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QUESTION 1

Medieval guilds were similar to modern-day labor unions. These groups of merchants or craftspeople set rules regarding economic activity in order to protect themselves. Some guilds held considerable economic power, but even small guilds protected members. Guilds also served a social purpose.

According to this passage, guilds _____.

- A. had only one purpose
- B. had little in common with modern labor unions
- C. exploited workers
- D. held considerable economic power

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

The passage states that guilds had economic and social purposes, so Choice "had only one purpose" is incorrect.

The passage states that guilds were similar to labor unions, so Choice "had little in common with modern labor unions" is incorrect.

The passage states that guilds protected merchants and craftspeople; it says nothing about exploiting workers, so Choice "exploited workers" is incorrect.

QUESTION 2

A stranger meets you and shows you a wad of cash he has just "found." He says he wants to split it with you, but says that, in order to show your "good faith," you have to put up some of your own money. When you agree to give him your money, the stranger finds a reason to leave for a while. Do you see him again? Probably not – you have just been conned.

The main theme of this passage is _____.

- A. don't ever speak to strangers
- B. be careful of "get-rich-quick" schemes
- C. how to make lots of money
- D. don't believe anything a stranger says

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: This passage warns the reader of one particular get-rich-quick scheme, and by extension cautions them to be wary of all such ideas. It does not say to never speak to a stranger, nor does it say not to ever believe anything a



stranger says – if we did that, we couldn't go in a convenience store on a long trip to buy gas or go to the restroom. The passage also does not describe how to make lots of money, since the subject of the con loses money rather than getting rich.

QUESTION 3

Switzerland is a small yet diverse country. It consists of 26 member states, the cantons, each of them with its own constitution, legislature, government – and a unique history. One of these is the canton of Solothurn. Its roots are in the city of the same name which can trace back its history to Roman times, when it was known as Salodurum. Becoming a Free Imperial City (Freie Reichsstadt) in the Holy Roman Empire in 1218 and joining the Old Swiss Confederacy in 1481, the city state of Solothurn grew in size through buying up available scraps of territory as well as some acquisitions by force, finally reaching its current shape in the early 16th century.

Original author: Patrick Borer. This article, Ambassadors, milkmaids, and hot air balloons, was originally published in "The Public Domain Review. "

The word constitution, as used in the above passage, most nearly means _____.

- A. arrangement
- B. body
- C. laws
- D. construction

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 4

The Missile Gap was in essence a growing perception in the West, especially in the U.S.A., that the Soviet Union was quickly developing an intercontinental range ballistic missile (ICBM) capability earlier, in greater numbers, and with far more capability than that of the United States. Even as that perception was disproved, it became evident that the Soviets were placing their major effort toward developing strategic missiles against which, once launched, there was no defense. The perceived missile gap that ensued was based on a comparison between U.S. ICBM strength as then programmed, and reasonable, although erroneous estimates of prospective Soviet ICBM strength that were generally accepted.

What is the main idea of this paragraph?

- A. Despite erroneous thinking, the Soviet Union missile threat was still taken seriously.
- B. The Soviet Union was never a real threat for ballistic missiles.
- C. The Missile Gap had nothing to do with the perceptions of the U.S.A. regarding Soviet advances.
- D. The United States and Soviet Union worked together on the Missile Gap.

Correct Answer: A



QUESTION 5

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

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