

1. Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your application. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer you a position in our local government office for the summer. As you know, funding for summer jobs is limited, and it is impossible for us to offer jobs to all those who want them. Consequently, we are forced to reject many highly qualified applicants.

Which of the following can be inferred from the letter?

- A. The number of applicants for summer jobs in the government office exceeded the number of summer jobs available.
- B. The applicant who received the letter was considered highly qualified.
- C. Very little funding was available for summer jobs in the government office.
- D. The application of the person who received the letter was considered carefully before being rejected.
- E. Most of those who applied for summer jobs were considered qualified for the available positions.

2. If A, then B.

If B, then C.

If C, then D.

If all of the statements above are true, which of the following must also be true?

- A. If D, then A.
- B. If not B, then not C.
- C. If not D, then not A.
- D. If D, then E.
- E. If not A, then not D.

3. June is taller than Kristin.

Letty is taller than Maria.

Maria is shorter than Nancy.

Kristin and Nancy are exactly the same height.

If the information above is true, which of the following must also be true?

- A. Letty is taller than Nancy.
- B. Letty is taller than June.
- C. Kristin is shorter than Letty.
- D. June is taller than Maria.
- E. Kristin is shorter than Maria.

4. In the effort to fire a Civil Service employee, his or her manager may have to spend up to \$100,000 of tax money. Since Civil Service employees know how hard it is to fire them, they tend to loaf. This explains in large part why the government is so inefficient.

It can be properly inferred on the basis of the statements above that the author believes which of the following?

- I. Too much job security can have a negative influence on workers.
- II. More government workers should be fired.
- III. Most government workers are Civil Service employees.

- A. I only
- B. I and III only
- C. II only
- D. I, II, and III
- E. III only

5. Ronald: According to my analysis of the national economy, housing prices should not increase during the next six months unless interest rates drop significantly.

Mark: I disagree. One year ago, when interest rates last fell significantly, housing prices did not increase at all.

It can be inferred from the conversation above that Mark has interpreted Ronald's statement to mean that

- A. housing prices will rise only if interest rates fall
- B. if interest rates fall, housing prices must rise
- C. interest rates and housing prices tend to rise and fall together

- D. interest rates are the only significant economic factor affecting housing prices
 - E. interest rates are likely to fall significantly in the next six months
6. Bill: Smoke-detecting fire alarms can save lives. I believe that every apartment in this city should be required by law to be equipped with a smoke detector.

Joe: I disagree with your proposal. Smoke detectors are just as important for safety in private houses as they are in apartment.

From this exchange, it can be inferred that Joe has interpreted Bill's statement to mean that

- A. the city should be responsible for providing smoke detectors for apartments
 - B. residences outside the city should not be equipped with smoke detectors
 - C. only apartments should be equipped with smoke detectors
 - D. the risk of fire is not as great in private houses as it is in apartments
 - E. the rate of death by fire is unusually high in the city in question
7. Informed people generally assimilate information from several divergent sources before coming to an opinion. However, most popular news organizations view foreign affairs solely through the eyes of our State Department. In reporting the political crisis in foreign country B, news organizations must endeavor to find alternative sources of information.

Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the argument above?

- A. To the degree that a news source gives an account of another country that mirrors that of our State Department, that reporting is suspect.
- B. To protect their integrity, news media should avoid the influence of State Department releases in their coverage of foreign affairs.
- C. Reporting that is not influenced by the State Department is usually more accurate than are other accounts.
- D. The alternative sources of information mentioned in the passage would probably not share the same views as the State Department.
- E. A report cannot be seen as influenced by the State Department if it accurately depicts the events in a foreign country.

8. Below is an excerpt from a letter that was sent by the chairman of a corporation to the stockholders.

A number of charges have been raised against me, some serious, some trivial. Individuals seeking to control the corporation for their own purposes have demanded my resignation. Remember that no court of law in any state has found me guilty of any criminal offense whatsoever. In the American tradition, as you know, an individual is considered innocent until proven guilty. Furthermore, as the corporation's unbroken six-year record of growth will show, my conduct of my official duties as chairman has only helped enhance the success of the corporation, and so benefited every stockholder.

Which of the following can be properly inferred from the excerpt?

- A. The chairman believes that all those who have demanded his resignation are motivated by desire to control the corporation for their own purposes.
 - B. Any misdeeds that the chairman may have committed were motivated by his desire to enhance the success of the corporation.
 - C. The chairman is innocent of any criminal offense.
 - D. The corporation has expanded steadily over the past six years.
 - E. Any legal proceedings against the chairman have resulted in his acquittal.
9. Freud's theories of the workings of the mind, while brilliant for their day, were formulated before most of this century's great advances in neurophysiology and biochemistry. Today, we have a far deeper understanding of the biological components of thought, emotion, and behavior than was dreamed of eighty years ago. It would be foolish to continue parroting Freud's psychological theories as if these advances had never occurred.

It can be inferred from the passage above that the author would be most likely to favor

- A. The abandonment of most of Freud's theories
 - B. A greater reliance on biological rather than psychological explanations of behavior
 - C. A critical reexamination of Freud's place in the history of psychology
 - D. A re-examination of Freud's theories in the light of contemporary biology
 - E. Increased financial support for studies in neurophysiology and biochemistry
10. Most ambitious employees are happy employees, and most ambitious employees go to top firms. Furthermore, all employees who go to top firms are overworked.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Most overworked employees are happy employees.
- B. Some happy employees are overworked.

- C. All overworked employees are ambitious employees.
- D. All ambitious employees are overworked

11. Although its purpose is laudable, the exclusionary rule, which forbids a court to consider evidence seized in violation of the defendant's constitutional rights, has unduly hampered law-enforcement efforts. Even when the rights violation was a minor or purely technical one, turning on a detail of procedure rather than on the abrogation of some fundamental liberty, and even when it has been clear that the police officers were acting in good faith, the evidence obtained has been considered tainted under this rule and may not even be introduced. In consequence, defendants who were undoubtedly guilty have been set free, perhaps to steal, rape, or murder again.

It can be inferred from the passage that the author would most likely endorse which of the following proposals?

