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QUESTION 1

Which of these may be inferred from the passage?

"The \$100 Bill" Samantha pedaled quickly, glancing down at her watch as often as her balance would allow. The clock's face read 10:57, sending a spike of panic shooting up her spine. She bent further over her bike, willing her legs to go faster. She screeched to a stop in front of a large restaurant bearing a bright blue, neon sign, her ears ringing, sweat breaking out on her skin. She hurriedly locked her bike to the lone pole positioned in front of the building, before pushing her way through the heavy glass front doors. "You're late." Samantha stopped short, turning to face her boss. She was greeted with a stern face, her boss's lips a thin line. She shook her head in apology. "I'm sorry, Paul. My bike's tires were flat, and I forgot my I.D. badge, so I had to turn back?" Paul held up his hand, cutting her off. "Just don't let it happen again." Samantha threw her hair into a ponytail, hoping her shift would prove more successful as the day wore on. She nearly ran to her first table of the day, plastered a smile on her face, and greeted her first customers of the day. She responded to their questions politely, though her mind was still occupied by Paul's disappointed expression as she ran in the door. Despite her initial mistakes, Samantha worked hard to remain chipper and upbeat, answering her customers' questions to the best of her ability, forcing herself to smile when her eyes began to glaze over with tears. As her first customers left, she caught the eye of the elderly gentleman with the group. He winked, and walked through the doors. Confused, Samantha began to gather the dishes from the table and there, staring up at her, was a crisp \$100 bill. She let a tear roll down her cheek. Her day had just gotten better.

- A. Paul was responsible for Samantha's tire trouble.
- B. Samantha's job is a big part of her financial stability.
- C. The gentleman who left the tip was a friend of Samantha's.
- D. Samantha's trouble at work stemmed entirely from Paul.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

The production's slight romantic appeal depends on its two stars, who are _____ to watch even when they are delivering _____ speeches.

- A. overbearing; innocent
- B. farcical; complex
- C. attractive; creative
- D. impossible; dull
- E. pleasant; empty

Correct Answer: E

The use of the conjunction "even when" implies a contrast within the sentence. So, the two missing words must mean the opposites of each other. If the drama's appeal depends on its two stars, it means that they are either "attractive" to watch or "pleasant" to watch. But the pair "attractive; creative" does not justify the use of the phrase "even when." So, "pleasant; empty" is the answer.



QUESTION 3

Despite her fear of heights, she was to be so far up the mountain _____.

- A. dismayed
- B. unwilling
- C. ashamed
- D. thrilled
- E. alarmed

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

What is the purpose of a thesaurus?

- A. to find rhymes and rhythmic language
- B. to locate a word's definition
- C. to locate synonyms and avoid word overuse
- D. to offer tips and advice to improve one's writing

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 5

In her crusade to make public servants accountable to voters, she _____ the nation's unscrupulous and self-indulgent politicians.

- A. exposed
- B. dramatized
- C. accepted
- D. foreshadowed
- E. promoted

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 6

Carios Saura is not given to explicit statement; his films, which seem hazy because of their psychological _____.



- A. causality
- B. poignancy
- C. conditioning
- D. allusiveness
- E. ardor

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 7

What is a suitable synonym for the word "determined" in the context found in the passage?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than nothing.

- A. concluded
- B. dissuaded
- C. worried
- D. realized

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 8

This book has neither merit nor distinction, and it all but _____ whatever prestige the author may once have had.

- A. challenges
- B. maximizes
- C. epitomizes
- D. nullifies
- E. encompasses

Correct Answer: D

If the author of the book had prestige earlier, but has now produced a book which has neither merit nor distinction, the new book would nullify his earlier prestige. So, "nullifies" is the answer.



QUESTION 9

He was _____ in his vindictiveness, often feigning a disarming camaraderie while _____ his opportunity for revenge.

- A. impulsive; gauging
- B. harmless; preparing
- C. resolute; forgetting
- D. brazen; dreading
- E. devious; awaiting

Correct Answer: E

The person described is said to be "often a disarming camaraderie", meaning that his friendship was not genuine, but was a pretended one. The use of the word "revenge" indicates that the person in whom he was pretending friendship was one who had harmed him earlier. So, the sentence must mean that the person described in the sentence was intent upon taking revenge for this earlier harm. He must therefore be looking for an opportunity to take revenge, even while pretending friendship. So, among the choices for the second missing word, only "preparing" and "awaiting" are appropriate. Such a clever person will obviously not be "harmless" in his vindictiveness. So, "harmless; preparing" is not a suitable choice for the first missing word. "Devious" (meaning cunning) is what describes such a person perfectly, and fits in well in the first blank. So, "devious; awaiting" is the answer.

QUESTION 10

"Meaning" and "truth" are profound and yet _____, for they seem to resist even our most determined attempts at definitive explanation.

- A. equivocal
- B. manageable
- C. insignificant
- D. unwarranted
- E. tractable

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 11

The puzzles that physicists solve are usually those lying about in plain sight, often things so _____ that they are overlooked by all but the keenest observers.

- A. hidden
- B. vital
- C. ordinary



D. vague

E. small

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 12

In a work of literature or nonfiction, what is the purpose of an index?

A. An index is a method of allowing readers to support a text with their own work.

B. An index is a means of connecting a single work to other related topics.

C. An index serves as a reference for readers, listing the location of specific topics or concepts within the book.

D. An index serves as a guide for readers in the beginning of the book.

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 13

Harrying the foe with artillery fire and _____ them with fire ships, the English forced the Spanish to _____ their invasion attempt.

A. dispersing; abandon

B. ramming; confirm

C. restricting; rebuff

D. helping; reconsider

E. reinforcing; ignore

Correct Answer: A

The sentence obviously describes a war between the British and the Spanish, which was started by an attempt of the Spanish to invade Britain. If, in that attempt, the Spanish were harried (meaning harassed) by the British with artillery fire, what would the Spanish have been forced to do with their invasion attempt? "Abandon" is the best among the given choices for the second missing word. Its pair-word "dispersing" is also equally appropriate for the first missing blank. So, "dispersing; abandon" is the answer.

QUESTION 14

Where might this passage be found?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than



nothing.

- A. a young adult novel
- B. a news article
- C. a nonfiction work
- D. a persuasive essay

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 15

If a patient follows the directions correctly, how often could the medicine be taken?

Read the set of directions below to answer the questions.

This formula is for people with deficiencies and anemic conditions. It aids in the body absorption of vital minerals such as iron, calcium, zinc, potassium, and sulfur. Take the following ingredients: Parsley root, Comfrey root, Yellow dock, Watercress, Nettles, Kelp Irish moss. Simmer slowly equal parts of these herbs with four ounces to a half-quart of water. Continue to simmer slowly until the volume of liquid is reduced by half.

Strain, reserve the liquid, and cover the herbs with water once more. Then simmer again for 10 minutes.

Strain and combine the two liquids.

Cook the liquid down until the volume is reduced by half. Add an equal amount of blackstrap molasses.

Take one tablespoon four to five times daily, not exceeding four tablespoons in a 24-hour period.

- A. once every six hours
- B. once every four hours
- C. once every three hours
- D. once every two hours

Correct Answer: A

The dosage indicates not to exceed four tablespoons in a 24-hour period, so the patient should take it no more than every six hours.

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