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QUESTION 1

Any discussion of distinctive military capabilities would be incomplete without looking at their relationship to the Joint Service vision of the future. JV 2020 guides all the Services into the next century with its vision of future war fighting. JV 2020 sets forth four overarching operational concepts: dominant maneuver, precision engagement, focused logistics, and full-dimensional protection. Each of these operational concepts reinforces the others. The aggregate of these four concepts, along with their interaction with information superiority and innovation, allows joint forces to dominate the full range of military operations from humanitarian assistance through peace operations to the highest intensity conflict.

According to the passage above, which of the following is not an operational concept?

- A. dominant maneuver
- B. focused logistics
- C. high intensity conflict
- D. precision engagement

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

High intensity conflict is listed as a type of military operation.

QUESTION 2

The process by which the Roman legions came to serve so far from the Roman army's birthplace began in earnest during the Punic wars with Carthage. The Phoenician colony first clashed with the Romans when Rome's success in subduing its Italian neighbors drew it south to Sicily, which Carthage regarded as within its sphere of influence. In 265 B.C., after Rome's expensive victory over Pyrrhus, Rome and Carthage found themselves at war over Sicily. The war rapidly extended by both land and sea until the Carthaginians had to admit defeat and allow the establishment of Roman control over the island. Rome soon after added Corsica and Sardinia to these beginnings of its overseas empire.

What area were the Romans and Carthaginians fighting over in 265 B.C.?

- A. Phoenicia
- B. Carthage
- C. Sicily
- D. Corsica

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage states, "In 265 B.C. ...Rome and Carthage found themselves at war over Sicily."



QUESTION 3

The maggot larvae may be more than just a repugnant animal. Maggot larvae, called *Phaenicia sericata*, have recently been used in a treatment known as Maggot Therapy. Twice a week, larvae are placed on a wound and left there for 48 to 72 hours. The maggots only eat the dead tissue, leaving healthy tissue intact, a process called debridement. In a recent study, wounds that got presurgical maggot therapy developed no infections after surgery. While about one-third of wounds that didn't get maggot therapy developed an infection.

In the context, repugnant means _____.

- A. distasteful
- B. cute
- C. friendly
- D. jovial

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

History tells us that Christopher Columbus once saved his own life because he knew from his almanac that there was going to be an eclipse of the moon. In 1504 Columbus was marooned in Jamaica with no food and unfriendly natives confronting him. The explorer threatened to turn off the light in the sky if the natives refused to give him food. Columbus kept his word; the natives gave him food.

The main idea of this paragraph is that _____.

- A. natives rarely own almanacs or understand scientific facts
- B. Christopher Columbus was in Jamaica in 1504 on his third voyage from Spain
- C. on his arrival in Jamaica, Christopher Columbus had no food
- D. Columbus saved his own life because he knew when there was going to be an eclipse of the moon

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

The main idea is stated in the first sentence of the paragraph.

All of the other sentences contribute to the main idea by describing the circumstances under which

Columbus was able to save his own life.

QUESTION 5

High-school and college graduates attempting to find jobs should participate in mock job interviews. These mock interviews help students prepare for the types of questions they'll be asked, make them more comfortable with common



interview formats, and help them critique their performance before facing a real interviewer. Because they're such a valuable aid, schools should organize mock job interviews for all of their graduating students.

From the above passage, it is reasonable to assume that _____.

- A. mock interviews can increase a student's confidence when he or she goes into a real job interview
- B. mock interviews are expensive to organize
- C. few students are interested in mock interviews
- D. students don't need job interview preparation

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

Choices "mock interviews are expensive to organize", "few students are interested in mock interviews", "students don't need job interview preparation" are the opposite of what the paragraph states and implies.

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