- A. Change of the exclusionary rule to admit evidence obtained by police officers acting in good faith
 - B. A constitutional amendment curtailing some of the protections traditionally afforded those accused of a crime
 - C. A statute limiting the application of the exclusionary rule to cases involving minor criminal offenses
 - D. Change of the exclusionary rule to allow any evidence, no matter how obtained, to be introduced in court
 - E. A constitutional amendment allowing police officers to obtain vital evidence by any means necessary when in pursuit of a known criminal
12. In the industrialized nations, the last century has witnessed a shortening of the average workday from twelve hours or longer to less than eight hours. Mindful of this enormous increase in leisure time over the past century, many people assume that the same trend has obtained throughout history, and that, therefore, prehistoric humans must have labored incessantly for their very survival.

We cannot, of course, directly test this assumption. However, a study of primitive peoples of today suggests a different conclusion. The Mbuti of central Africa, for instance, spend only a few hours each day in hunting, gathering, and tending to other economic necessities. The rest of their time is spent as they choose. The implication is that the short workday is not peculiar to industrialized societies. Rather, both the extended workday of 1880 and the shorter workday of today are products of different stages of the continuing process of industrialization.

Which of the following inferences about industrialization is best supported by the passage above?

- A. People in advanced industrialized societies have more leisure time than those in non-industrialized societies.
- B. An average workday of twelve hours or more is peculiar to economies in the early stages of industrialization.
- C. Industrialization involves a trade-off between tedious, monotonous jobs and the benefits of increased leisure.
- D. It is likely that the extended workday of an industrializing country will eventually be

shortened.

- E. As industrialization progresses, people tend to look for self-fulfillment in leisure rather than work.

13. Some of the university athletes playing softball also play baseball, but none of them play cricket. Yet some of the cricket players also play baseball.

Which one of the following statements follows logically from the statements above?

- A. Most softball players play only softball and no other sport.
- B. Some of the cricket players playing baseball also play softball.
- C. There are some baseball players who play cricket but not softball.
- D. There are some baseball players who play neither cricket nor softball.

14. It is even more important that we criticize democracies that have committed human rights violations than that we criticize dictatorships that have committed more violent human rights offenses. Human rights violations are always inexcusable, but those committed by governments that represent the will of the people are even more reprehensible than those committed by dictators. Further, our criticism is more likely to have an effect on the former than on the latter.

Which one of the following is a proper inference from the passage?

- A. All governments commit same inexcusable and reprehensible acts.
- B. Some human rights violations are more reprehensible than other, more violent human rights violations.
- C. Criticism of human rights violations is certain to have no effect on a dictatorship.
- D. Human rights violations are more likely to occur in democracies than in dictatorship.
- E. Those who do represent the will of the people are less likely to be moved by criticism than are those who merely claim to represent the will of the people.

15. Currently people in the United States eat, on the average, 1,431 pounds of food per year, 35 pounds more than in 1980. This increase is, at least in part, because people between the ages of 15 and 64 have accounted for an increasing share of the population.

Which of the following can be properly inferred from the passage above?

- A. More than half of the current population of the United States is between the ages of 15 and 64.
- B. The population has risen since 1980.
- C. Children below the age of 15 require, on the average, more food than do people over the age of 64.
- D. Before 1980 children below the age of 15 outnumbered people between the ages of 15 and 64.

- E. Individuals between the ages of 15 and 64 consume, on the average, more food than do those younger or older.

16. Too many companies bet on having a cut-throat, high-pressure, take-no-prisoners culture to drive their financial success. But a large and growing body of research on positive organizational psychology posits that a cut-throat environment is harmful to productivity over time, and that a positive environment will lead to dramatic benefits for employers, employees, and the bottom line.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Financial success can be the outcome of a highly competitive culture.
 - B. Productivity and financial success are to a large extent synonymous.
 - C. A positive environment leads to dramatic benefits for some people.
 - D. Research on positive organizational psychology is largely beneficial.
17. According to a recent study, fifteen corporations in the United States that follow a credo of social responsibility are also very profitable. Because of their credos, these fifteen corporations give generously to charity, follow stringent environmental-protection policies, and have vigorous affirmative-action programs.

Which of the following can be correctly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Following a credo of social responsibility helps to make a corporation very profitable.
 - B. It is possible for a corporation that follows a credo of social responsibility to be very profitable.
 - C. A corporation that gives generously to charity must be doing so because of its credo of social responsibility.
 - D. Corporations that are very profitable tend to give generously to charity.
 - E. Corporations that have vigorous affirmative-action programs also tend to follow stringent environmental-protection policies.
18. Partly because of bad weather, but also partly because some major pepper growers have switched to high-priced cocoa, world production of pepper has been running well below worldwide sales for three years. Pepper is consequently in relatively short supply. The price of pepper has soared in response: it now equals that of cocoa.

Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Pepper is a profitable crop only if it is grown on a large scale.
- B. World consumption of pepper has been unusually high for three years.
- C. World production of pepper will return to previous levels once normal weather returns.
- D. Surplus stocks of pepper have been reduced in the past three years.
- E. The profits that the growers of pepper have made in the past three years have been unprecedented.

19. Health care expenditures at high-pressure companies are nearly 50% greater than at other organizations. More than \$500 billions are siphoned off from the U.S. economy because of workplace stress, and 550 of the 700 billion workdays are lost each year due to stress on the job. 60 to 80% of workplace accidents are attributable to stress and it's estimated that more than 80% of doctor visits are due to stress.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. At some high pressure companies, health care expenditures are exorbitant.
 - B. At high pressure companies, workplace stress is 50% greater than at other companies.
 - C. Workplace stress is the only factor responsible for monetary loss in the economy.
 - D. Workplace stress can have a negative impact on companies and employees.
20. In a political system with only two major parties, the entrance of a third-party candidate into an election race damages the chances of only one of the two major candidates. The third-party candidate always attracts some of the voters who might otherwise have voted for one of the two major candidates, but not voters who support the other candidate. Since a third-party candidacy affects the two major candidates unequally, for reasons neither of them has any control over, the practice is unfair and should not be allowed.

If the factual information in the passage above is true, which of the following can be most reliably inferred from it?

