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QUESTION 1

Presidential appointments are an ongoing effort. Some of a president's appointments require Senate confirmation. These appointments are for positions throughout the federal government, for the Cabinet and sub-cabinet, for members of regulatory commissions, for ambassadorships, for judgeships, and for members of numerous advisory boards.

Which of the following statements isn't true?

- A. Presidential appointments require Senate confirmation.
- B. A position on a regulatory commission is an example of a Presidential appointment.
- C. Presidential appointments happen throughout the President's term in office.
- D. All of the above statements are true.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

While many Presidential appointments require Senate confirmation, not all do, so Choice "Presidential appointments require Senate confirmation" is an incorrect statement.

QUESTION 2

Although they last no longer than a fraction of a second, voltage variations can cause problems with sensitive electronic equipment. Variation in voltage causes digital clocks to blink and timers to be thrown off schedule.

Computers are especially _____.

- A. useful when you transfer data to memory
- B. easy to protect from variations in voltage
- C. useful in publishing
- D. sensitive to voltage variations

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

The paragraph talks about the effect of voltage variations on sensitive equipment.

It is logical to conclude that computers, which are also sensitive equipment, would be affected by voltage variation.

QUESTION 3



Nucleic acids are found in all living organisms, from viruses to man. They received their name because of their discovery in the nuclei of white blood cells and fish sperm by Swiss physiologist Johann Mescher in 1869. However, it is now well established that nucleic acids occur outside the cell nucleus as well.

Nucleic acids are found _____.

- A. only in human cells
- B. only in viruses
- C. in all living cells
- D. only in the cell nucleus

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Nucleic acids are found in all living organisms, as stated in the first sentence of the passage.

QUESTION 4

A major part of safe driving is driving at the right speed. But what is the "right" speed? Is it 20 miles per hour, or 45, or 60? That question may be hard to answer. On some city streets and in heavy traffic, 20 miles per hour could be too fast, even if it's within the posted speed limit. On an interstate highway, 45 miles per hour could be too slow. Of course, a good driver must follow the speed limit, but he must also use good judgment. The "right speed will vary depending on the number of cars, the road surface and its condition, and the driver's visibility.

The general theme of this passage is that a good driver _____.

- A. drives at 45 miles an hour
- B. adjusts to different driving conditions
- C. always drives at the same speed
- D. always follows the speed limit

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The general theme of this passage is that a good driver adjusts to different driving conditions.

QUESTION 5

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.

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