing scrubbers.

  (B) Northern Power can choose from among various

        kinds of scrubbers, some of which are more

        effective than others.

  (C) Northern Power is not necessarily committed to

        reducing harmful emissions from its plants.

  (D) Harmful emissions from Northern Power’s plants

        cannot be reduced more by using both methods

        together than by the installation of scrubbers

        alone.

  (E) Aside from harmful emissions from the smoke-

        stacks of its plants, the activities of Northern

        Power do not cause significant air pollution.

4. Some anthropologists study modern-day societies of foragers in an effort to learn about our ancient ancestors who were also foragers. A flaw in this strategy is that forager societies are extremely varied. Indeed, any forager society with which anthropologists are familiar has had considerable contact with modern nonforager societies.

**Which of the following, if true, would most weaken** **the criticism made above of the anthropologists’** **strategy?**

 (A) All forager societies throughout history have had

       a number of important features in common that

       are absent from other types of societies.

 (B) Most ancient forager societies either dissolved or

       made a transition to another way of life.

 (C) All anthropologists study one kind or another of

       modern-day society.

 (D) Many anthropologists who study modern-day

       forager societies do not draw inferences about

       ancient societies on the basis of their studies.

 (E) Even those modern-day forager societies that

       have not had significant contact with modern societies are importantly different from ancient forager societies.

**Answer Key:**

1. D   2. D   3. A