

ANSWER KEY READING COMPREHENSION

EXERCISE 1

Passage-2

2. A good science is based on concrete results obtained through testing the hypothesis.

Passage-3

1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Second line of the third para of the passage clearly mentions that the painters were worried about the punishment the King might give them if did not like the portrait. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

2. Ans.(d)

Sol. The fifth para talks about the given situation and it is clear that they were all wanted to see what has the painter made and how would the King react if he doesn't like it. Hence, (d) is the answer

3. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'The King did not know how he would look in the', is the correct answer.

4. Ans.(a)

Sol. If the passage is read carefully it is very clear that the passage talks about how the same thing may appear with two different points of view. Hence, 'World is how we look at it' is the most appropriate title for the given passage.

5. Ans.(a) Sol. Nowhere in the passage is it mentioned that the painter who made the portrait of the King was a beginner (Novice). Hence, (a) is the correct answer here.

EXERCISE 2

Passage -1

1. "Road Rage", "Menace on Indian Roads"

2. Due to the absence of immediate grievance redressal mechanisms
3. The driver should not overstep the line which separates the public and the private, by respecting others on the road and not blindly giving in to speeding etc.
4. Inculcating a sense of respect for the elderly and the pedestrians, adopting simple safety measures such as utilizing the seat belt.

Passage -2

1. Academic writing is the skillful exposition and explanation of an argument, which the writer has carefully researched and developed over a sustained period of time
2. Reading about one's chosen topic or theme is important since it tells the reader about what has already been argued. It depicts the awareness of other arguments.
3. One must ask oneself certain questions before writing in order to get a sense of clarity about one's purpose behind writing.
4. The parts – Introduction, Body, Conclusion

Passage -3

- 1 Every act of lived experience has today become a spectacle
- 2 No, as the example states, it is not a recent phenomenon
- 3 No, we only document moments now
- 4 The spectacle is also a form of popular entertainment

Passage -4

- 1 It views each individual as a potential wrong-doer
- 2 No, the mere presence is enough
- 3 Because citizens might adopt a fake decent attitude
- 4 When citizens really wish to conform to the rules

Passage -5

- 1 Secular - there is no state religion, all religions enjoy an equal importance
- 2 India has been the birthplace of several religions and here, all of them co-exist harmoniously
- 3 Because God created man in his own image
- 4 By adopting the path of non-violence or ahimsa

EXERCISE 3

1. d. This answer is implied by the whole paragraph. The author stresses the need to read critically by performing operations on the text in a slow and specific manner. Choice a is incorrect because the author never says that reading is dull. Choices b, c, and e are not supported by the paragraph.
2. e. This answer is clearly stated in the last sentence of the paragraph. Choice a can be ruled out because there is no support to show that studying math is dangerous. Words are not mentioned in the passage, which rules out choice b. There is no support for choice c. Choice d is a contradiction to the information in the passage.
3. d. The author stresses the convenience of fitness walking, by stating that it does not require a commute to a health club. The paragraph also implies that fitness walking will result in a good workout. Choice a is incorrect because no comparison to weight lifting is made. Choice b may seem like a logical answer, but the paragraph only refers to people who are fitness walkers, so for others, a health club might be a good investment. Choice c is not in the passage. Although choice e seems logical, the paragraph does not indicate that the wrong shoes will produce major injuries.
4. a. The support for this choice is in the second sentence, which states that in some countries, toxic insecticides are still legal. Choice b is incorrect because even though polar regions are mentioned in the paragraph, there is no support for the idea that warmer regions are not just as affected. There is no support for choice c. Choice d can be ruled out because there is nothing to indicate that DDT and toxaphene are the most toxic. Choice e is illogical.
5. d. The last sentence states that new technologies are reported daily, and this implies that new technologies are being constantly developed. There is no support for choice a. With regard to choice b, stone tools were first used two and a half million years ago, but they were not necessarily in use all that time. Choice c is clearly wrong because the paragraph states when stone tools first came into use. Although some may agree that choice e is true, the author of the paragraph does not give support for this opinion.
6. a. This is the main idea of the passage because all the sentences relate to it. The other choices may be true but are not reflected in the passage.
7. c. The third sentence is the main idea. It is a general idea that answers the only question posed in the passage. The other choices are not in the passage.
8. c. This choice is the best answer because the paragraph indicates that the new knitters are of varying ages and are not just women. Choices a and b may be true, but they are not supported by the paragraph. Choice d is a prediction that is not made in the paragraph.
9. d. The passage states that health clubs have undergone a major transformation due to people's interest in taking care of their minds, bodies, and spirits. Choice a is incorrect because the paragraph

doesn't say exercise is less important. It simply says the focus and type of exercise have changed. Choices b and c are not supported by the paragraph.