- A. If the political platform of the third party is a compromise position between that of the two major parties, the third party will draw its voters equally from the two major parties.
 - B. If, before the emergence of a third party, voters were divided equally between the two major parties, neither of the major parties is likely to capture much more than one-half of the vote.
 - C. A third-party candidate will not capture the votes of new voters who have never voted for candidates of either of the two major parties.
 - D. The political stance of a third party will be more radical than that of either of the two major parties.
 - E. The founders of a third party are likely to be a coalition consisting of former leaders of the two major parties.
21. Sales taxes tend to be regressive, affecting poor people more severely than wealthy people. When all purchases of consumer goods are taxed at a fixed percentage of the purchase price, poor people pay a larger proportion of their income in sales taxes than wealthy people do.

It can be correctly inferred on the basis of the statements above that which of the following is true?

- A. Poor people constitute a larger proportion of the taxpaying population than wealthy people do.
- B. Poor people spend a larger proportion of their income on purchases of consumer goods than wealthy people do.
- C. Wealthy people pay, on average, a larger amount of sales taxes than poor people do.

- D. The total amount spent by all poor people on purchases of consumer goods exceeds the total amount spent by all wealthy people on consumer goods.
 - E. The average purchase price of consumer goods bought by wealthy people is higher than that of consumer goods bought by poor people.
22. Pharmaceutical companies don't deserve all of the blame for high drug prices. Lots of other factors in purchasing, distribution, and brokerage have greater incentives to keep prices high than to lower prices or choose drugs that reduce long-term medical and business costs.

The information above best supports which of the following assertions?

- A. All pharmaceutical companies have been blamed for high drug prices.
 - B. Pharmaceutical companies are not doing enough to lower drug prices.
 - C. High priced drugs do not necessarily lead to reduced long-term medical costs.
 - D. Reduced longer-term medical costs can come only from lowering drug prices.
23. Vitamin XYZ has long been a favorite among health food enthusiasts. In a recent large study, those who took large amounts of vitamin XYZ daily for two years showed on average a 40 percent lower risk of heart disease than did members of a control groups. Researchers corrected for differences in relevant health habits, such as diet.

Which one of the following inference is most supported by the passage?

- A. Taking large amount of vitamins is probably worth risking the side effects.
 - B. Li, who has taken large amounts of vitamin XYZ daily for the past two years, has a 40 percent lower risk.
 - C. Taking large amounts of vitamin XYZ daily over the course of one's adult life should be recommended to most adults.
 - D. Those who take large doses of vitamin XYZ daily for the next two years will exhibit on average an increase in the likelihood of avoiding heart disease.
 - E. Health food enthusiasts are probably correct in believing that large daily doses of multiple vitamins promote good health.
24. Book Review: When I read a novel set in a city I know well, I must see that the writer knows the city as well as I do if I am to take that writer seriously. If the writer is faking, I know immediately and do not trust the writer. When a novelist demonstrates the required knowledge, I trust the story teller, so I trust the tale. This trust increases my enjoyment of a good novel. Peter Lee's second novel is set in San Francisco, in this novel, as in his first, Lee passes my test with flying colors.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. The book reviewer enjoys virtually any novel written by a novelist whom she trusts.
- B. If the book reviewer trusts the novelist as a storyteller, the novel in question must be set in a city the book reviewer knows well.

- C. The book reviewer does not believe that she knows San Francisco better than Peter Lee does.
- D. Peter Lee's first novel was set in San Francisco.
- E. The book reviewer does not trust any novel set in a city that she does not know well.

25. Employees tend to be happiest when they feel free to contribute new ideas and take initiative, and most managers claim they want people who do just that. So why doesn't it happen more often? Usually the problem is that bosses promote their own views too strongly. Employees wonder: "Why bother taking risks with new ideas when my boss's views are already so fixed?"

The information above best supports which of the following assertions?

- A. Promoting one's view too strongly can be detrimental to success.
 - B. Promoting one's view too strongly can undermine new initiatives.
 - C. Promoting one's view less strongly can yield a richer return of ideas.
 - D. Promoting one's view less strongly can lead to bigger ideas.
26. Increases in the level of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) in the human bloodstream lower bloodstream-cholesterol levels by increasing the body's capacity to rid itself of excess cholesterol. Levels of HDL in the bloodstream of some individuals are significantly increased by a program of regular exercise and weight reduction.

Which of the following can be correctly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Individuals who are underweight do not run any risk of developing high levels of cholesterol in the bloodstream.
 - B. Individuals who do not exercise regularly have a high risk of developing high levels of cholesterol in the bloodstream late in life.
 - C. Exercise and weight reduction are the most effective methods of lowering bloodstream cholesterol levels in humans.
 - D. A program of regular exercise and weight reduction lowers cholesterol levels in the bloodstream of some individuals.
 - E. Only regular exercise is necessary to decrease cholesterol levels in the bloodstream of individuals of average weight.
27. Radio interferometry is a technique for studying details of celestial objects that combines signals intercepted by widely spaced radio telescopes. This technique requires ultraprecise timing, exact knowledge of the locations of the telescopes, and sophisticated computer programs. The successful interferometric linking of an Earth-based radio telescope with a radio telescope on an orbiting satellite was therefore a significant technological accomplishment.

Which of the following can be correctly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Special care was taken in the launching of the satellite so that the calculations of its orbit would be facilitated.
- B. The signals received on the satellite are stronger than those received by a terrestrial telescope.

- C. The resolution of detail achieved by the satellite-Earth interferometer system is inferior to that achieved by exclusively terrestrial systems.
 - D. The computer programs required for making use of the signals received by the satellite required a long time for development.
 - E. The location of an orbiting satellite relative to locations on Earth can be well enough known for interferometric purposes.
28. There is a fundamental tension between productivity and creativity, and managers won't get more of the latter unless they recognize it. Productive people move through the tasks they have to accomplish in a systematic way. They make steady and measurable progress toward their goals. They make effective and efficient use of their time. Creativity, on the other hand, is unpredictable and needs time and space to grow.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Productivity and creativity, though vastly differing from each other, are mutually inclusive.
 - B. If a manager recognizes the tension between productivity and creativity, he will get more of the latter.
 - C. Because productivity and creativity differ vastly from each other, they are mutually exclusive.
 - D. If a manager is getting more creativity, he has recognized the tension between productivity and creativity.
29. Rural households have more purchasing power than do urban or suburban households at the same income level, since some of the income urban and suburban households use for food and shelter can be used by rural households for other needs.

Which of the following inferences is best supported by the statement made above?

