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Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?

- A) Lines 7-9 (“Thanks . . . life”)
- B) Lines 9-11 (“Only . . . genetically”)
- C) Line 13 (“It will be . . . difficult”)
- D) Lines 13-14 (“It will take . . . succeed”)

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As used in line 27, “deepest” most nearly means

- A) most engrossing.
- B) most challenging.
- C) most extensive.
- D) most fundamental.

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The authors of Passage 2 indicate that the matter of shrinking biodiversity should primarily be considered a

- A) historical anomaly.
- B) global catastrophe.
- C) scientific curiosity.
- D) political problem.

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- A) Lines 37-41 (“Species . . . ago”)
- B) Lines 42-45 (“A program . . . woes”)
- C) Lines 53-56 (“Against . . . irresponsible”)
- D) Lines 65-67 (“Such . . . grave”)

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As used in line 37, “great” most nearly means

- A) lofty.
- B) wonderful.
- C) large.
- D) intense.

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The reference to the “black-footed ferret and the northern white rhino” (line 64) serves mainly to

- A) emphasize a key distinction between extinct and living species.
- B) account for types of animals whose numbers are dwindling.
- C) provide examples of species whose gene pools are compromised.
- D) highlight instances of animals that have failed to adapt to new habitats.

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Which choice best states the relationship between the two passages?

- A) Passage 2 attacks a political decision that Passage 1 strongly advocates.
- B) Passage 2 urges caution regarding a technology that Passage 1 describes in favorable terms.
- C) Passage 2 expands on the results of a research study mentioned in Passage 1.
- D) Passage 2 considers practical applications that could arise from a theory discussed in Passage 1.

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How would the authors of Passage 2 most likely respond to the “prospect” referred to in line 21, Passage 1?

- A) With approval, because it illustrates how useful de-extinction could be in addressing widespread environmental concerns.
- B) With resignation, because the gradual extinction of many living species is inevitable.
- C) With concern, because it implies an easy solution to a difficult problem.
- D) With disdain, because it shows that people have little understanding of the importance of genetic diversity.

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Which choice would best support the claim that the authors of Passage 2 recognize that the “imagination soars” (line 24, Passage 1) in response to de-extinction technology?

- A) Lines 28-30 (“The . . . news”)
- B) Lines 30-33 (“Yet . . . crisis”)
- C) Lines 58-59 (“That . . . altogether”)
- D) Lines 61-63 (“For . . . diversity”)

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