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ASVAB Section Eight : Paragraph comprehension

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### QUESTION 1

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.

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### QUESTION 2

We think of chitchat and small talk as the things people say to pass the time or kill an awkward silence. But new research suggests these idle conversations could be a social-bonding tool passed down from our ape-like ancestors. Scientists with Princeton University studied ring tailed lemurs, animals that are considered among the more ancestral forms of primates – the evolutionary lineage that includes humans, apes and monkeys. The study concludes that lemurs call to each other essentially as a replacement for mutual grooming, or cleaning each other's fur, a widespread social-bonding behavior among non-human primates.

From the above passage, the reader can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. chatting cannot be used to pass time
- B. lemurs would rather groom each other than call out to each other
- C. lemurs are more like monkeys than apes
- D. some human behaviors may have evolved from those of our primate ancestors

Correct Answer: D

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### QUESTION 3

The transistor, a small, solid-state device that can amplify sound, was invented in 1947. At first, it was too expensive and too difficult to produce to be used in cheap, mass-market products. By 1954, though, these cost and production



problems had been overcome, and the first transistor radio was put on the market.

According to this passage, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. there was no market for transistors before 1954
- B. when transistors could be produced cheaply and easily, the transistor radio was put on the market
- C. transistors were invented in 1947 by order of the Department of Defense
- D. transistors are still expensive to produce

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Products with transistors weren't widely sold before 1954 because of the expense and difficulty of production, not because markets didn't exist; so Choice "there was no market for transistors before 1954" is incorrect.

Choices "transistors were invented in 1947 by order of the Department of Defense" and "transistors are still expensive to produce" aren't supported in the passage.

The passage states that the problem of transistors being expensive and difficult to produce was solved by 1954.

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#### QUESTION 4

All of the laws enforced by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, except for the Equal Pay Act, require you to file a Charge of Discrimination before you can file a job discrimination lawsuit against your employer. In addition, an individual, organization, or agency may file a charge on behalf of another person in order to protect the aggrieved person's identity. There are time limits for filing a charge.

The word aggrieved, as used in the above passage, most nearly means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. distressed
- B. wounded
- C. pained
- D. upset

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 5



Scientists believe that a black hole is created when a supernova from a large star collapses on itself. This collapse causes a gravitational field that grows more and more intense until nothing can escape from its pull, not even light. It's thought that the universe may end as a black hole.

According to this passage, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a black hole emits light
- B. a supernova is a black hole
- C. the gravitational field of a black hole allows nothing to escape
- D. the universe was created by a black hole

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Nothing escapes from a black hole, including light, so Choice "a black hole emits light" is incorrect.

A black hole occurs when a supernova collapses, but they're not the same thing, so Choice "a supernova is a black hole" is incorrect.

The passage states that the universe might end as a black hole, not that a black hole created the universe, so Choice "the universe was created by a black hole" is incorrect.

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