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Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
a										
b										
c										
d										
e										

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1. We can see from the equation of the line that as the weekly time spent working out x goes up,

a. muscle mass gained y tends to go up because the slope ~~2.04~~ is positive.

b. muscle mass gained y tends to go up because the slope 0.12 is positive. ✓

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- c. muscle mass gained y tends to go down because the slope 0.12 is less than 2.04. nonsense
- d. muscle mass gained y tends to go down, because the slope 0.12 is less than 52. ↖ ↗

2. What can we say about the relationship between a correlation r and the slope b of the least-squares line for the same set of data?

- a. ~~r is always larger than b .~~
- ☒ b. r and b always have the same sign (+ or -). ✓
- c. ~~b is always larger than r .~~
- d. b and r are measured in the same units. no units
- ☒ e. Both C and D are correct.

3. The correlation between two variables x and y is -0.6 . If we used a regression line to predict y using x , what percent of the variation in y would be explained? r^2

- a. 77%
- b. -36%
- ☒ c. 36%
- d. -6%
- e. 6%

$$r^2 = (-0.6)^2 = 0.36 = 36\%$$

4. A study of many countries finds a strong positive

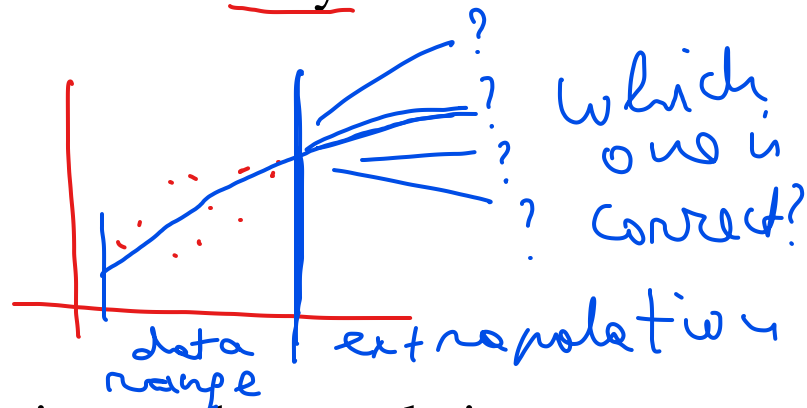
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correlation between the life expectancy in a country and the number of Facebook users in the country. **This means that**

- ✗ a. Facebook use is a major contributing cause of longer life.
- ✗ b. life expectancy could be significantly increased by having more people start Facebook accounts.
- ✗ c. in countries where life expectancy is high, the number of Facebook accounts tends to be low.
- ✗ d. in countries where the number of Facebook accounts is low, life expectancy tends to be high.
- ⓪ e. None of the above is true. *association is not correlation!*

5. Using a regression line equation to make a prediction outside the range of the original data is risky due to

- a. association. ✗
- ⓪ b. extrapolation. ✓
- c. causation. ✗
- d. correlation. ✗



In a fisheries researcher's experiment, the correlation between the number of eggs in the nest and the number of viable (surviving) eggs for a sample of nests is **$r = 0.67$** .

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6. The equation of the regression line for number of viable eggs y versus number of eggs in the nest x is $y = 0.72x + 17.07$. For a nest with 140 eggs, what is the predicted number of viable eggs?

- a. 114 eggs
- b. 116 eggs
- ☒ c. 118 eggs
- d. 120 eggs
- e. None of the above

$$y = 0.72 \cdot 140 + 17.07$$
$$= 117.87$$

choose the closest option

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7. Suppose you worked out for 2 hours (120 minutes) per week. How much muscle mass gain would you predict?

- a. 14.40 kg
- b. 750.84 kg
- ☒ c. 16.44 kg
- d. 18.48 kg
- e. None of the above

$$y = 2.04 + 0.12 \times 120$$
$$= 16.44$$

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8. Deaths from highway accidents went down after the adoption of a national 55 miles-per-hour speed limit. Can we **be confident** that the lower speed limit caused the drop in deaths?

- a. ~~Yes~~, because the study was a randomized, comparative experiment.
- b. ☒ No, because the effect of lower speed limits is confounded with the effect of better highways and safer cars. *Best answer/guess*
- c. ~~Yes~~, because a drop in deaths over several years can't happen just by chance.
- d. No, because of the placebo effect. ?
- e. ~~Yes~~, because correlation implies causation.

9. A study of 6600 men found that those who consumed a moderate amount of alcohol (one drink or less per night) have lower mortality (on the average) than those who drink none. **Is this good evidence that drinking a moderate amount causes lower mortality?**

- a. ~~Yes~~, because the study is an experiment.
- b. ☒ No, because people who drink a moderate amount may differ from nondrinkers in other ways, such as income and exercise, that affect mortality. *Best guess answer*

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- c. ~~Yes~~, because the sample is so large that the margin of error will be quite small.
- d. No, because we can't generalize from 6600 people to the millions of adults in the country. ?

10. If the least-squares regression line for predicting y from x is $y = 500 - 20x$, what is the predicted value of y when $x = 10$?

- a. 300
- b. 500
- c. 4800
- d. 700
- e. 20

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 500 - 20x \\ &= 500 - 20 \cdot 10 \\ &= 300 \end{aligned}$$

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Answer Key

1. b

2. b

3. c

4. e

5. b

6. c

7. c

8. b

9. b

10. a