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**QUESTION 1**

Businesses today routinely keep track of large amounts of both financial and non-financial information. Sales departments keep track of current and potential customers; marketing departments keep track of product details and regional demographics; accounting departments keep track of financial data and issue reports. To be useful, all this data must be organized into a meaningful and useful system. Such a system is called a management information system, abbreviated MIS. The financial hub of the MIS is accounting. Accounting is the information system that records, analyzes, and reports economic transactions, enabling decision-makers to make informed choices when allocating scarce economic resources. It is a tool that enables the user, whether a business entity or an individual, to make wiser, more informed economic choices. It is an aid to planning, controlling, and evaluating a broad range of activities. A financial accounting system is intended for use by both the management of an organization and those outside the organization. Because it is important that financial accounting reports be interpreted correctly, financial accounting is subject to a set of _____ guidelines called "generally accepted accounting principles" (GAAP). On the basis of above passage please answer the following question. This passage is most likely taken from

- A. a newspaper column.
- B. an essay about modern business.
- C. a legal brief.
- D. a business textbook.
- E. a business machine catalog.

Correct Answer: D

The passage contains objective information about accounting such as one might find in a textbook. There is nothing new or newsworthy in it (choice a). The passage does not contain the significant amount of personal opinion one would expect to find in an essay (choice b). It does not deal with matters that might involve litigation (choice c). It is not brief enough for a business machine catalog and does not contain language suitable to advertising (choice e).

QUESTION 2

Emperor Charlemagne of the Franks was crowned in 800 A.D. The Frankish Empire at that time extended over what is now Germany, Italy, and France.

Charlemagne died in 814, but his brief reign marked the dawn of a distinctly European culture. The artists and thinkers that helped create this European civilization drew on the ancient texts of the Germanic, Celtic, Greek, Roman, Hebrew, and Christian worlds. _____. These mores in turn laid the groundwork for the laws, customs, and even attitudes of today's Europeans.

On the basis of above passage please answer the following question

Which of the following is the best meaning of the word "culture" as it is used in the passage?

- A. the fashionable class
- B. a community of inter-related individuals
- C. a partnership



- D. a group of loosely associated outsiders
- E. an organized group with a common goal

Correct Answer: B

Although all of the choices are possible definitions of culture, the passage is speaking of a community of inter-related individuals Europeans.

QUESTION 3

Poet William Blake believed that true religion is revealed through art, not through nature. For Blake, it is through art also that eternity is revealed. One does not have to die to reach eternity; eternity is the moment of vision. It is only through the

reordering of sense impressions by the creative imagination that we are able, as Blake says in his "Auguries of Innocence," "To see the World in a Grain of Sand / . . . And Eternity in an hour."

On the basis of above passage please answer the following question.

Which of the following would best describe what Blake meant by the words "To see the World in a Grain of Sand / . . . And Eternity in an hour?"

- A. a moment of mystical enlightenment
- B. conversion to Christianity
- C. a moment of artistic inspiration
- D. an hallucinatory experience
- E. a return to a state of being without sin

Correct Answer: A

According to the passage, Blake believed that, through art (that is, through the reordering of sense impression by the creative imagination) true religion is revealed. Artistic inspiration (choice c) might be involved, but the words religion and moment of vision point towards a mystical experience, rather than a primarily artistic one. There is no mention in the passage of Christianity or sin (choices b and e) and no hint that the author views Blake's moment of vision as a false perception (hallucinatory experience, choice d).

QUESTION 4

A narrow fellow in the grass Occasionally rides;

You may have met him did you not?

His notice sudden is.

The grass divides as with a comb,

A spotted shaft is seen,



And then it closes at your feet
And opens further on.

He likes a boggy acre,

A floor too cool for corn,

Yet when a boy, and barefoot,

I more than once at noon
Have passed, I thought, a whip-lash

Unbraiding in the sun,

When, stooping to secure it,

It wrinkled, and was gone.

Several of natures people I know
and they know me;

I feel for them a transport
Of cordiality;

But never met this fellow,

Attended or alone,

Without a tighter breathing
And zero at the bone.

