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Question: 1

Which of the following would best support the argument that people cause global climate change?

- A. The average global temperature has increased 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit since 1880.
- B. Common greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide and water vapor.
- C. Most of the greenhouse gases today come from burning things like coal and other fossil fuels for energy'.
- D. The average person breathes out about 1.0 kg of carbon dioxide every day, while the average cow produces about 80 kg of methane.

Answer: C

Explanation:

This choice shows how greenhouse gases are released from burning coal and other fuels, which people need for power. Choices A, B, and D are facts, but don't show a relationship to the main idea.

Question: 2

Lise is doing a research project on the various psychological theories that Sigmund Freud developed and on the modern response to those theories. To which section of the library should she go to begin looking for research material?

The Dewey Decimal Classes

000 Computer science, information, and general works

100 Philosophy and psychology

200 Religion

300 Social sciences

400 Languages

500 Science and mathematics

600 Technical and applied science

700 Arts and recreation

800 Literature

900 History, geography, and biography

- A. 100
- B. 200
- C. 300
- D. 900

Answer: A

Explanation:

Since Lise's project is on Sigmund Freud's psychological theories, publications about psychology would be good research material for her to start with. The Dewey Decimal System groups publications about philosophy and in the 100s. To find information on Freud's psychological theories, Lise should go to class 100. Choice B is the 200s, which includes materials related to religion. Choice C is the 300s, which includes materials related to social sciences. Choice D is the 900s, which includes biographies and materials related to history and geography. While any of these subjects may become relevant to Lise's project as she researches, they are not the subjects she should research first. Choice A the 100s, is the best answer.

Question: 3

During her research, Lise discovers that Freud's theory of the Oedipal complex was based on ancient Greek mythology that was made famous by Sophocles' play Oedipus Rex. To which section of the library should she go if she is interested in reading the play?

The Dewey Decimal Classes

000 Computer science, information, and general works

100 Philosophy and psychology

200 Religion

300 Social sciences

400 Languages

500 Science and mathematics

600 Technical and applied science

700 Arts and recreation

800 Literature

900 History, geography, and biography

A. 300

B. 400

C. 800

D. 900

Answer: C

Explanation:

Lise is looking for a play, which is considered a literary work, or literature. According to the Dewey Decimal System, literature is found in the 800s, so Lise should consult the 800s section. Choice A the 300s, includes books on the social sciences: choice B, the 400s, includes books on languages: and choice D, the 900s, includes biographies and books about history and geography. While some books in these sections may mention Oedipus Rex, a copy of the play will not be found in these sections. The 800s is the best section for Lise to consult to read the play.

Question: 4

Also during her research, Lise learns about Freud's Jewish background, and she decides to compare Freud's theories to traditional Judaism. To which section of the library should she go for more information on this subject?

The Dewey Decimal Classes
000 Computer science, information, and general works
100 Philosophy and psychology
200 Religion
300 Social sciences
400 Languages
500 Science and mathematics
600 Technical and applied science
700 Arts and recreation
800 Literature
900 History, geography, and biography

- A. 100
- B. 200
- C. 800
- D. 900

Answer: B

Explanation:

Lise is looking for information about Judaism, which is a religion. Materials about religion are found in the 200s, so Lise should look there to learn more about Judaism. Choice A is the 100s, which includes material about philosophy: choice C is the 800s, which includes literature: and choice D is the 900s, which includes biographies and material on history and geography. While Judaism may be relevant to materials from these sections, publications in the 200s will be the best sources for Lise to learn more information about Judaism.

Question: 5

Consider the following scenario:

Mara is conducting a study that will examine the ideas of middle school teachers concerning the usage of iPhones in the classroom. She interviews all teachers who teach a computer software course.

Which of the answer choices best describes the appropriateness of Mara's data sample?

- A. The sample is biased because it only includes teachers who are immersed in the technology field.
- B. The sample is biased because the sample size is too small.
- C. The sample is biased because the sample size is too large.
- D. The sample is not biased and is appropriate for the study.

Answer: A

Explanation:

The sample is biased because the study wishes to examine all middle school teachers' ideas regarding usage of iPhones in the classroom, while the sample only represents ideas of those teachers teaching technology courses.

Question: 6

Follow the instructions below to transform the starting word into a different word.

Start with the word ESOTERIC

Remove both instances of the letter E from the word

Remove the letter I from the word

Move the letter T from the middle of the word to the end of the word

Remove the letter C from the word

What new word has been spelled?

- A. SECT
- B. SORT
- C. SORE
- D. TORE

Answer: B

Explanation:

The word SORT results from following all of the provided directions. Choice A fails to remove the E and C, choice C fails to remove the E, and choice D fails to remove the E and move the T.

Question: 7

Consider the statement below:

Literacy rates are lower today than they were fifteen years ago. Then, most people learned to read through the use of phonics. Today, whole language programs are favored by many educators.

