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QUESTION 1

The Library of Congress' Law Library is a closed stacks library, which means that nearly 99% of its print collection is housed in compact shelving in cavernous underground storage rooms covering an area nearly the size of two U.S. football fields. Patrons desiring to review books held in the closed stacks simply submit an online request for them; requested materials are usually delivered to the Law Library Reading Room for use within approximately an hour.

What is the best choice for the meaning of cavernous, as used in the above passage?

- A. hollow
- B. spacious
- C. containing cavities
- D. filled with caverns

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

About 2 to 3 out of every 1,000 children in the United States are born deaf or hard of hearing. Over 90% of these children are born to parents who can hear. Early identification of children who are born deaf or hard of hearing is critical to ensure that their families have the resources they need to help their children acquire language, spoken and/or visual, and achieve age-appropriate communicative, cognitive, academic, social, and emotional development. The National Association for the Deaf (NAD) supported passage of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act (EHDI) in 2000 and subsequent federal funding to establish state newborn hearing screening programs in hospitals. At the time, the average age of identification of deaf children was about 21/2 years old; children who were hard of hearing were often identified much later. The goals of the EHDI program include hearing screening of all newborns by age one month, confirmation of hearing status by three months, and enrollment in an early intervention program for deaf and hard of hearing babies and their families by six months.

From the information given in the above passage, the reader can assume the author would agree that _____.

- A. early identification of hearing problems can help match parents with resources
- B. a child's first hearing test should be done at 6 months of age
- C. intervention for hard-of-hearing children is not necessary until they reach school age
- D. most deaf children are born to deaf parents

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

Tucked away in Southeast Portland near the Sellwood Bridge is Oaks Amusement Park, one of the oldest continuously

operated amusement parks in the United States. A modest operation, the park currently includes about two dozen rides that operate seasonally, a skating rink that is open year-round, and picnic grounds. The Oaks has been a part of the lives of many Portlanders and other Oregonians for nearly a hundred years, and many people hold fond memories of it.

From the above passage, the reader can infer that _____.

- A. Oaks Amusement Park is very easy to find
- B. Oaks Amusement Park is getting too old to maintain
- C. many people would be saddened if Oaks Amusement Park closed down
- D. there are limited activities from which to choose at Oaks Amusement Park

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 4

Extreme care must be exercised to ensure proper handling and cleaning of soiled U.S. flags. A torn flag may be professionally mended, but a badly torn or tattered flag should be destroyed. When the flag is in such a condition that it's no longer a fitting emblem for display, destroy it in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

According to this passage, torn flags should be _____.

- A. mended
- B. burned
- C. destroyed
- D. all of the above

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

According to the passage a torn U.S. Flag can be professionally mended, but a severely torn flag should be destroyed. The preferred method of destruction is by burning.

QUESTION 5

The success or failure of a conference lies largely with its leader. A leader's zest and enthusiasm must be real, apparent, and contagious. The leader is responsible for getting the ball rolling and making the attendees feel as if the meeting is theirs and its success depends on their participation. A good, thorough introduction helps establish the right climate.

A good title to this paragraph would be _____.

- A. Lead by Example

B. The Importance of Proper Introductions

C. Leading a Successful Conference

D. Conference Participation Basics

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Choice "Lead by Example" is always a good philosophy but isn't pertinent to the main point of the passage.

Choices "The Importance of Proper Introductions" and "Conference Participation Basics" are subpoints, which support the main point of the passage, which is how to lead a successful conference.

QUESTION 6

For the seventh consecutive year, Intelligence Community employee job satisfaction ranks the IC as one of the "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government," according to an independent analysis of federal workers' job satisfaction and commitment. The IC finished in first place in national security and second overall – up from fourth place in 2014 – among large agencies that employ more than 15,000 full-time permanent employees, a category which includes 19 organizations. Rankings were compiled by the Partnership for Public Service and announced today. Additionally, the IC finished in first place in teamwork, second in pay, effective leadership, employee skills-mission match and third in strategic management.

The data for this ranking study was gathered by _____.

A. an agency outside the Intelligence Community

B. a large agency within the IC

C. the Federal Government

D. the Intelligence Community

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 7

The U.S. Department of Justice has prepared a report about hate crimes in the United States between 1997 and 1999. In 60% of hate crime incidents, the most serious offense was a violent crime, most commonly intimidation or simple assault. The majority of incidents motivated by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or disability involved a violent offense, while two-thirds of incidents motivated by religion involved a property offense, most commonly vandalism. Younger offenders were responsible for most hate crimes. Thirty-one percent of violent offenders, and 46% of property offenders were under age 18.

Most property offense hate crimes were motivated by _____.

- A. religion
- B. race
- C. sexual orientation
- D. abortion

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

The second sentence states that most violent crimes were motivated by such factors as race and sexual orientation, while most property crimes were motivated by religion.

