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## #POST 1

#### **#CORRECT-Choose**

- (A) When a star heavier than our sun runs out of hydrogen it blows away its outer most layers of gas and undergoes a gravitational collapse.
- (B) The remnant of this is a core of neutrons called a neutron star.
- (C) When the neutron spins, it imits strong radiation from its poles.
- (D) This radiation can only be detected when the star is pointed towards the earth.

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Though he \_\_\_\_\_ the experience of attending school, Wallace was from an early age a/an \_\_\_\_\_ reader

- A) Disliked, poor
- B) Disdained, avid
- C) Relished, interested
- D) Enjoyed, catholic

# #post 4 #complete the passage

Suspending the Internet may be a blunt instrument but controlling it can be an effective tool. China and Iran like to do this a lot. Other countries are more subtle. Turkey, for instance, constantly adjusts its levels of filtering depending both on the whims of authorities and public demands. As governments come to terms with the changes wrought by free services offered by companies like Google the Internet will inevitably splinter and balkanize.

- A ) We could very well foresee a dismal future that could include walled-off national Internets, with virtual visas required for entry
- B ) The Internet is already divided to some extent, with restricted access to the outside world from repressive regimes, and language barriers rendering others, a separate ecosystem.
- C ) On January 28th 2011 the Mubarak government shut down the Internet in anticipation of protests.
- $\boldsymbol{D}$  ) Instead of speculating about holographic Avtars' and flying cars, we should focus on how technology affects power structures

#### #POST 5 PJ

- 1. The co-option of this country, which could not be explained by economic criteria, was indicative of a desire for greater political representativeness.
- 2. A certain politicisation marked the third BRICS summit, held in Sanya, China, in 2011.
- 3. Second, the BRICS's resolutions themselves were more political, as evident from their attitude vis-avis the Syrian crisis.
- 4. Even as Syrian demonstrators were enduring a fierce crackdown, all five BRICS refused to support any resolution against the regime of Bashar al-Assad.
- 5. First of all, the political dimension of the coalition was affirmed with the official admission of South Africa into the club.

## #POST 6

Consumers claim to care about privacy, but the reality is a little different. Every credit-card purchase we do is logged and resold, our every click on the web is captured, video cameras stare at us from every corner and our mobile phones are Geo-tracked more closely than a tagged bear. But I don't see people staying off the street, throwing away their phones or switching back to paper currency.

What can be inferred from the above argument?

- A ) Consumers do not really care about privacy
- B) Consumers are willing to exchange privacy for convenience
- C ) We need stronger privacy laws
- D ) It is difficult to use modern technology and retain our privacy

#POST 7

#OMO

- A) American sports fans have long displayed impatience, if not outright hostility, towards sports stars who take a strong interest in politics or human rights
- B) Back in the nineties, Rodman appeared to be the clever leader of his own propaganda machine
- C ) His memoir was a national best-seller, fuelled by the public s fascination with his on-court antics and off- court burlesque
- D ) He was an antidote to old, boring sports stories, and a corrective to the idea that men had to be cartoonishly masculine to win on the field

#### OA

1. In A, sun runs out of hydrogen - it blows away" doesn" warrant a hyphen, instead a comma should be used.

In C, the correct spelling should be emits.

D is wrong because the adverb "only" has been incorrectly placed, the correct structure is "can be detected only when".

Hence only B is correct

#### 2. OA=B

The use of though tells us that the two segments are contrasting. So it can either be that he enjoyed his experience in school but was a poor reader, or that he hated school but was an avid reader. Disdained and avid fits, disdained means to dislike. Catholic here means a wide variety. Hence the correct answer is disdained, avid.

- 3. Did not post.
- 4. The key here is "splinter and balkanize" meaning break up into small parts. While both 1 and 2 talk about division, from the last sentence it is clear we are looking at a prediction for the future (1) rather than 2 (current divisions). SO oa= A.
- 5. 2 is the introductory statement (1 certain politicisation marked...). Now 51 is a pair, because it says "First of all.....South Africa.... in 5 and the co-option of this country, which is South Africa in 1. Then comes 3 4, since 3 begins with "Second...and then presents the BRICS stand on Syria. 4 explains 3. so 25134.
- 6. Consumers are willing to exchange privacy for convenience. An inference is an implied conclusion." Option (B) The passage gives examples of how consumer privacy is compromised using various technologies. However, people continue to use these devices (and services) despite being aware of the privacy risks. Thus it can be inferred that consumers are willing to sacrifice their privacy for the convenience provided by these.

  Hence option B.
- 7. OA=A, -,,American sports fans have long displayed impatience, if not outright hostility, towards sports stars who take a strong interest in politics or human rights."

"Back in the ....", "His memoir was ..." and "He was an ..."speak about Rodman and his colourful personality. "American sports fans ..." is about sportsmen dabbling into politics or human rights, and is therefore unrelated.

Hence option A