On the basis of above poem please answer the following question

The speaker of this poem is most likely

- A. an adult woman.
- B. an adult man.
- C. a young girl.
- D. a young boy.
- E. Emily Dickinson.

Correct Answer: B

Stanza three contains the phrase when a boy implying the speaker was a boy in the past and is now, therefore, an adult man.

QUESTION 5

INDEX fire protection, 5155, 108, 115 forest conflicts: European, 8, 9193, 116117, 133134, 186188 forest destruction and ecological decline, 143; and fire, 3135; and industrialization, 156173; and railways 2729; and scientific forestry, 6061; and villagers, 107, 115116; and World Wars, 4243, forest fires, 72, 87, 100105, 124; and pasture, 48, 5153, 115118; arson, 51, 122, 126130; see also fire protection forest law: breaches of, 3441, 4952, 55, 70, 115116, 121123; see also forest conflicts forest management: and agrarian economy, 104105, 121, 186189; and imperial needs, 28, 35; and slash-and-burn farming, 1218, 48; and commercial orientation of, 3032; peasant resistance to, 6976, 89, 99106 On the basis of above Index please answer the following question On the basis of the index, on which page would you be most likely to find information about the outlawed practice of burning forested areas to create fields for grazing small



herds of livestock?

- A. page 89
- B. page 55
- C. page 107
- D. page 48
- E. page 51

Correct Answer: E

Page 89 (choice a) deals with peasant resistance; page 55 (choice b) with fire protection; page 107 (choice c) with villagers; page 48 (choice d) with slash-and-burn farming. All might pertain somewhat to the question, but the index lists page 51 (choice e) under the topics of both pasture and arson (which is illegal burning), so it is the best choice.

QUESTION 6

A healthy diet with proper nutrition is essential for maintaining good overall health. Since vitamins were discovered earlier in this century, people have routinely been taking vitamin supplements for this purpose. The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) is a frequently used nutritional standard for maintaining optimal health. The RDA specifies the recommended amount of a number of nutrients for people of both sexes and in many different age groups. The National Research Councils Committee on Diet and Health has proposed a definition of the RDA to be that amount of a nutrient which meets the needs of 98 percent of the population. The RDA approach _____. First, it is based on the assumption that it is possible to accurately define nutritional requirements for a given group. However, individual nutritional requirements can vary widely within each group. The efficiency with which a person converts food intake into nutrients can also vary widely. Certain foods when eaten in combination actually prevent the absorption of nutrients. For example, spinach combined with milk reduces the amount of calcium available to the body from the milk. Also, the RDA approach specifies a different dietary requirement for each age and sex; however, it is clearly unrealistic to expect a homemaker to prepare a different menu for each family member. Still, although we cannot rely solely upon RDA to ensure our overall long-term health, it can be a useful guide so long as its limitations are recognized. On the basis of above passage please answer the following question With which of the following would the author most likely agree?

- A. The RDA approach should be replaced by a more realistic nutritional guide.
- B. The RDA approach should be supplemented with more specific nutritional guides.
- C. In spite of its flaws, the RDA approach is definitely the best guide to good nutrition.
- D. The RDA approach is most suitable for a large family.
- E. The RDA approach is too complicated for most consumers.

Correct Answer: B

Choice b is indicated by the final sentence, which indicates that the RDA approach is useful, but has limitations, implying that a supplemental guide would be a good thing. Choice a is contradicted by the final sentence of the passage. Choice c is incorrect because the passage says the RDA approach is a useful guide, but does NOT say it is the best guide to good nutrition. Choice d is contradicted by the next-to-last sentence of the passage. The passage states that the RDA approach is frequently used, which indicates it is not too complicated, as stated in choice e.

**QUESTION 7**

An ecosystem is a group of animals and plants living in a specific region and interacting with one another and with their physical environment. Ecosystems include physical and chemical components, such as soils, water, and nutrients, that support the organisms living there. These organisms may range from large animals to microscopic bacteria.