- A. The average rural household includes more people than does the average urban or suburban household.
 - B. Rural households have lower food and housing costs than do either urban or suburban households.
 - C. Suburban households generally have more purchasing power than do either rural or urban households.
 - D. The median income of urban and suburban households is generally higher than that of rural households.
 - E. All three types of households spend more of their income on food and housing than on all other purchases combined.
30. Elena: While I was at the dog show, every dog that growled at me was a white poodle, and every white poodle I saw growled at me.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from Elena's statement?

- A. The only white dogs that Elena saw at the dog show were poodles.
- B. There were no gray poodles at the dog show.

- C. At the dog show, no gray dogs growled at Elena.
- D. All the white dogs that Elena saw growled at her.
- E. Elena did not see any gray poodles at the dog show.

31. James Dyson developed his vacuum by drawing a parallel to sawmills. Fiona Fairhurst designed a faster swimsuit by understanding shark skin. George de Mestral invented Velcro by understanding cockleburs.

The information above best supports which of the following assertions?

- A. Inspiration for inventions can come from unlikely sources.
- B. Some swimsuits are made of shark skin.
- C. Alexander Fleming developed penicillin by observing pencils.
- D. Cockleburs latch onto surfaces using Velcro.

32. Since applied scientific research is required for technological advancement, many have rightly urged an increased emphasis in universities on applied research. But we must not give too little attention to basic research, even though it may have no foreseeable application, for tomorrow's applied research will depend on the basic research of today.

If the statements above are true, which of the following can be most reliably inferred?

- A. If future technological advancement is desired, basic research should receive greater emphasis than applied research.
 - B. If basic research is valued in universities, applied research should be given less emphasis than it currently has.
 - C. If future technological advancement is desired, research should be limited to that with some foreseeable application.
 - D. If too little attention is given to basic research today, future technological advancement will be jeopardized.
 - E. If technological advancement is given insufficient emphasis, basic research will also receive too little attention.
33. One of the more reliable methods of determining regional climatic conditions in prehistoric periods is to examine plant pollen trapped in glacial ice during ancient times. By comparing such pollen samples with spores taken from modern vegetation, scientists can figure out approximately what the weather was like at the time of pollen deposition. Furthermore, by submitting the prehistoric samples to radiocarbon dating techniques, we can also determine when certain climatic conditions were prevalent in that portion of the globe.

Which one of the following may be inferred from the information in the passage?

- A. The earth has undergone several glacial periods.
- B. Radiocarbon dating can be corroborated by glacial evidence.
- C. Similarities between prehistoric and contemporary climates do not exist.

- D. Pollen deposition is a fairly continuous process.
- E. Certain flora are reliably associated with particular climatic conditions.

34. To the delight of TataGat institute, the last three years saw a steady increase in the total tuition revenue as well as the number of enrollments. To the dismay of PellMell Institute, the same period of time saw a steady decrease in the number of enrollments. However, PellMell's total revenue did not change.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. The total tuition revenue of TataGat is more than that of PellMell.
- B. More enrollments lead to an increase in tuition revenue.
- C. TataGat will become the market leader in another three years.
- D. Per-student tuition at PellMell has risen over the last three years.

35. History textbooks frequently need to be revised. The reasons for this are clear: new discoveries of documents and remains, the discovery of mistaken inferences in prior histories, the discovery of previously unnoticed relationships among data, and the application of hitherto undiscovered principles of natural science all may indicate inadequacies in current history texts. Any of these considerations may require that the past be reinterpreted in a manner that is new and more illuminating.

Which one of the following can be inferred from the argument in the passage?

- A. The interpretation of historical events is affected by natural science.
- B. The past is constantly renewed because of illuminating reinterpretations.
- C. History books are outdated as soon as they are written.
- D. Natural scientists also function as historians.
- E. Historians' mistaken inferences are caused by unnoticed relationships among data.

36. Governments have only one response to public criticism of socially necessary services: regulation of the activity of providing those services. But governments inevitably make the activity more expensive by regulating it, and that is particularly troublesome in these times of strained financial resources. However, since public criticism of child-care services has undermined all confidence in such services, and since such services are socially necessary, the government is certain to respond.

Which one of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The quality of child care will improve.
- B. The cost of providing child-care services will increase.
- C. The government will use funding to foster advances in child care.

- D. If public criticism of policy is strongly voiced, the government is certain to respond.
- E. If child-care services are not regulated, the cost of providing child care will not increase.

37. Crazy Horse Hospice experienced a surge in post operation occupancy rates in the years 2011 - 2015. The traditional 43% occupancy rate stayed a somewhat steady 73%. Strangely, the average number of patients admitted each year in the period was 30% lower than in the period 2005-2009, which had experienced a 43% occupancy rate each year. The number of beds for post hospital stay at Crazy Horse Hospice has not changed since 1905.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Crazy Horse Hospice is notorious for its regulations that demand unjustifiable long stays.
 - B. The average duration of hospitalization was higher in 2011-2015 than in 2005-2009.
 - C. Crazy Horse Hospice witnessed higher gross income in the years 2011-2015.
 - D. There were more people hospitalized in the hospice in 2011-2015 than in 2005 - 2009.
38. The advanced technology of ski boots and bindings has brought a dramatic drop in the incidence of injuries that occur on the slopes of ski resorts: from 9 injuries per 1,000 skiers in 1950 to 3 in 1980. As a result, the remainder of ski-related injuries, which includes all injuries occurring on the premises of a ski resort but not on the slopes, rose from 10 percent of all ski-related injuries in 1950 to 25 percent in 1980. The incidence of these injuries, including accidents such as falling down steps, increases with the amount of alcohol consumed per skier.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. As the number of ski injuries that occur on the slopes decreases, the number of injuries that occur on the premises of ski resorts increases.
 - B. The amount of alcohol consumed per skier increased between 1950 and 1980.
 - C. The technology of ski boots and bindings affects the incidence of each type of ski-related injury.
 - D. If the technology of ski boots and bindings continues to advance, the incidence of ski-related injuries will continue to decline.
 - E. Injuries that occurred on the slopes of ski resorts made up a smaller percentage of ski-related injuries in 1980 than in 1950.
39. One method of dating the emergence of species is to compare the genetic material of related species. Scientists theorize that the more genetically similar two species are to each other, the more recently they diverged from a common ancestor. After comparing genetic material from giant pandas, red pandas, raccoons, coatis, and all seven bear species, scientists concluded that bears and raccoons diverged 30 to 50 million years ago. They further concluded that red pandas separated from the ancestor of today's raccoons and coatis a few million years later, some 10 million years before giant pandas diverged from the other bears.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. Giant pandas and red pandas are more closely related than scientists originally thought they were.

