**[Verbal Reasoning 14](http://borzabadi.persianblog.ir/page/14" \o "Link)**

‍1. Suitable habitats for gray wolves have greatly diminished in area.

    In spite of this fact, the most sensible course would be to refrain from

    reestablishing gray wolves in places where previously they have been

    hunted out of existence. Striving to bring back these animals to places

    where they will only face lethal human hostility is immoral.

**The argument above depends on**

(A) an appeal to an authority

(B) a belief that gray wolves are dangerous to human beings and livestock

(C) an assumption that two events that occur together must be causally                    connected

(D) an assumption that the future will be like the past

(E) a threat of violence against those persons presenting the opposing view

**The argument above would be most significantly weakened if which of    the following were true?**

(A) Effective laws against the hunting of gray wolves have been enacted.

(B) Ranchers, farmers, and hunters still have an ingrained bias against gray

      wolves.

(C) By the 1930's bounty hunters had exterminated most of the gray wolves in

       the United States.

(D) Programs for increasing the gray wolf population are not aided by federal

       laws that require the licensing of hunters of certain predators.

(E) Suggested programs for increasing the gray wolf population have been

      criticized by environmentalists and biologists.

2. In the suburbs surrounding Middletown, there is an average of 2.4 automobiles

    per family, and thus very few suburban residents use public buses. The

    suburban communities, therefore, would derive little benefit from continuing

    to subsidize the portion of Middletown's public bus system that serves

    the suburbs.

**Which of the following, if true, casts the most serious doubt on the**

**conclusion drawn above?**

(A) The real-estate tax rate in Middletown is higher than it is in the suburbs.

(B) Last year voters in the suburban communities defeated by a narrow margin a

      bill designed to increase subsidies for public bus routes.

(C) Many suburban shops can attract enough employees to remain in business

      only because subsidized public transportation from Middletown is available.

(D) Public buses operated with less than a 35 percent occupancy rate produce          more pollution per passenger mile than would the operation of private                  automobiles for each passenger.

(E) Most voters in Middletown's suburban communities are unwilling to continue

      subsidies for public buses next year if ridership on those buses drops

      below current levels.

3. A study comparing a group of chronically depressed individuals with an

    otherwise matched group of individuals free from depression found

    significantly more disorders of the immune system among the depressed             group.According to the researchers, these results strongly support the                 hypothesis that mental states influence the body's vulnerability to infection.

**Which of the following, if true, casts the most serious doubt on the**

**researchers' interpretation of their findings?**

(A) The researchers' view does little more than echo a familiar theme in

       folklore an literature.

(B) Chronically depressed individuals are no less careful than others to

      avoid exposure to infections.

(C) Disorders of the immune system cause many of those individuals who

       have them to become chronically depressed.

(D) Individuals who have previously been free from depression can become

      depressed quite suddenly.

 (E) A high frequency of infections can stem from an unusually high level

       of exposure rather than from any disorder of the immune system.

**Answer Key: 1. D/A    2. C     3. C**