Ecosystems also can be thought of as the interactions among all organisms in a given habitat; for instance, one species may serve as food for another. People are part of the ecosystems where they live and work. Human activities can harm or destroy local ecosystems unless actions such as land development for housing or businesses are carefully planned to conserve and sustain the ecology of the area. An important part of ecosystem management involves finding ways to protect and enhance economic and social well-being while protecting local ecosystems. On the basis of above passage please answer the following question An ecosystem can most accurately be defined as a

- A. geographical area.
- B. community.
- C. habitat.
- D. protected environment.
- E. region.

Correct Answer: B

This is the only choice that reflects the idea of interaction among all members of the group mentioned in the first sentence. The other choices are only physical settings.

QUESTION 8

It has been more than twenty-five years since the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) last sent a craft to land on the moon. The Lunar Prospector took off in January of 1998, in the first moon shot since astronauts last walked on the moon in 1972. This time, the moon-traveller is only a low-cost robot, who will spend a year on the surface of the moon, collecting minerals and ice. Unlike the moon shots of the 1960s and 1970s, Lunar Prospector does not carry a camera, so the American public will not get to see new pictures of the moons surface.

_____. Scientists are anxious for the results of one exploration in particular that done by the neutron spectrometer. Using this instrument, Prospector will examine the moons poles, searching for signs of water ice. There has long been speculation that frozen water from comets may have accumulated in craters at one of the moons poles and may still be there, as this pole is permanently shielded from the sun. The neutron spectrometer seeks out the hydrogen atoms in water and can detect the presence of as little as one cup of water in a cubic yard of soil. On the basis of above passage please answer the following question Which sentence, if inserted into the blank line in the second paragraph, would be most consistent with the writers purpose and intended audience?

- A. You won't, therefore, be able to see if the surface of the moon has changed much in thirty years.
- B. Instead, Prospector carries instruments that will map the make-up of the entire surface of the moon.
- C. I don't believe that new pictures would prove very interesting, anyway.
- D. However, the topography of the lunar terrain retains a mundane familiarity that is not consistent with the nature of NASAsraison detreand will contribute little to advancements visa vis missions such as Sojourner.
- E. Entertainment of the public does not justify the enormous cost of space exploration.

Correct Answer: B



Choice b best reflects the writing style of the passage, which is for a general audience. Choices a and c are too informal; choice d uses jargon and choice e seems to talk down to the audience.

QUESTION 9

(1)

Milton Hershey was born near the small village of Derry Church, Pennsylvania, in 1857. It was a modest beginning that did not foretell his later popularity. Milton only attended school through the fourth grade; at that point, he was apprenticed to a printer in a nearby town. Fortunately for all chocolate lovers, Milton did not excel as a printer. After a while, he left the printing business and was apprenticed to a Lancaster, Pennsylvania, candy maker. It was apparent he had found his calling in life and, at the age of eighteen, he opened his own candy store in Philadelphia. In spite of his talents as a candy maker, the shop failed after six years. (2) Milton Hersheys fans today may be surprised to learn that his first candy success came with the manufacture of caramel. After the failure of his Philadelphia store, Milton headed for Denver, where he learned the art of caramel making. There he took a job with a local manufacturer who insisted on using fresh milk in making his caramels; Milton saw that this made the caramels especially tasty. After a time in Denver, he once again attempted to open his own candy-making businesses, in Chicago, New Orleans, and New York City. Finally, in 1886, he went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he raised the money necessary to try again. This company the Lancaster Caramel Company made Milton's reputation as a master candy maker. (3) In 1893, Milton attended the Chicago International Exposition, where he saw a display of German chocolate-making implements. Captivated by the equipment, he purchased it for his Lancaster candy factory and began producing chocolate, which he used for coating his caramels. By the next year, production had grown to include cocoa, sweet chocolate, and baking chocolate. The Hershey Chocolate company was born in 1894 as a subsidiary of the Lancaster Caramel Company. Six years later, Milton sold the caramel company, but retained the rights, and the equipment, to make chocolate. He believed that a large market of chocolate consumers was waiting for someone to produce reasonably priced candy. He was right. (4) Milton Hershey returned to the village where he had been born, in the heart of dairy country, and opened his chocolate-manufacturing plant. With access to all the fresh milk he needed, he began producing the finest milk chocolate. The plant that opened in a small Pennsylvania village in 1905 is today the largest chocolate factory in the world. The confections created at this facility are favorites in the U.S. and internationally. (5) The area where the factory is located is now known as Hershey, Pennsylvania. Within the first decades of its existence, the town thrived, as did the chocolate business. A bank, a school, churches, a department store, even a park and a trolley system all appeared in short order. Soon, the town even had a zoo. Today, a visit to the area reveals the Hershey Medical Center, Milton Hershey School, and Hersheys Chocolate World, a theme park where visitors are greeted by a giant Reeses Peanut Butter Cup. All of these things and a huge number of happy chocolate lovers were made possible because a caramel maker visited the Chicago Exposition of 1893! On the basis of above passage please answer the following question According to the passage, Milton Hershey first began to produce chocolate in order to

