

GRE 长难句专讲

➲ Sentence 1

The increase in the numbers of married women employed outside the home in the twentieth century had less to do with the mechanization of housework and an increase in leisure time for these women than it did with their own economic necessity and with high marriage rates that shrank the available pool of single women workers, previously, in many cases, the only women employers would hire.

♥ Question 1

It can be inferred from the passage that the increase in the numbers of married women employed outside the home in the twentieth century would have been less likely to happen if which of the following were true?

- A. Because of decrease in leisure time, housework became more mechanized for stay-home women.
- B. Because of low marriage rates, single women workers formed a large pool of available workers that far exceeded the amount of vacant positions.
- C. Leisure time increases for women with skills that satisfied the requirement in twentieth century business.
- D. Not only female employers were willing to hire single women as employees.

➲ Sentence 2

Yet those who stress the achievement of a single consensus among the colonists cannot fully understand that consensus without understanding the conflicts that had to be overcome or repressed in order to reach it.

♥ Question 2

According to the passage, in order to understand the consensus among the colonists, one has to

- A. Stress the achievement of this consensus.
- B. Be familiar with the dossiers and records documenting how the consensus was reached
- C. Understand the conflicts that were overcome or repressed beforehand.
- D. Overcome and repress certain conflicts inherent in the course of reaching such a consensus.

⌚ Sentence 3

The physicist rightly dreads precise argument, since an argument that is convincing only if it is precise loses all its force if the assumptions on which it is based are slightly changed, whereas an argument that is convincing though imprecise may well be stable under small perturbations of its underlying assumptions

♥ Question 3

It can be inferred from the passage that a precise argument

- A. can maintain its force only if all its preconditions are strictly satisfied.
- B. is stable under minor perturbations of its underlying premises.
- C. would not be dreaded by the physicist if its assumptions were not changed.
- D. would be more desirable than an imprecise argument if its underlying assumptions were not changed.

⌚ Sentence 4

In order to understand the nature of the ecologist's investigation, we may think of the density-dependent effects on growth parameters as the "signal"

ecologists are trying to isolate and interpret, one that tends to make the population increase from relatively low values or decrease from relatively high ones, while the density-independent effects act to produce “noise” in the population dynamics.

♥ Question 4

Which of the following can be mostly reliably inferred from the passage about the “density-independent effects?”

- A. Ecologists try to isolate them from their interpretation of population increase.
- B. Their influence on population growth is less significant than the influence from the density-dependent effects
- C. They serve to maintain the population at a relatively stable level.
- D. Their effect on population growth is more difficult to interpret than the effect from density-dependent effects.

➡ Sentence 5

One such novel idea is that of inserting into the chromosomes of plants discrete genes that are not a part of the plants’ natural constitution: specifically, the idea of inserting into nonleguminous plants the genes, if they can be identified and isolated, that fit the leguminous plants to be hosts for nitrogen-fixing bacteria. Hence, the intensified research on legumes.

♥ Question 5

According to the passage, which of the following is true about the insertion process?

- A. Certain genes from nonleguminous plants are inserted into leguminous plants.
- B. Certain genes from leguminous plants are inserted into nitrogen-fixing bacteria.
- C. Certain genes for nitrogen-fixing bacteria are inserted into nonleguminous plants.
- D. Certain genes from leguminous plants are inserted into nonleguminous plants.

☞ **Sentence 6**

Thus, what in contrast to the Puritan colonies appears to Davis to be peculiarly Southern-acquisitiveness, a strong interest in politics and the law, and a tendency to cultivate metropolitan cultural models-was not only more typically English than the cultural patterns exhibited by Puritan Massachusetts and Connecticut, but also almost certainly characteristic of most other early modern British colonies from Barbados north to Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

♥ **Question 6**

According to the passage, all of the following is true about “a strong interest in politics and the law” EXCEPT:

- A. It is a characteristic that belongs uniquely to the Southern United States.
- B. It represents an English heritage even better than do the cultural patterns exhibited in Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- C. It appears in states and regions beyond the Southern United States.
- D. Davis does not believe that the Puritan colonies have this characteristic.

☞ **Sentence 7**

The very presence on a landscape of humans who are consumers affects food resources, blurring the lines between wild and domesticated and, hence between hunting and pastoralism, and between gathering and cultivation. Moreover, it is unclear how groups should be classified that are hunter-gatherers in their procurement strategies but that make use of pastoralism and cultivation in their consumption patterns-subsisting, for example, by trading wild foods to neighbors in return for domesticated crops.

♥ **Question 7**

According to the passage, which of the following scenarios would present a difficulty for researchers who wish to classify human groups into either hunter-

gathers or ones adopting pastoralism and cultivation?