Assuming this statement is true, which of the answer choices is a logical conclusion?

- A. Whole language is more effective at teaching people to read than phonics.
- B. Phonics is more effective at teaching people to read than whole language.
- C. Literacy rates will probably continue to decline over the next 15 years.
- D. The definition of what it means to be literate is much stricter now.

Answer: B

Explanation:

This passage supports the idea that phonics is a more effective way to learn to read. First, the passage states that literacy rates are lower now than they were 15 years ago, meaning that more people knew how to read 15 years ago. Second, the passage states that phonics was the main way people learned how to read 15 years ago. Based on these two facts, it can be concluded that phonics is more effective at teaching people to read. Choice A says that whole language programs are more effective, so it is incorrect. The passage does not include any information that can be used to predict future literacy rates, nor does it suggest that the definition of literate has changed, so choices C and D are also incorrect.

Question: 8

Which of the following describes this type of writing?

The area known as the Bermuda Triangle has become such a part of popular culture that it can be difficult to separate fact from fiction. The interest first began when five Navy planes vanished in 1945, officially attributed to "causes or reasons unknown." The explanations about other accidents in the Triangle range from the scientific to the supernatural. Researchers have never been able to find anything truly mysterious about what happens in the Bermuda Triangle, if there even is a Bermuda Triangle. What is more, one of the biggest challenges in considering the phenomenon is deciding how much area actually represents the Bermuda Triangle. Most consider the Triangle to stretch from Miami out to Puerto Rico and to include the island of Bermuda.

a. Others expand the area to include all of the Caribbean islands and to extend eastward as far as the Azores, which are closer to Europe than they are to North America.

The problem with having a larger Bermuda Triangle is that it increases the odds of accidents. There is near-constant travel, by ship and by plane, across the Atlantic, and accidents are expected to occur. In fact the Bermuda Triangle happens to fall within one of the busiest navigational regions in the world, and the reality of greater activity creates the possibility for more to go wrong. Shipping records suggest that there is not a greater-than-average loss of vessels within the Bermuda Triangle, and many researchers have argued that the reputation of the Triangle makes any accident seem out of the ordinary. In fact, most accidents fall within the expected margin of error. The increase in ships from East Asia no doubt contributes to an increase in accidents. And as for the story of the Navy planes that disappeared within the Triangle, many researchers now conclude that it was the result of mistakes on the part of the pilots who flew into storm clouds, likely became discomposed, and then simply got lost.

- A. Narrative
- B. Persuasive
- C. Expository
- D. Technical

Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage is expository because it communicates information about the mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle and what researchers have studied and now believe. The author includes facts to inform the reader, which is the goal of expository writing. The passage does not tell a story or describe one event, so it is not a narrative. The passage also does not seek to lead the reader to take action or accept a particular conclusion, so this passage is not persuasive. The passage also does not give technical information and does not aim to help the reader understand a technical concept, so this passage is not technical.

Question: 9

Which of the following sentences most accurately summarizes this passage?

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A. The problem with having a larger Bermuda Triangle is that it increases the odds of accidents.

B. The area that is called the Bermuda Triangle happens to fall within one of the busiest navigational regions in the world, and the reality of greater activity creates the possibility for more to go wrong.

C. One of the biggest challenges in considering the phenomenon is deciding how much area actually represents the Bermuda Triangle.

D. Researchers have never been able to find anything truly mysterious about what happens in the Bermuda Triangle, if there even is a Bermuda Triangle.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Choice D is the best summary statement for the entire passage because it clearly describes what the author is saying about the results of studies on the Bermuda Triangle. Each paragraph in the passage includes details that support the statement that researchers have never found anything truly mysterious about the Bermuda Triangle. Choices A, B, and C are all details found in the passage, but none of these answer choices give a summary of the whole passage. Each of these answer choices support the statement in choice D, as do the rest of the details in the passage.

Question: 10

With which of the following statements would the author most likely agree?

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- A. There is no real mystery about the Bermuda Triangle because most events have reasonable explanations.
- B. Researchers are wrong to expand the focus of the Triangle to the Azores because this increases the likelihood of accidents.
- C. The official statement of "causes or reasons unknown" in the loss of the Navy planes was a deliberate concealment from the Navy.
- D. Reducing the legends about the mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle will help to reduce the number of reported accidents or shipping losses in that region.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Of all the sentences provided, choice A is the one with which the author would most likely agree. The passage suggests that most of the "mysteries" of the Bermuda Triangle can be explained in a reasonable way. The passage mentions that some expand the Triangle to the Azores, but this is a point of fact, and the author makes no mention of whether or not this is in error. The author quotes the Navy's response to the disappearance of the planes, but there is no reason to believe the author questions this response. The author raises questions about the many myths surrounding the Triangle, but at no point does the author claim that these myths are to blame for the accidents that fall "within the expected margin of error."

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