10. c. The first and second sentences reflect this idea. The passage does not say that Native American art is dreamlike (choice a). Choices b and d are too limited to be main ideas

11. a. The entire passage relates to this idea. The other ideas are not reflected in the passage.

12. b. See the second and third sentences for the steps in making ratatouille. Only choice b reflects the correct order

13. d. The main part of the passage describes how to cook vegetables. Only choice d indicates that vegetables are included in the dish. The other choices are not reflected in the passage.

14. d. The directions mention nothing about fertilization.

15. c. The third sentence specifically mentions that the pointed side goes up and the root side faces down. This means that there is an up side and a down side and that it is possible for the bulb to be put into the soil upside down if someone didn't know better. The other choices may be true but are not mentioned in the passage.

16. b. Choice b addresses both of Gary's vanities: his person and his situation. Choice a deals only with one of Gary's physical characteristics. Choice c deals only with his vanity of position. Choice d is not supported in the passage.

17. d. The mention that searching for spices has changed the course of history, and that for spices, nations have . . . gone to war, implies that the subject of the paragraph is history. These phrases also connote danger and intrigue.

18. b. This choice is the only one that supports and develops the topic sentence. The other choices all say something about cosmetic plastic surgery, but they do not support the topic sentence, which states that cosmetic plastic surgery is one of the fastest-growing segments of U.S. medicine.

19. a. This choice refers both to age and complexity; b and c refer only to complexity. Answer d is less relevant to the topic sentence (which doesn't mention Darwin or theories) than the other choices.

20. d. Choice d gives us a reason why more people are eating organic, so it supports the statement made in the topic sentence. Choices a and b are about organic products, but they don't provide logical reasons for the increasing popularity of organic foods. Choice c is about another topic completely.

21. b. This choice is the only one that talks about how parents make a difference in their children's academic success. The other choices don't mention parents at all.

22. c. This choice introduces the idea that some laws are strange. Choices a, b, and d are examples of strange laws.

23. c. The main idea is that the United States limits immigration numbers. Choices a, b, and d show the effects and statistics that result from this action but do not support the topic sentence.

24. c. Great wealth is not an indicator of honor. Each of the other choices describes the honor that is received. Choice a says, greatly respected, choice b—a revered poet, and choice d—long-lasting reputation.

25. b. The topic sentence presents the idea that all the men are connected by whale lines, each man relies on the others for his safety. Choice a states this idea explicitly: Each man "had to depend on the

others to stay alive.” Choice c presents the idea as metaphorical, each man is connected to the next. Choice d offers an example of how a man can be thrown overboard and must rely on his crew to cut their whale loose and come back and get him. Only choice b does not make any connection to the men.

26. c. Sentence 3 indicates the importance of organization and design. The other choices, even if true, are not in the passage.

27. c. See the final sentence of the passage. The other choices might be true but are not in the passage.

28. d. See the second sentence of the passage. Choices a and b are not in the passage. Choice c might seem attractive, but the passage does not say that mediation is the best way to resolve a conflict, simply that it is an alternative way that might prove effective

29. c. The directions indicate that the city prefers, but does not require, use of its new container, and that the customers may use more than one container if they purchase an additional one.

30. d. See the final sentence of the passage.

31. c. See the second sentence, which defines ksa. The other choices are refuted in the passage.

32. d. The paragraph specifically states that age makes a person less able to respond to long exposure to very hot or very cold temperatures. This would mean that older people are more susceptible to hypothermia. Choices a, b, and c are not supported by the information given in the paragraph.

33. d. This answer is implied by the statement that redistribution is needed so that people in emerging nations can have proper medical care. Choices a, b, and c are not mentioned in the passage.

34. d. This choice encompasses the main information in the passage. Choices a, b, and c are not mentioned.

35. a. The title should express the main idea of the passage. The passage, as a whole, focuses on appropriate and inappropriate uses of e-mail. The other choices address more specific ideas expressed in the passage but are not its main idea.