- B. Scientists now count the giant panda as the eighth species of bear.
 - C. It is possible to determine, within a margin of just a few years, the timing of divergence of various species.
 - D. Scientists have found that giant pandas are more similar genetically to bears than to raccoons.
 - E. There is substantial consensus among scientists that giant pandas and red pandas are equally related to raccoons.
40. Amelia Lockhart's paintings sold best and received very positive reviews after she unveiled "Months of Solstice", her most famous piece. She had sold 57% of her works in the twelve months before that unveiling. She sold 85% of her works in the 12 months following the unveiling. Nevertheless, in both periods, she sold the same number of paintings.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Lockhart was more concerned with positive reviews than with increasing the prices of her paintings.
 - B. The positive review of "Months of Solstice" brought Lockhart's work to the attention of more art collectors than were previously aware of her work.
 - C. Lockhart painted fewer works in the 12-month period following the unveiling than she had in the 12-month period preceding it.
 - D. Lockhart paid more attention to marketing her paintings after "Months of Solstice" received such a positive reception.
41. A trade embargo cannot be successful unless the government monitors all its borders. If the government monitors all its borders, it has to channel funds for education into the military.

All of the following can be inferred except:

- A. If the government monitors all its borders, a trade embargo might be successful.
 - B. A successful trade embargo indicates that the government is monitoring all its borders.
 - C. Not channeling funds for education into the military indicates that no borders are being monitored
 - D. Channeling funds for education into the military indicates that all borders are being monitored.
42. There is little point in looking to artists for insights into political issues. Most of them hold political views that are less insightful than those of any reasonably well-educated person who is not an artist. Indeed, when taken as a whole, the statements made by artists, including those considered to be great, indicate that artistic talent and political insight are rarely found together.

Which one of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. There are no artists who have insights into political issues.
- B. A thorough education in art makes a person reasonably well educated.
- C. Every reasonably well-educated person who is not an artist has more insight into political issues than any artist.
- D. Politicians rarely have any artistic talent.
- E. Some artists are no less politically insightful than some reasonably well-educated persons who are not artists.

43. The cost of producing Lego rip-offs in China is 20% less than the cost of producing Lego rip-offs in India. Indian companies find it cheaper to procure Lego rip-offs from China than to manufacture them in India. This holds true even after taxes and freight charges are taken into account.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Taxes and freight charges on Lego equal less than 20% of the cost of producing Lego rip-offs in India.
 - B. Taxes and freight charges on Lego equal more than 20% of the cost of producing Lego rip-offs in India.
 - C. Lego rip rip-offs from China make for a better financial deal for Indian companies than from other nations.
 - D. The cost of producing Lego rip-offs in China is less because of the more efficient work practices followed in China.
44. Leachate is a solution, frequently highly contaminated, that develops when water permeates a landfill site. If and only if the landfill's capacity to hold liquids is exceeded does the leachate escape into the environment, generally in unpredictable quantities. A method must be found for disposing of leachate. Most landfill leachate is sent directly to sewage treatment plants, but not all sewage plants are capable of handling the highly contaminated water.

Which one of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The ability to predict the volume of escaping landfill leachate would help solve the disposal problem.
 - B. If any water permeates a landfill, leachate will escape into the environment.
 - C. No sewage treatment plants are capable of handling leachate.
 - D. Some landfill leachate is sent to sewage treatment plants that are incapable of handling it.
 - E. If leachate does not escape from a landfill into the environment, then the landfill's capacity to hold liquids has not been exceeded.
45. Teesta Group has two divisions – Beti and Beta. Beti accounted for 20% of overall revenue last fiscal year while Beta accounted for the remaining. But in the year before last, Beti had accounted for 50% of the total revenue and Beta for the difference.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. In the year before last Beti accounted for more revenue than it did last year.
 - B. In the year before last Beta accounted for less revenue than it did last year.
 - C. Beti and Beta generated a higher percentage of revenue in the last fiscal year.
 - D. Beti could have generated the same revenue last year as it did in the year before last.
46. Eye sores are always accompanied by redness and swelling. Eye sores are caused by the bacterium mephistopheles. The past five months have seen a spurt in cases of eye sores in Amberville. The population of Amberville has not changed since 2013.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the statements above?

- A. Mephistopheles have multiplied more aggressively in the past five months.
- B. Redness and swelling of eyes have become more common in Amberville.
- C. Redness and swelling of eyes are always accompanied by eye sores.
- D. Redness and swelling of the eyes are sometimes caused by the bacterium mephistopheles.

47. In an experiment, two-year-old boys and their fathers made pie dough together using rolling pins and other utensils. Each father-son pair used a rolling pin that was distinctively different from those used by the other father-son pairs, and each father repeated the phrase "rolling pin" each time his son used it. But when the children were asked to identify all of the rolling pins among a group of kitchen utensils that included several rolling pins, each child picked only the one that he had used.

Which one of the following inferences is most supported by the information above?

- A. The children did not grasp the function of rolling pin.
 - B. No two children understood the name "rolling pin" to apply to the same object.
 - C. The children understood that all rolling pins have the same general shape.
 - D. Each child was able to identify correctly only the utensils that he had used.
 - E. The children were not able to distinguish the rolling pins they used from other rolling pins.
48. A single strand of hair is made up of protein fiber which means that it requires an adequate dose of protein to grow. If you do not consume enough protein, your body will ration the quantity available by cutting off the supply to the hair follicles. If you do not eat enough protein, your hair is likely to become dry and brittle. Every cell requires protein for life; they are needed for tissue repair and for the construction of new tissue.
- The above argument leads to the inference that
- A. reduced supply of proteins to the hair follicles makes them susceptible to dryness.
 - B. hairs are made up of different kinds of proteins which we get from the food we consume.
 - C. proteins consumed by us are broken down to simpler products for effective use.
 - D. most of the hair-related diseases can be traced to inadequate intake of proteins.
49. Zelda: Dr. Ladlow, a research psychologist, has convincingly demonstrated that his theory about the determinants of rat behavior generates consistently accurate predictions about how rats will perform in a maze. On the basis of this evidence, Dr. Ladlow has claimed that his theory is irrefutably correct.