A.

make cocoa and baking chocolate.

B.

save his caramel company from bankruptcy.

C.

make chocolate-covered caramels.

D.

attend the Chicago International Exposition.

E.



found a new town.

Correct Answer: C

The third paragraph states that Hershey first used chocolate for coating his caramels. Choice a can be ruled out because he didn't make cocoa or baking chocolate until a year after he began producing chocolate. Choice b is not in the passage. Choice d is incorrect because he purchased the chocolate-making equipment at the Exposition. Choice e is incorrect because Hershey did not try to start a town.

QUESTION 10

Emperor Charlemagne of the Franks was crowned in 800 A.D. The Frankish Empire at that time extended over what is now Germany, Italy, and France.

Charlemagne died in 814, but his brief reign marked the dawn of a distinctly European culture. The artists and thinkers that helped create this European civilization drew on the ancient texts of the Germanic, Celtic, Greek, Roman, Hebrew, and Christian worlds. _____. These mores in turn laid the groundwork for the laws, customs, and even attitudes of today's Europeans.

On the basis of above passage please answer the following question

According to the passage, for how many years was Charlemagne Emperor of the Franks?

- A. fourteen years
- B. fifteen years
- C. thirteen years
- D. sixteen years
- E. twelve years

Correct Answer: A

Choices a, c, and e are possible definitions of ushered, but do not fit in the context of the passage. Choice b is an incorrect definition. Heralded, choice d, is the best definition in the context.

QUESTION 11

Electronic mail (e-mail) has been in widespread use for more than a decade. E-mail simplifies the flow of ideas, connects people from distant offices, eliminates the need for meetings, and often boosts productivity. But e-mail should be carefully managed to avoid unclear and inappropriate communication. E-mail messages should be concise and limited to one topic. When complex issues need to be addressed, phone calls are still best. On the basis of above passage please answer the following question The paragraph best supports the statement that e-mail

- A. is not always the easiest way to connect people from distant offices.
- B. has changed considerably since it first began a decade ago.
- C. causes people to be unproductive when it is used incorrectly.
- D. is most effective when it is wisely managed.



E. should be used mainly for unimportant messages.

Correct Answer: D

The correct answer is implied by the statement in the third sentence that carefully managed email results in effective communication. Choice a is wrong because the opposite is true. Choice b is wrong because even though e-mail is more widespread, it has not necessarily changed considerably. Choices c and e are not indicated in the paragraph.

