

#1

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is important for children to learn to draw or paint.

Use details and examples to explain your opinion

#2

Students Need Campus Snack Shop

I think the university should open a snack shop on campus-a snack shop that would be operated entirely by our students. A student-run snack shop would benefit students in two ways. First, it would create a number of job opportunities for students. Second, the store would be a convenient place on campus to buy food, providing students with a fast; easy place to get snacks at any time of the day

Sincerely, Julia Wilson

Now listen to two students discussing the letter. Did you see Julia's letter?

Yeah I did and?

I'm all for it.

Yeah?

Yeah. Jobs like that provides students with great work experience, experience they can use in the real world.

Like what?

Well, I mean basically they'd be running a business. They learn how to do it all. Make up staff schedules keep track of inventory order supplies, make sure the building is maintained.

Yeah I guess you could learn a lot.

yeah stuff you can really use when you graduate, especially if you're thinking of starting your own business.

Ok Yeah I can see that. But her second point doesn't make a lot of sense to me. I mean we have a nice cafeteria. What's wrong with eating there?

Well It is a nice cafeteria, but sometimes the lines are really long and you just don't have time to wait.

Yeah That's true.

especially if all you want is like a cup of coffee or a quick sandwich or something. That's true. But if you have a car.

yeah if you have a car which a lot of students don't, you can drive to one of the stores in town, but still the closest ones, like a 15 minute drive. So round trip, it takes at least a half an hour.

and that's time you could use for studying.
Exactly.

The man expresses his opinion about the letter writer's proposal. Briefly summarize the proposal. Then state the man's opinion and explain the reasons he gives for holding that opinion.

#3

Task Partitioning

Different species of insects have different ways of organizing the essential tasks that need to be completed in order for them to survive. One way of accomplishing this process is through task partitioning. Insect groups that use this method divide, or partition, their work into several different stages that are ordered and performed in a fixed sequence by different groups of workers. An important benefit of this technique is increased efficiency, since the workers performing each task are specialized, which saves time and energy.

Now listen to part of a lecture in a biology class.

Ok. Now, a good example of this is leaf cutter ants. They use this kind of system when they need to get food leaves to their nest. What happens is that they're separated into three different groups, and each group has a different part in the process of transporting food back to the nest. So the first group, their job is to climb up a tree and start cutting off pieces of leaves. But instead of carrying the leaf pieces back down the tree, the ants just let go of the pieces, so they fall down to the ground below. And After a while, all these leaf pieces collect in a pile at the bottom of the tree. Then there's a second group of ants waiting to help. This second group's job is to cut the leaves down into smaller, more manageable pieces that are easier for them to carry. Then they take these smaller pieces of leaves to a place that's part way back to the nest. Finally, the last group of ants takes over, and they have the job of actually bringing the leaf pieces back from the trail to the nest. The system works well since each ant has a specific job to do, the work gets done faster than if they were all working independently.

And Since none of the ants has to keep climbing up and down a tree, they can all do their jobs without tiring out too soon.

Explain how the example of leaf-cutter ants illustrates the concept of task partitioning.

#4

Number six, in this question, you will listen to a short lecture. You will then be asked to summarize important information from the lecture. After you hear the question, you will have 20 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak. Listen to part of a lecture in a history class.

Okay, so we've been talking about various factors that have changed the United States economy. And one especially important factor was the development of railroads. When the railroad system expanded throughout most of the United States, it fundamentally changed the way business was done in this country. For one thing, expansion of the railroads enabled companies to start selling their goods all across the country. Since trains could now transport merchandise all over the United States, companies could now sell goods to consumers pretty much anywhere in the country. For example, there was a big company that sold old clocks. The company started in a big city, and before the development of the railroads, the company could only sell its clocks to people who lived in or near that city. But when the railroads expanded, the company could load its clocks onto trains and have them delivered to all parts of the country. Railroads also changed business in the US by making it possible to open factories in new locations. Many factories had machines that were powered by certain raw materials, like coal, and railroads made it possible to transport those raw materials to areas of the country where they weren't found naturally. A good example is some factories in the southern United States. In certain parts of the south, there wasn't much naturally occurring coal. So before the expansion of the railroads, there weren't many factories there, because there were no raw materials like coal to provide power for the factories' machines. But after railroad lines were built in the south, coal could be brought in from other parts of the country. So new factories were able to open there.

Using the examples from the lecture, explain two ways the railroad system changed business in the United States.