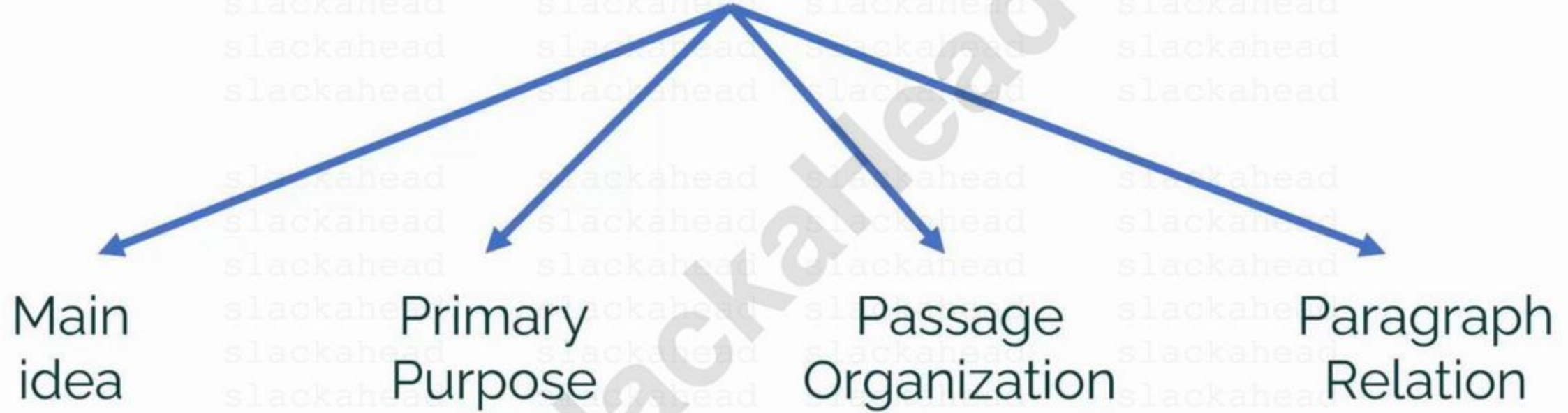




IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE

Big Idea Questions





IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE

Main
idea

Primary
Purpose

Passage
Organization

Paragraph
Relation

Which of the following best states the author's main point?

Which of the following best describes the central issue with which the passage is concerned?

Which of the following statements best summarizes the main idea of the passage?



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Main
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What is
the author
doing here?
arguing?
challenging?

Primary
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1) The passage is primarily concerned with discussing the

The passage as a whole can best be described as doing which of the following?

The primary purpose of the passage is to

The passage is primarily concerned with discussing which of the following?



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Main idea	Primary Purpose	Passage Organization	Paragraph Relation
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In developing the main idea of the passage, the author does which of the following?



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In the passage, the author is primarily interested in

- (A) analyzing the source of a scientific controversy
- (B) criticizing some geologists' methodology
- (C) pointing out the flaws in a geological study
- (D) proposing a new theory to explain existing scientific evidence
- (E) describing a physical phenomenon



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Which of the following best describes the organization of the passage?

Which of the following best describes the organization of the passage as a whole?



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The second paragraph of the passage is primarily concerned with offering possible reasons why

The first and second paragraphs can be described as doing which of the following?



IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE II

Factual/Detail Questions

"according to"

According to the passage, improvement in brain function among early large mammals resulted primarily from which of the following?

According to the passage, which of the following is a true statement about the first and second parts of *Wuthering Heights*?



IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE II

Factual/Detail Questions

NEGATIVE FACTUAL

According to the passage, Pessen indicates that all of the following were true of the very wealthy in the United States between 1825 and 1850 **EXCEPT:**

- (A) They formed a distinct upper class. *True*
- (B) Many of them were able to increase their holdings. *True*
- (C) Some of them worked as professionals or in business. *True*
- (D) Most of them accumulated their own fortunes. *False or no evidence*
- (E) Many of them retained their wealth in spite of financial upheavals. *True*



IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE II

Less Obvious Factual/Detail

Which of the following statements about women's employment in the United States during and after the Second World War is most clearly supported by the passage?