QUESTION 12

OConnell Street is the main thoroughfare of Dublin City. Although it is not a particularly long street, Dubliners will tell the visitor proudly that it is the widest street in all of Europe. This claim usually meets with protests, especially from French tourists, claiming the Champs Elysees of Paris as Europes widest street. But the witty Dubliner will not relinquish bragging rights easily and will trump the French visitor with a fine distinction: the Champs Elysees is a boulevard; OConnell is a street. Divided by several important monuments running the length of its center, the street is named for Daniel OConnell, an Irish patriot. _____ .OConnell stands high above the unhurried crowds of shoppers, business people, and students on a sturdy column, surrounded by four serene angels seated at each corner of the monuments base. Further up the street is the famous General Post Office that the locals affectionately call "the GPO." During the 1916 rebellion, the GPO was taken over and occupied by the Irish rebels to British rule, sparking weeks of armed combat in the citys center. To this day, the angels of OConnells monument bear the marks of the fighting: one sits reading calmly, apparently unaware of the bullet hole dimpling her upper arm; another, reaching out to stroke the ears of a huge bronze Irish wolfhound, has survived what should be a mortal wound to her heart. On the basis of above passage please answer the following question With which of the following statements about the people of Dublin would the author of the passage most likely agree?

- A. They are proud of their history but lack industry.
- B. They are playful and tricky.
- C. They are rebellious and do not like tourists.
- D. They are witty and relaxed.
- E. They are unaware of their history.

Correct Answer: D

The author offers an example of Dublin wit and mentions the unhurried pace of Dublin crowds. Choice a interprets the adjective unhurried in too pejorative a manner for the tone of the passage. Answers b and c similarly interpret the playful joke on French tourists too negatively. There is no specific information in the passage to support the view of answer e.

QUESTION 13

On the basis of above table please answer the following question



**DISTRIBUTION OF OCCUPATIONS
OF 200 ADULT MALES IN THE
BAIDYA CASTE
MADARIPUR VILLAGE.
BENGAL, 1914**

Occupation	Number
Farmers	02
Government service, clerks	44
Landowners	08
Lawyers	06
Newspapers and presses	05
No occupation	25
Not recorded	08
Students	68
Teachers	11
Trade and commerce	23

The largest number of men in the Baidya caste of Madaripur are involved in which field?

- A. education
- B. agriculture
- C. government
- D. publishing
- E. trade

Correct Answer: A

The question asks for what field the most men are involved instead of employed. The answer would include students, who are not necessarily salaried workers. Therefore, combining the number of students and teachers gives the largest number involved in education.

QUESTION 14

In 1899, Czar Nicholas II of Russia invited the nations of the world to a conference at The Hague. This conference and a follow-up organized by Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 ushered in a period of vigorous growth in international law. This growth was in response to several factors, not least of which was the increasing potential for destruction of modern warfare. The recently concluded Civil War in the United States made this potential clear. During this growth, the subjects



of international law were almost exclusively restricted to the relationships that countries had with one another. Issues of trade and warfare dominated both the disputes and the agreements of the period. _____, the developments of this period paved the way for further expansion of international law, which has occurred in the last several years. _____, organizations such as the United Nations and the International Court of Justice are greatly concerned not only with the way countries deal with one another, but the ways in which they treat their own citizens. On the basis of above passage please answer the following question Which words or phrases, if inserted in order into the blanks in the passage, would help the reader understand the sequence of the authors ideas?

- A. Therefore; In addition
- B. However; Now
- C. Furthermore; Yet
- D. Even if; On the other hand
- E. As a result; Meanwhile

Correct Answer: B

The context of the passage indicates that the sentences in question are pointing out an unforeseen consequence (however) and the current situation (now). The other choices would result in meanings that do not fit with the flow of information in the rest of the passage.

QUESTION 15

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- A. is based on studies by respected nutritionists
- B. has a number of shortcomings
- C. has been debunked in the last few years
- D. is full of holes
- E. is constantly being refined

Correct Answer: B

The blank is followed by a discussion of the shortcomings of the RDA approach. Choice a is incorrect because it does



not lead into the discussion that follows regarding the RDA approachs shortcomings. Choice c is incorrect because it is contradicted by the final sentence of the passage, which states that the RDA approach remains a useful guide. Choice d is incorrect because its slangy style is inconsistent with the style used in the rest of the passage. Choice e is incorrect because it does not lead into the discussion which follows, and there is nothing in the passage to indicate the RDA is changing.

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