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QUESTION 1

The town's air was consistently_____ depending on the breeze, one might be greeted with the sour effluvia of twenty breweries, choking fumes from the coal tar factory, or brackish smells from the nearby river.

- A. malodorous
- B. toxic
- C. redolent
- D. benign
- E. noisome
- F. anodyne

Correct Answer: AC

QUESTION 2

Some archaeologists speculate that the Americas might have been initially colonized between 40,000 and 25,000 years ago. However, to support this theory it is necessary to explain the absence of generally accepted habitation sites for that time interval in what is now the United States. Australia, which has a smaller land area than the United States, has many such sites, supporting the generally accepted claim that the continent was colonized by humans at least 40,000 years ago. Australia is less densely populated (resulting in lower chances of discovering sites) and with its overall greater aridity would have presented conditions less favorable for hunter-gatherer occupation. Proportionally, at least as much land area has been lost from the coastal regions of Australia because of postglacial sea-level rise as in the United States, so any coastal archaeological record in Australia should have been depleted about as much as a coastal record in the United States. Since there are so many resource-rich rivers leading inland from the United States coastline, it seems implausible that a growing population of humans would have confined itself to coasts for thousands of years. If inhabitants were present 25,000 years ago, the chances of their appearing in the archaeological record would seem to be greater than for Australia.

The author of the passage notes Australia's "smaller land area" in order to

- A. suggest that the number of habitation sites from between 40,000 and 25,000 years ago that have been found in Australia is somewhat surprising
- B. help show why the absence of habitation sites from between 40,000 and 25,000 years ago in what is now the United States is problematic
- C. indicate that Australia is not exactly comparable to the United States in size
- D. emphasize a difference between Australia and the United States in population density
- E. help explain a difference between Australia and the United States in the number of habitation sites from between 40,000 and 25,000 years ago

Correct Answer: B



QUESTION 3

Female Australian Dunaiothhps [small, sap-sucking insects] create tent-like structures on the surface of leaves to protect themselves and their eggs and larvae from desiccation in the arid Australian climate. Bono and Crespi compared survival and reproduction of thrips that founded structures alone with those in groups of two or more individuals. They found that although per capita egg production fell with increasing group size, foundresses were more likely to survive and lay eggs in groups than when alone. Several studies of other species of nest-building insects have concluded that foundress associations are beneficial to all parties. It is likely that the relative success of groups is at least in part accounted for by a reduction of energy use in the modification of a shared nest.

The author mentions "desiccation" primarily to

- A. describe an environment suitable for one species* reproduction
- B. characterize a stage in an insect species\' developmental cycle
- C. analyze an environmental challenge faced by some insect species
- D. exemplify a changing feature of a particular climate
- E. identify the purpose served by a particular behavior

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 4

The efficacy of a placebo may not _____ deception: inert sugar pills have been shown to reduce the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome even in patients who were explicitly told they were receiving a placebo.

- A. justify
- B. preclude
- C. require
- D. mitigate
- E. circumvent

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 5

How much more is 20 percent of x than

$$\frac{1}{5}$$

of 1 percent of x ?

- A. $0.18x$



B. 0.192x

C. 0.198x

D. 0.19.8x

Correct Answer: D

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