

Read the following paragraphs and carefully determine what the *main idea* is for each. The best way to approach these questions is to first read the paragraph and then, in your own words, restate what you think the author is trying to say. From the five choices, select the one statement that best supports the author's point.

1. Human technology developed from the first stone tools about two and a half million years ago. In the beginning, the rate of development was slow. Hundreds of thousands of years passed without much change. Today, new technologies are reported daily on television and in newspapers.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. stone tools were not really technology.
- b. stone tools were in use for two and a half million years.
- c. there is no way to know when stone tools first came into use.
- ☒ d. In today's world, new technologies are constantly being developed.
- e. none of the latest technologies are as significant as the development of stone tools.

2. Mathematics allows us to expand our consciousness. Mathematics tells us about economic trends, patterns of disease, and the growth of populations. Math is good at exposing the truth, but it can also perpetuate misunderstandings and untruths. Figures have the power to mislead people.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. the study of mathematics is dangerous.
- b. words are more truthful than figures.
- c. the study of mathematics is more important than other disciplines.
- d. the power of numbers is that they cannot lie.
- ☒ e. figures are sometimes used to deceive people.

3. One New York publisher has estimated that 50,000 to 60,000 people in the United States want an anthology that includes the complete works of William Shakespeare. And what accounts for this renewed interest in Shakespeare? As scholars point out, the psychological insights he portrays in both male and female characters are amazing even today.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. Shakespeare's characters are more interesting than fictional characters today.
- ☒ b. people today are interested in Shakespeare's work because of the characters.
- c. academic scholars are putting together an anthology of Shakespeare's work.
- d. New Yorkers have a renewed interest in the work of Shakespeare.
- e. Shakespeare was a psychiatrist as well as a playwright.

4. Reality TV shows will have an adverse effect on traditional dramas and comedies. As Reality TV increases in popularity, network executives will begin canceling more traditional programs and replacing them with the latest in Reality TV.

This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a. Reality TV is low quality.
- b. Reality TV shows get the highest ratings.
- c. more and more people love to watch and participate in Reality TV.
- ☒ d. as Reality TV gets more popular, more traditional television shows may be threatened.
- e. network executives make hasty and unwise decisions.

Q#1

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Functional English

What is your opinion about the narrator?

The narrator was irritable and moody. His moods changed without him being able to control them. He used verbal and physical violence against her wife. His pets also suffered from his fits of anger.

Q#2:

Who was Pluto?

Pluto was narrator's favourite beautiful black cat.

Q#3:

What was the first violent act the narrator did to Pluto?

The narrator grasped the cat, pulled a penknife from his pocket and cut out one of the cat's eyes.

Q#4:

What second act (the narrator describes as being done in the spirit of perverseness) did he commit on Pluto?

He was overwhelmed by a spirit of PERVERSENESS and set out to commit wrong for the sake of wrong. He hanged Pluto from the limb of a tree one morning.

Q#5:

On the night the narrator killed Pluto, what happened to his home?

His house burned down leaving only one wall with a figure of a cat with a rope around its neck.

Q#6:

Describe the second cat.

The second cat looked very much like Pluto except it had splash of white on its fur.

Q#7:

Describe the relationship between the second cat and the narrator.

At first the narrator liked it and was kind to it, but suddenly, he started hating it. And he was about to kill it.

Q#8:

Why did the narrator kill his wife?

He just about tropped over the cat and was ready to kill it with an axe when his wife grabbed his arm and stopped him. Instead of killing the cat, in his rage, he

Q#9:

How did the police discover the body? Killed his wife.

In his over-confidence, the narrator hit the wall behind which was the body. The cat screamed from within, giving away the hiding place.

Q#10:

Select a suitable title for the story?

As per my thinking, the title should be "The Black Cat".

Read the article and:

Q1: Guess the meaning of highlighted words

- i - ailments \Rightarrow minor illness.
- ii - manifold \Rightarrow numerous
- iii - culinary \Rightarrow relating to kitchen.
- iv - balmated \Rightarrow full of balm.
- v - phytotherapy \Rightarrow study of use of extracts of natural origin as medicines.

Q2: Make Notes.

Keypoints

- Dry fruits, sweaters, mufflers, room heater etc do brisk business in winter.
- Winter also brings cold and flu.
- Remedies are popular as modern medicine.
- Some medicine can prevent and shorten the duration of flu.

Key terms.

Cold
dry fruits
Winter
Flu
Vitamin C.
Chicken Soup.
Balm
Garlic Chutney
Garlic Pickle
nasal congestion
menthol.
Phytotherapy
Remedy
Body Temperature.

- Oranges provide enough vitamin C to control the spread of common cold.
- Hot-tea, Hot chicken soup, Garlic chutney & pickle keep flu away.
- Breathing in steam for nasal congestion is also recommended.
- Application of menthol is also beneficial.
- Homeopathic system is advancing in the realm of phytotherapy.

Q3: Write a précis following complete steps.

- Winter is about to come and everyone is preparing for it.
- Dry fruits, quilts, sweaters, coats, mufflers, room heaters are doing their quick jobs.
- But unfortunately, winter also brings some discomforts, including cold & flu.

• It is no wonder that natural cold and flu remedies are popular as modern medicine has yet to offer a cure for these ~~old~~ age-old ailments.

• Some medication can prevent and shorten the duration of flu, others offer only a temporary relief.

• Vitamin C wards off symptoms of cold and boost immune system. The most abundant source to ward off cold is seasonal oranges.

• A delicious hot chicken soup appeals most in winter than any other season.

• It provides you wonderful comfort.

• Hot green tea soothes the throat and keeps you hydrated.

• Garlic has germ-fighting abilities. It also prevents cold. Chutney made of garlic, green chillies, mint leaves & table salt is delicious & beneficial, like garlic pickle.

- Salt water and garlic may also help to prevent cold and flu.

- Breathing in steam for nasal congestion is also recommended. A spoonful of any balm in steaming hot water, covers your head with a towel and breathe the balmated fumes may helps to break up the congestion in the nasal passage and offers relief from a stuffy and runny nose.

- Application of menthol around the nostrils and on the chest of babies is also beneficial.

- Homeopathic system is advancing in the realm of phytotherapy; it may prove good to some people who are all allergic to allopathic medicines.

- Rise of body temperature is a natural remedy to fight colds and flu by killing the viruses.

Title: Winter - A blessing or curse.

Remaining part of Q2.

Summary:

In this paragraph, we are talking about winter. Whenever winter is about to come, people start preparations. But some people also get worried because of natural cold and flu.

Vitamin C plays an important role to prevent cold and flu. Garlic, hot chicken soup, green tea also helps to reduce flu. Balmated fumes and menthol are also the best remedies. Also homeopathic treatments are also available for the people who are allergic of allopathic medicines.