- A. A tribe that often exchanges for home-grown wheat wild deer hunted in the forest
- B. A group used to domesticate wild animals who recently switched to hunting-gathering activities
- C. A tribe trading cattle frequently with surrounding villages for peas and beans
- D. A group relying on the domestication of wild canine animals and rice farming to survive.

☞ **Sentence 8**

That sex ratio will be favored which maximizes the number of descendants an individual will have and hence the number of gene copies transmitted.

♥ **Question 8**

- A. one that generates a low amount of offspring
- B. one that generates a disproportion between male and female descendants
- C. one that produces an exceeding amount of descendants
- D. one that oscillates frequently between male dominance and female dominance.

☞ **Sentence 9**

The Hawaiian Islands were created in such a manner by a single source of lava, welling up from a hot spot, over which the Pacific Ocean plate passed on a course roughly from the east toward the northwest, carrying off a line of volcanoes of increasing age.

♥ Question 9

According to the passage, regarding the information of the Hawaiian Islands, all of the following are true EXCEPT:

- A. All the volcanoes were created by lava from one single hot pot.
- B. The Pacific Ocean passed over a hot spot to create a chain of islands.
- C. The eastern Islands are of younger age than northwestern ones
- D. Lava welled up from a hot spot over the Pacific Ocean plate.

⌚ Sentence 10

Whereas most geologists have treated the addition of energy through the bombardment of Earth's surface by meteors as a process separate and independent from the movement of Earth's tectonic plates, Shaw asserts that these processes are indivisible. Shaw's revolutionary "open-system" view recognizes a continuum between terrestrial and extraterrestrial dynamics, whereas modern plate tectonic theory, like the classical geology developed during the nineteenth century, is founded on the view that Earth's geological features have changed through gradual, regular processes intrinsic to Earth, without reference to unique catastrophic events.

♥ Question 10

According to the passage, most geologists consider the continuum between Earth's geological processes and catastrophic events like meteor bombardment as

- A. speculative
- B. indivisible
- C. intrinsic
- D. nonexistent

☞ **Sentence 11**

Landowska's playing was Romantic, but it was at least as close in spirit to the style of playing intended by composers of the Baroque(1600-1750) and Classical(1750-1830) eras, as have been the more exciting but less emotionally resonant interpretations of most harpsichordists since her.

♥ **Question 11**

- It can be inferred from the passage that Landowska's rendition was
- A. less exacting than intended by the Baroque composers.
 - B. more emotionally resonant than the style of Classical composers.
 - C. conforms as closely to the intention of Baroque composers as to that of Classical ones
 - D. more emotionally resonant than that of most harpsichordists after her.

☞ **Sentence 12**

Marion Palfi's photographs would have received greater recognition from historians had her work been done in an era when most aspects of photography were static rather than in a state of transition

♥ **Question 12**

From the following question, consider each of the choices separately and select all that apply. It can be inferred from the passage that Marion Palfi.

- A. did not receive as great recognition from historians as she could have.
- B. did her work in an era that stressed the static aspects of photography.
- C. lived in a period where aspects of photography underwent rapid change.

☞ **Sentence 13**

Isadora Duncan's masterly writings on the dance reveal the depth of her determination to create a lyric form of the art which was free of characterization, storytelling, and the theatrical exhibition of skills. She wished to discard the traditional methods and established vocabularies of such dance forms as ballet and to explore the internal sources of human expressiveness.

♥ **Question 13**

- A. She wished to forgo earlier dance methods.
- B. She wished to establish vocabularies such as Ballet.
- C. She wished to let go of theatrical exhibition of skills.
- D. She wished to make use of human's internal sources of expression.

☞ **Sentence 14**

It has thus generally been by way of the emphasis on oral literary creativity that these Chicano writers, whose English-language works are sometimes uninspired, developed the powerful and arresting language that characterized their Spanish-language works.

♥ **Question 14**

It can be inferred from the passage that the Chicano writers would not have developed their powerful and arresting Spanish-language works had which of the following been true?

- A. They lacked oral literary creativity.
- B. Their English-language works are inspired.
- C. Nobody else had been able to create inspiring Spanish-language works.
- D. They spoke English as well as they spoke Spanish.

⌚ **Sentence 15**

What is involved in the discontinuity hypothesis is the recognition that the people of the Middle Ages and early modern Europe did not regard as belonging to a common category activities (hunting and gambling, for example) that are usually classified together today under the heading of leisure.

♥ **Question 15**

For the following question, consider each of the choices separately and select all that apply.

According to the “discontinuity hypothesis”, hunting and gambling.

- A. belonged to the same category in early modern Europe.
- B. should not be classified together under the term leisure.
- C. were classified into different types in the Middle Ages