QUESTION 8

I returned from the City about three o'clock on that May afternoon pretty well disgusted with life. I had been three months in the Old Country and was fed up with it. If people had told me a year ago that I would've been feeling like that I should've laughed at them; but there was the fact. The weather made me liverish, the talk of the ordinary Englishman made me sick, I couldn't get enough exercise, and the amusements of London seemed as flat as soda water that had been standing in the sun.

The author is speaking of his travels in _____.

- A. Spain
- B. Great Britain
- C. Germany
- D. Scotland

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The words London and Englishmen make it clear that the author is speaking of his travels in England (Great Britain).

QUESTION 9

Good leaders get involved in their subordinates' careers. People merely obey arbitrary commands and orders, but they respond quickly and usually give extra effort for leaders who genuinely care for them. An often neglected leadership principle in today's environment of technology and specialization is knowing the workers and showing sincere interest in their problems, career development, and welfare. Leadership is reflected in the degree of efficiency, productivity, morale, and motivation demonstrated by subordinates. Leadership involvement is the key ingredient to maximizing worker performance.

A key leadership principle that's often ignored is _____.

- A. leading by example
- B. showing sincere interest in the problems of the workers
- C. ensuring workers have access to the most modern technology
- D. maximizing worker performance

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The passage doesn't address leading by example or use of technology by workers, so Choices "leading by example" and "ensuring workers have access to the most modern technology" would be incorrect.

Maximizing worker performance is a result of leadership involvement, not a principle of leadership, making Choice "maximizing worker performance" incorrect.

The correct answer is found in the third sentence of the passage.

QUESTION 10

Buddhism is a religion that must be viewed from many angles. Its original form, as preached by Gautama in India and developed in the early years succeeding and as embodied in the sacred literature of early Buddhism, isn't representative of the actual Buddhism of any land today.

According to this passage, _____.

- A. most Buddhists live in India
- B. Buddhist teachings have changed over the years
- C. Buddhism draws its teachings from early Christianity
- D. Buddhist temples can be found in any land of the world

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The only statement that's supported by the passage is Choice "Buddhist teachings have changed over the years."

In fact, this sentence is the primary theme of the passage.

The other choices aren't supported by information contained in the paragraph.

QUESTION 11

Electricity is the most inefficient and costly way to heat a home. One kilowatt-hour of electricity creates about 3,400

British thermal units (BTUs). (BTUs are a standard heat measurement.) The price of electricity per kilowatt-hour is between \$0.10 and \$0.25 or between \$29.35 and \$73.13 per million BTUs. In contrast, fuel oil, which produces 140,000 BTUs per gallon, costs about \$8.33 to \$13.89 per million BTUs. Natural gas, which produces 100,000 BTUs per therm, can be purchased for \$5.00 to \$22.50 per million BTUs. Oak firewood, which produces 26,000,000 BTUs per cord, costs \$5.77 to \$13.46 per million BTUs. Choosing the right heating method for your home, based on the cost of fuel, may be more expensive at installation but will be cheaper in the long run.

According to the above passage, a BTU _____.

- A. is an unusual method of measuring heat
- B. stands for "British thermal unit"
- C. is the abbreviation for a "big thermal unit"
- D. can heat a 9 × 12 room

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The passage says that BTUs are the standard measure of heat, so Choice "is an unusual method of measuring heat" is incorrect.

BTU stands for British thermal unit, so Choice "is the abbreviation for a "big thermal unit" is incorrect.

Nothing in the passage supports Choice "can heat a 9 × 12 room."

QUESTION 12

Military customs and courtesies are proven traditions that explain what should and shouldn't be done in many situations. They are acts of respect and courtesy when dealing with other people and have evolved as a result of the need for order, as well as the mutual respect and sense of fraternity that exists among military personnel. Military customs and courtesies go beyond basic politeness; they play an extremely important role in building morale, esprit de corps, discipline, and mission effectiveness. Customs and courtesies ensure proper respect for the chain of command and build the foundation for self-discipline.

According to this passage, _____.

- A. military customs and courtesies are enforced by regulation
- B. military customs and courtesies are nothing more than basic politeness
- C. military customs and courtesies are the building blocks to self-discipline
- D. military customs and courtesies aren't applicable to the Coast Guard

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage makes no reference about the enforceability of customs and courtesies, so Choice "military customs and courtesies are enforced by regulation" would be incorrect.

According to the passage, military customs and courtesies go beyond basic politeness, making Choice "military customs and courtesies are nothing more than basic politeness" incorrect.

Choice "military customs and courtesies aren't applicable to the Coast Guard" is incorrect because the passage doesn't reference any individual military service.

The last sentence of the passage contains the correct answer.