Anson: Then Dr. Ladlow is not responsible psychologist. Dr. Ladlow's evidence does not conclusively prove that his theory is correct. Responsible psychologists always accept the possibility that new evidence will show that their theories are incorrect.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from Anson's argument?

- A. Dr. Ladlow's evidence that his theory generates consistently accurate predictions about how rats will perform in a maze is inaccurate.
- B. Psychologists who can derive consistently accurate predictions about how rats will perform in a maze from their theories cannot responsibly conclude that those theories cannot be disproved.
- C. No matter how responsible psychologists are, they can never develop correct theoretical explanations.

- D. Responsible psychologists do not make predictions about how rats will perform in a maze.
- E. Psychologists who accept the possibility that new evidence will show that their theories are incorrect are responsible psychologists.

50. In 1700, in Western Europe, there were some 400 different kinds of jobs you could choose from. Nowadays, there are approximately 500,000. No wonder if we sometimes have a bit of trouble settling on what we might want to do. For most of history, the majority of humans have believed that this life may not be the only chance we get to fulfill ourselves.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above argument?

- A. Variety of jobs increases as modernization sets in.
- B. Increased options may lead to confusion.
- C. There will be other lives beyond this life.
- D. Career anxiety stems from a growing inability to believe in next lives.

51. During construction of the Quebec Bridge in 1907, the bridge's designer, Theodore Cooper, received word that the suspended span being built out from the bridge's cantilever was deflecting downward by a fraction of an inch. Before he could telegraph to freeze the project, the whole cantilever arm broke off and plunged, along with seven dozens workers, into the St. Lawrence River. It was the worst bridge construction disaster in history. As a direct result of the inquiry that followed, the engineering "rules of thumb" by which thousands of bridges had been built went down with the Quebec Bridge. Twentieth-century bridge engineers would thereafter depend on far more rigorous applications of mathematical analysis.

Which one of the following statements can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. Bridges built before about 1907 were built without thorough mathematical analysis and, therefore, were unsafe for the public to use.
- B. Cooper's absence from the Quebec Bridge construction site resulted in the breaking off of the cantilever.
- C. Nineteenth-century bridge engineers relied on their rules of thumb because analytical methods were inadequate to solve their design problems.
- D. Only a more rigorous application of mathematical analysis to the design of the Quebec Bridge could have prevented its collapse.
- E. Prior to 1907 the mathematical analysis incorporated in engineering rules of thumb was insufficient to completely assure the safety of bridges under construction.

52. While any socio-political issue must be debated and there should be various perspectives, what is unfortunate about the recent discourse on this subject is the level of debate among thought leaders and people from whom one would expect more sophisticated arguments. It appears that what big-mouthed and small-minded political party spokespersons do has become the default debating narrative of those who should know better and show us the way ahead.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above argument?

- A. Thought leaders have stooped to disturbingly low level while debating on the said issue.
- B. While debating the said issue, spokespersons of political parties are resorting to unacceptably low levels.
- C. Rationality is being superceded with name-calling and personal attacks in discussing the said subject.
- D. The default debating narrative of thought leaders about the recent discourse on the subject has been sophisticated.

53. Nursing schools cannot attract a greater number of able applicants than they currently do unless the problems of low wages and high-stress working conditions in the nursing profession are solved. If the pool of able applicants to nursing school does not increase beyond the current level, either the profession will have to lower its entrance standards, or there will soon be an acute shortage of nurses. It is not certain, however, that lowering entrance standards will avert a shortage. It is clear that with either a shortage of nurses or lowered entrance standards of the profession, the current high quality of health care cannot be maintained.

Which one of the following can be property inferred from the passage?

- A. If the nursing profession solves the problems of low wages and high-stress working conditions, it will attract able applicants in greater numbers than it currently does.
- B. The nursing profession will have to lower its entrance standards if the pool of able applicants to nursing school does not increase beyond the current level.
- C. If the nursing profession solves the problems of low wages and high-stress working conditions, high quality health care will be maintained.
- D. If the nursing profession fails to solve the problems of low wages and high-stress working conditions, there will soon be an acute shortage of nurses.
- E. The current high quality of health care will not be maintained if the problems of low wages and high-stress working conditions in the nursing profession are not solved.

54. I do not have anything in my bag that I do not need. Yet, I know that when I look into my bag 3 months from now, there would be a few articles that would be useless. This, when I know that no new item would be put into my bag.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above argument?

- A. There is a thin line difference between what is useful and what is useless.
- B. The author is finicky about what all he has in his bag.
- C. The author has mistakenly kept some useless articles in his bag.
- D. Some articles become redundant with time.

55. People with serious financial problems are so worried about money that they cannot be happy. Their misery makes everyone close to them—family, friends, colleagues—unhappy as well. Only if their financial problems are solved can they and those around them be happy.

Which one of the following statements can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. Only serious problems make people unhappy.
- B. People who solve their serious financial problems will be happy.
- C. People who do not have serious financial problems will be happy.
- D. If people are unhappy, they have serious financial problems.
- E. If people are happy, they do not have serious financial problems.

56. It is because the entrance exam of Indian Science Services, rather than focusing on science subjects like physics and chemistry, is dominated by reasoning that the lopsided gender ratio in the services exists. If we want more women to join the services, we must make the entrance exams more all-rounded.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above argument?

- A. An all-rounded entrance exam of Indian Science Services will be equally tough for both the genders.
- B. Women are in general not as good in reasoning as men.
- C. The entrance exam of Indian Science Services is very tough.
- D. The lopsided gender ratio in the said services is because of the reasoning-heavy entrance exam of the services.

57. An easy willingness to tell funny stories or jokes about oneself is the surest mark of supreme self-confidence. This willingness, often not acquired until late in life, is even more revealing than is good-natured acquiescence in having others poke fun at one.

Which one of the following inference is most supported by the statements above?

- A. A person who lacks self-confidence will enjoy neither telling nor hearing funny stories about himself or herself.
- B. People with high self-confidence do not tell funny stories or jokes about others.
- C. Highly self-confident people tell funny stories and jokes in order to let their audience know that they are self-confident.
- D. Most people would rather tell a funny story or joke than listen to one being told.
- E. Telling funny stories or jokes about people in their presence is a way of expressing one's respect for them.