Select the sentence in the passage in which the author introduces a specific Nahuatl mode of expression that is not identified as being shared with certain European languages.

Select the sentence in the first or second paragraph that presents empirical results in support of a hypothesis about the energy costs of singing.



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Less Obvious Factual/Detail

100%

The passage indicates that Cressy would agree with which of the following statements about the organizers among the English immigrants to New England in the 1630s?

Which of the following best describes the “observation” (line 6) referred to in the passage?

The passage presents which of the following as evidence in favor of Fielding and Collier’s having collaborated in writing *The Cry*?

The author of the passage asserts that the “dichotomy” (line 26) can lead to which of the following?



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Less Obvious Factual/Detail

The giant-impact hypothesis as described in the passage answers all of the following questions EXCEPT:

- (A) What happened to the rock that surrounded the impactor's core after the impactor hit Earth?
- (B) What happened to the impactor's core after the impactor hit Earth?
- (C) Where did the impactor that collided with Earth originate?
- (D) Why is the Moon's iron core small relative to that of Earth?
- (E) What was the size of the impactor relative to that of Mars?



IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE III

Inference Questions

It can be **inferred** that the “reluctance” mentioned in the passage is being ascribed to

It can be **inferred** from the passage that in animals less intelligent than the mammals discussed in the passage

Which of the following **inferences** about Henry James’s awareness of novelistic construction is best supported by the passage?



IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE III

Inference Questions

The passage **suggests** that anyone attempting to evaluate Mendelssohn's career must confront which of the following dichotomies?

The author of the passage **suggests** that *A Dream* falls short in which of the following respects?

The passage **implies** that during the day before a night on which a male nightingale's song rate is high, that nightingale probably does which of the following?



IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE III

Inference Questions

The author of the passage **would be most likely to agree** that an interpretation of a novel should



IDENTIFYING QUESTION TYPE III

Sentence Function/Author's Purpose

Select a sentence in the passage whose **function** is to indicate the range of Mendelssohn's musical talents.

Which of the following best describes the **function** of the second sentence ("A Dream . . . essayists") in the context of the passage as a whole?

In the argument given, the two portions in **boldface** play which of the following **roles**?



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Sentence Function/Author's Purpose

Select the sentence that describes an allegory for Voltaire's acquisition of knowledge concerning Newton's ideas.

Select the sentence in the passage in which the author introduces a specific Nahuatl mode of expression that is not identified as being shared with certain European languages.



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Sentence Function/Author's Purpose

The author mentions Schumann and Brahms primarily **in order to**

The author mentions the results of flotation experiments on plant seeds (lines 7–8) most probably **in order to**

The author refers to a hungry lizard (line 31) primarily **in order to**



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Vocab in Context

In the context in which it appears, “coinages” (line 9) most nearly means

- (A) adaptations
- (B) creations
- (C) idiosyncrasies
- (D) pronunciations
- (E) currencies

In the context in which it appears, “inflation” (line 2) most nearly means

- (A) exaggeration
- (B) acquisition
- (C) evaluation
- (D) distortion
- (E) attenuation



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Other Thinking Questions

Which of the following most logically completes the passage?

- (A) large masses of floating sea ice would continue to form in the wintertime
- (B) significant changes in Arctic sea temperatures would be accompanied by changes in sea temperatures in more temperate parts of the world
- (C) such a warm Arctic Ocean would trigger the melting of massive land-based glaciers in the Arctic
- (D) an ice-free Arctic Ocean would support a very different ecosystem than it does presently
- (E) in the spring, melting sea ice would cause more icebergs to be created and to drift south into shipping routes