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Part Two - Sentence Completion

DIRECTIONS: Select the answer choice that best completes the sentence. You are not allowed to use scrap paper, a dictionary, or a thesaurus.

Question: 1

The pop star wore a disguise and exited through a back door to avoid being _____ by the paparazzi.

- A. humiliated
- B. ignored
- C. overlooked
- D. welcomed

Answer: A

Explanation:

Humiliated means embarrassment or hurting someone's self-respect. Since the star is wearing a disguise, it is unlikely that the star fears being overlooked (C) or ignored (B). Instead, the star does not want to get their attention. The evasive tactics are to avoid being noticed or humiliated by their attention. Being welcomed (D) carries a positive connotation and is thus less likely to be avoided.

Question: 2

The fashion expert _____ Sylvia's apparel as being out of date.

- A. applauded
- B. drafted
- C. praised

D. rejected

Answer: D

Explanation:

A fashion experts identifying something as out-of-date would be negative, not a compliment. So, the expert would not applaud Sylvia's clothing (A) or praise her accessories (C), which both have positive connotations. The verb drafted (B) means that someone or something is chosen from a group. Drafting can also refer to someone who has started to write a paper or started to put together a plan.

Question: 3

The others were not upset by Steve's strange behavior, as they were ____ with it.

- A. acquainted
- B. appalled
- C. disgusted
- D. unfamiliar

Answer: A

Explanation:

The others were acquainted with—i.e., knew about or were familiar with—Steve's strange behavior and thus were not upset by it. Appalled (B) and disgusted (C) are synonyms meaning that they certainly were upset with the behavior. However, this would contradict the sentence's statement that they were not upset. Unfamiliar (D) is an antonym of acquainted. While unfamiliarity with some things could prevent someone from being upset about them, this sentence describes Steve's behavior as strange, which is more likely to upset people who are unfamiliar with it than those who are used to it.

Question: 4

Ned's clumsy handling of the garden hose caused poor little Ike to be _____.

- A. drenched
- B. dry
- C. entertained
- D. unaffected

Answer: A

Explanation:

The description of "poor little" Ike implies that Ned's handling of the hose caused something unfortunate and unintended to happen to Ike, like being drenched with water, which could be caused by clumsy handling. So, the context of the sentence does not suggest that Ike was entertained (C). If the handling of the hose was clumsy, then this would not cause Ike to stay dry (B) because it does not

explain why he is "poor little" Ike. Again, the context of the sentence does suggest that Ike was unaffected (D) because nothing good seems to have happened to Ike.

Question: 5

That message I sent was intended _____ for you and not all of your friends.

- A. commonly
- B. expressly
- C. generally
- D. possibly

Answer: B

Explanation:

Expressly means specifically, particularly, especially, precisely, exactly. Generally (C) and commonly (A) are antonyms of expressly. Possibly (D), meaning not definitely/not surely, is also an antonym of expressly, precisely, exactly.

Question: 6

James exclaimed dramatically, "I'm so _____ that I could eat an immense meal!"

- A. congested
- B. nauseated
- C. satisfied
- D. starved

Answer: D

Explanation:

Starved means very hungry. So, if James is famished, he could eat an immense, i.e., very large, meal. Nauseated (B) means sick. So, if James were not well, he could not eat an immense meal. Congested (A) means overly full or stuffed. If James exclaimed that he was congested, he probably would not be interested in any kind of meal. Also, if James were satisfied (C), then he would obviously not be interested in a meal.

Question: 7

When he slid quietly out of his desk, the student _____ his things and left the room.

- A. collected
- B. delayed
- C. disciplined
- D. hoisted

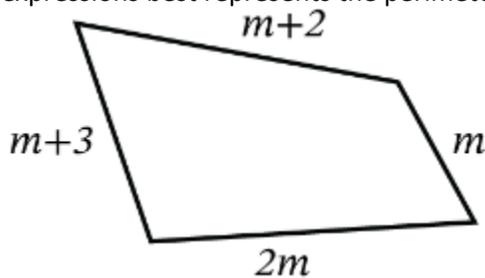
Answer: A

Explanation:

Collected means gather, group, or accumulate. The context of the sentence tells us that the student does not want to be a distraction. So, the student would not hoist (D) (i.e., raise or lift) his things into the air before leaving the classroom. Discipline (C) means to instruct or to order and is reserved for people or animals, not things like classroom materials. Choice B is not the correct choice because the word delay suggests being late and classroom materials cannot be late.

Question: 8

The figure shows an irregular quadrilateral and the lengths of its sides. Which of the following expressions best represents the perimeter of the quadrilateral?



- A. $m^4 + 5$
- B. $2m^4 + 5$
- C. $4m + 5$
- D. $5m + 5$

Answer: D

Explanation:

The perimeter (P) of the quadrilateral is simply the sum of its sides:

$$P = m + (m + 2) + (m + 3) + 2m$$

Put together like terms by adding the variables (m-terms) together. Then, add the constants. This gives you $P = 5m + 5$.

In this problem, it seems that some of the variables do not have a number in front of them. However, when there is no coefficient, this means multiplication by 1. So, $m = 1m$, $x = 1x$, and so on.

Question: 9

Of the 20 people in Joan's class, 4 of them have birthdays in the winter, 7 have birthdays in the spring, 3 have birthdays in the summer, and 6 have birthdays in the fall. What is the probability a student chosen at random will have a birthday in either the spring or the summer?

- A. $\frac{3}{20}$
- B. $\frac{3}{10}$
- C. $\frac{7}{20}$
- D. $\frac{1}{2}$

Answer: D

Explanation:

Since the probability of being born in the spring or summer is being calculated, the probabilities are added.

$$\frac{7}{20} + \frac{3}{20} = \frac{10}{20} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Question: 10

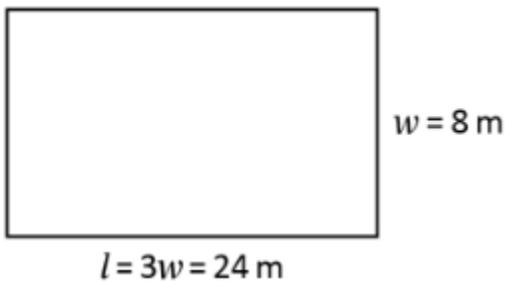
A rectangular plot in a garden is three times longer than it is wide. What is the perimeter of the garden if it has a width of 8 meters?

- A. 24 meters
- B. 32 meters
- C. 64 meters
- D. 192 meters

Answer: C

Explanation:

A diagram of the plot would look like this:



The perimeter of a rectangle is the formula $P = 2L + 2W$ which produces $2(24) + 2(8) = 48 + 16 = 64\text{m}$.

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