58. "I am ready to die", a friend of mine told me recently. Is this the flip side of desire or need? Is it a sense of been there, done that? That there is nothing left to experience, or is it just that our senses have been so stimulated that it feels like enough already? We live in a time when our desires are fulfilled with the click of a button - so is it so surprising that suddenly our entire lives feel falsely satiated? Perhaps not.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above argument?

- A. Technology has made life simpler yet complex.
- B. Effortless gratification leads to pseudo-satisfaction.

- C. Money and success do not always lead to happiness.
- D. Over-stimulation of senses ignites desires and needs.

59. Nature constantly adjusts the atmospheric carbon level. An increase in the level causes the atmosphere to hold more heat, which causes more water to evaporate from the oceans, which causes increased rain. Rain washes some carbon from the air into the oceans, where it eventually becomes part of the seabed. A decrease in atmospheric carbon causes the atmosphere to hold less heat, which causes decreased evaporation from the oceans, which causes less rain, and thus less carbon is washed into the oceans. Yet some environmentalists worry that burning fossil fuels may raise atmospheric carbon to a dangerous level. It is true that a sustained increase would threaten human life. But the environmentalists should relax—nature will continually adjust the carbon level.

Each of the following can be inferred from the information in the passage EXCEPT:

- A. A decrease in the level of atmospheric heat causes a decrease in the amount of carbon that rain washes into the oceans from the air.
- B. An increase in the level of carbon in the atmosphere causes increased evaporation of ocean water.
- C. An increase in the level of atmospheric heat causes increased rainfall.
- D. A decrease in the level of carbon in the atmosphere causes decreased evaporation of ocean water.
- E. A decrease in the level of atmospheric heat causes a decrease in the level of carbon in the atmosphere.

60. Despite being an early Indian politician, Shri Patel was never involved in any sort of corruption. It is indeed true that purity in thoughts and action is the utmost requirement to achieve success in life and that he who cheats would be cheated by fate. And he who is honest will have the best in life.

Which of the following cannot be inferred from the paragraph above?

- A. Purity of thought does not permit corrupt practices.
- B. Many early Indian politicians were corrupt.
- C. A dishonest person may not have the best in life.
- D. If one has purity in thoughts and actions, then he is bound to be successful in life.

61. The only way that bookstores can profitably sell books at below-market prices is to get the books at a discount from publishers. Unless bookstores generate a high sales volume, however, they cannot get discounts from publishers. To generate such volume, bookstores must either cater to mass tastes or have exclusive access to a large specialized market, such as medical market, or both.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. If a bookstore receives discounts from publishers, it will profitably sell books at below-market prices.
- B. A bookstore that caters to mass tastes or has exclusive access to a large specialized market will have a high sales volume.

- C. A bookstore that profitably sells books at below-market prices gets discounts from publishers.
- D. A bookstore that does not sell books at below-market prices does not get discounts from publishers.
- E. A bookstore that not only caters to mass tastes but also has exclusive access to a large specialized market cannot profitably sell books at below-market prices.

62. If all statements in the passage are true and if it is also true that a bookstore does not cater to mass tastes, which one of the following CANNOT be true?

- A. The bookstore profitably sells some of its books at below-market prices.
- B. The bookstore does not profitably sell any of its books at below-market prices.
- C. Either the bookstore has exclusive access to a large specialized market or else it does not get a discount from any publishers.
- D. The bookstore does not have exclusive access to a large specialized market but profitably sells some of its books at below-market prices.
- E. The bookstore does not have exclusive access to a large specialized market, nor does it get a discount from any publishers.

63. Let us say you have a brilliant name. It is short, it is memorable, it is relevant and it describes directly what you do. But, a year or two later you will come to an unsettling realization. What your startup did when you came up with the name is no longer what it does now. Maybe you pivoted into a different business. Maybe you just expanded the scope of what you are doing.

Which of the following is not an inference from the paragraph above?

- A. Start up names become irrelevant in a couple of years.
- B. Names become irrelevant when companies venture into a different field.
- C. Brevity is a desired characteristic in a startup's name.
- D. Many startups have names that are short and memorable, but not relevant.

64. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates the introduction of new therapeutic agents into the marketplace. Consequently, it plays a critical role in improving health care in the United States. While it is those in the academic and government research communities who engage in the long process of initial discovery and clinical testing of new therapeutic agents, it is the FDA's role and responsibility to facilitate the transfer of new discoveries from the laboratory to the marketplace. Only after the transfer can important new therapies help patients.

Which one of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- A. The FDA is responsible for ensuring that any therapeutic agent that is marketed is then regulated.

- B. Before new therapeutic agents reach the marketplace they do not help patients.
- C. The research community is responsible for the excessively long testing period for new drugs, not the FDA.
- D. The FDA should work more closely with researchers to ensure that the quality of therapeutic agents is maintained.
- E. If a new medical discovery has been transferred from the laboratory to the marketplace, it will help patients.

65. There are lots of reasons that people with lower incomes and education tend to have lower life expectancies: differences in access to health care, in exposure to air and water pollution, in nutrition and health care early in life, whether rural or urban lifestyle, and in behaviors, such as smoking, exercise and diet. Past research has also shown that job insecurity, long hours, heavy demands at work and other stresses can also cut down on a worker's life expectancy by taking a heavy toll on a worker's health.

Which of the following is not an inference from the paragraph above?

- A. Those with access to better healthcare may have a higher life expectancy.
- B. Work-related stress is a factor in determining life expectancy.
- C. Villagers have higher life expectancy than city dwellers.
- D. Life expectancy is a function of income level.

66. I have seen some people who are trying to start a company without figuring out what they want to do. All great companies started with people who cared about something. If you start working on something that you care for and turn it into a company, it will be more likely to do well. None of the people who built big companies thought that they would be as big as they ended up being.

The person giving the above advice means to imply which of the following?

- A. When people who care about something start a company based on that something, it turns out to be very successful.
- B. Companies that are floated by people who are not clear on what they goals are will fail.
- C. People who think that their companies would fail are more likely to succeed.
- D. All big companies have been started by people who did not anticipate that their companies would be hugely successful.

67. Genetic science has evolved over the years and human lives have improved with the new inventions. Sometimes it leads to complicated cases related to human birth and the origin of genes which is unbelievable but true. But it is evident that medical science has come a long way in pursuit of breaking down the complexity involved in it.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above argument?

- A. Medical science has evolved enough to undo the complexities related to human birth.
- B. Some complicated cases related to human birth have improved with the new inventions.
- C. Genetic science has led to new inventions.
- D. Genetic science and medical science are both complicated.

68. Using clean-coal technologies to "repower" existing factories promises ultimately a substantial reduction of polluting emissions, and will affect the full range of pollutants implicated in acid rain. The strategy of using these technologies could cut sulfur dioxide emission by more than 80 percent and nitrogen oxide emissions by more than 50 percent. The emission of smaller quantity of nitrogen pollutants would in turn reduce the formation of noxious ozone in the troposphere.

Which one of the following statements is an inference that can be drawn from the information given in the passage?

- A. Sulfur dioxide emissions are the most dangerous pollutants implicated in acid rain.
- B. Noxious ozone is formed in factories by chemical reactions involving sulfur dioxide.
- C. Twenty percent of the present level of sulfur dioxide emissions in the atmosphere is not considered a harmful level.
- D. A substantial reduction of polluting emissions will be achieved by the careful design of new factories.
- E. The choice of technologies in factories could reduce the formation of noxious ozone in the troposphere.

69. Interestingly, some rituals have actually been shown to be beneficial to our mental and physical well-being. According to a study published, in families with predictable routines, children had fewer respiratory illnesses and better overall health, and they performed better in school education. The article added that rituals have a greater effect on emotional health, and that in families with strong rituals adolescents reported a stronger sense of self, couples reported happier marriages and children had greater interaction with their grandparents.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above paragraph?

- A. Rituals can help children get better grades.
- B. In a healthy family, members have interaction with each other.
- C. Mental and physical well-being are interdependent.
- D. Some rituals are more beneficial than the others.

70. Book Review: When I read a novel set in a city I know well, I must see that the writer knows the city as well as I do if I am to take that writer seriously. If the writer is faking, I know immediately and do not trust the writer. When a novelist demonstrates the required knowledge, I trust the story teller, so I trust the tale. This trust increases my enjoyment of a good novel. Peter Lee's second novel is set in San Francisco, in this novel, as in his first, Lee passes my test with flying colors.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. The book reviewer enjoys virtually any novel written by a novelist whom she trusts.
- B. If the book reviewer trusts the novelist as a storyteller, the novel in question must be set in a city the book reviewer knows well.
- C. Peter Lee's first novel was set in San Francisco.
- D. The book reviewer does not trust any novel set in a city that she does not know well.
- E. The book reviewer does not believe that she knows San Francisco better than Peter Lee does.

71. In China, birth control policies that since 1979 have limited many families to one child, a cultural preference for boys and the widespread, if illegal, practice of sex-selective abortion have contributed to a gender imbalance that hovers around 117 boys born for every 100 girls. By 2020, China will have an estimated 30 million bachelors - called guanggun, or "bare branches". Behind the imbalanced sex ratio of 30 million bachelors lie 30 million baby girls who died due to sex discrimination.

It can be inferred that the author believes that

- A. in the absence of any kind of gender preference and restrictions, gender imbalance would not be as glaring as it is.
- B. sex-selection and birth control policies have largely contributed to massive infanticide in China.
- C. the gender imbalance in China will increase in the coming years.
- D. the laws that govern abortion in China are weak because of which people do not fear practicing sex-selective abortion.

72. The consistency of ice cream is adversely affected by even slight temperature changes in the freezer. To counteract this problem, manufacturers add stabilizers to ice cream. Unfortunately, stabilizers, though inexpensive, adversely affect flavor. Stabilizers are less needed if storage temperatures are very low. However, since energy costs are constantly going up, those costs constitute a strong incentive in favor of relatively high storage temperatures.

Which one of the following can be properly inferred from the passage?

- A. Even slight deviations from the proper consistency for ice cream sharply impair its flavor.
- B. Cost considerations favor sacrificing consistency over sacrificing flavor.
- C. It would not be cost effective to develop a new device to maintain the constancy of freezer temperatures.
- D. Stabilizers function well only at very low freezer temperatures.
- E. Very low, stable freezer temperatures allow for the best possible consistency and flavor of ice cream.

73. In any normal election, the importance of the vote of every citizen is the same. His/her vote is counted as one vote. But in the Presidential election, the weight of the MP vote is different from that of an MLA vote. Not just that, the value of an MLA vote from one state differs from the value of the MLA vote of another state. The value of all the votes put together is the value of the voters for the election. Before each such election, the Election Commission notifies the total value of all the votes based on vacancies etc. at that point in time.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above paragraph?

- A. The Presidential elections are not as democratic as a normal election.
- B. The difference between any normal general election and the Presidential election is the differential value of votes of various electors.
- C. The vote of an MLA is discriminated against the vote of an MLA, similarly vote of one MLA is discriminated against that of another.

- D. The Presidential election is contested by MLAs and MPs who get elected by other MPs and MLAs.

74. Criticism that the press panders to public sentiment neglects to consider that the press is a profit-making institution. Like other private enterprises, it has to make money to survive. If press were not profit-making, who would support it? The only alternative is subsidy and, with it, outside control. It is easy to get subsidies for propaganda, but no one will subsidize honest journalism.

It can be properly inferred from the passage that if the press is

- A. not subsidized, it is in no danger of outside control.
 - B. not subsidized, it will not produce propaganda.
 - C. not to be subsidized, it cannot be a profit-making institution.
 - D. to produce honest journalism, it must be profit-making institution.
 - E. to make a profit, it must produce honest journalism.
75. For the past few years, government officials have noted with growing alarm that Chinese hackers and paid insiders were spiriting trade secrets and other confidential information out of the United States. The mantra, these days, is that there are only two types of companies left in this country: those that have been hacked by China and those that do not know they have been hacked by China. The cornerstone was more aggressive investigations and prosecutions, and Justice Department prosecutions under the Economic Espionage Act jumped more than 30 percent from the year before.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above paragraph?

- A. People who are not involved in espionage or spying are also being arrested because of growing suspicion.
- B. The government officials believe that most US companies have been hacked by China.
- C. Trade secrets passed on by hackers have led to serious economic damage to the United States.
- D. Aggressive investigations and prosecutions will act as deterrence to Chinese hackers.