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Question: 1

How are the following two sentences related?
Sentence 1: While waiting for an appointment, enduring a several-hour flight, or relaxing before sleep, books, magazines, and newspapers have been a reliable and convenient source of entertainment, and one that society has not been willing to give up.
Sentence 2: With a rechargeable battery. a large screen, and the ability to have several books saved on file, electronic options will soon take over and society will no longer see printed books.

A. Sentence 2 clarifies sentence 1.
B. Sentence 1 supports the main idea of sentence 2.
C. They are contradictory of one another.
D. Sentence 2 offers a solution to a problem presented in sentence 1.

Answer: C

Explanation:
Sentence 1 states that printed materials are still valued and cherished in our society. Sentence 2 asserts that printed materials are a thing of the past. The points contradict one another, making the sentences contradictory.

Question: 2

Which of the following is a reason the author does NOT give for the assertion that electronic devices are better than books?

A. Because they have multiple uses
B. Because they store more than one book at a time
C. Because they can be used to play games online
D. Because they are rechargeable

Answer: A

Explanation:
The author states that electronic devices can store more than one book at a time, as well as serve many other purposes. Because these devices have multiple uses, the author believes they are better than books.

Question: 3

From the text we can infer that the author which of the following?

A. The author believes books are more enjoyable than electronic devices.
B. The author would rather read a newspaper than a Kindle.
C. The author prefers informational text over fiction.
D. The author is ready to move forward with technological advances.

Answer: D

Explanation:
The author concludes his passage with the sentence, "Printed media changed the way the world communicated and was connected. and now, as we move forward with technology. it is only a matter of time before we must say goodbye to the printed past and welcome the digital and electronic future." From this, we can infer that the author is ready to move forward with advances in the world of technology. The other choices are either oppositional to the evidence in the text or not supported by the text at all.

Question: 4

According to the text, which of the following do stories NOT accomplish?

A. Communicating ideas
B. Providing information
C. Supporting the need for electronic devices
D. Entertaining readers

Answer: C

Explanation:
The text shows evidence that since the beginning of time, stories have been A way for people to share ideas, information. and entertain one another. It wasn't until recent technology that devices have proved their worth in the world of storytelling.

Question: 5

What is the main argument of this essay?

A. iPad and Kindles are easier to read than books.
B. The printing press was a great invention.
C. The Internet is how people receive information.
D. Technology will soon replace printed material.

Answer: D

Explanation:
The main argument is stated in paragraph 4: "With the progression and extreme convenience of technology, printed books are going to soon become a thing of the past." The other choices are either supporting details or extra information not related to the main argument.

Question: 6

What is the main purpose of paragraph 1?

A. To define oral tradition
B. To stress the importance of the printing press
C. To explain the progression of storytelling within society
D. To introduce the essay

Answer: C

Explanation:
Paragraph 1 explains the progression of storytelling, beginning with oral tradition and going past the invention of the printing press. In context with the rest of the essay. this paragraph is needed to explain how storytelling has evolved, as well as how stories are shared within society.

Question: 7

According to the essay, what was the first way that stories were communicated and passed down?

A. Oral tradition
B. Printed books
C. Technology
D. Hand-written copies

Answer: A

Explanation:
In paragraph 1, it is stated that oral tradition was the main medium for storytelling before the invention of the printing press.

Question: 8

Which of the following statements is an opinion?

A. Despite the progression of the internet, printed media was still very popular in the forms of both fiction and non-fiction books.
B. Although some people may say that the act of reading is not complete without turning a page, sliding a finger across the screen (or pressing a button) to read more onto the next page is just as satisfying to the reader.
C. With the invention of the internet, reliance on books for information quickly changed,
D. Stories have been a part of the world since the beginning of recorded time.

Answer: B

Explanation:
It is not a fact that "sliding a finger across the screen (or pressing a button) to move onto the next page is just as satisfying to the reader." Satisfaction is not something universal that can be proven for every reader. This statement is an opinion. All other choices are factual in nature.

Question: 9

Which of the following reflects a secondary argument made by the author?

A. Devices such as the iPad or Kindle are better than books because they have multiple uses.
B. Books are still important to have while waiting for an appointment or taking a flight.
C. Printed encyclopedias are still used and more convenient than using the internet.
D. With technology, there will soon be no need for stories.

Answer: A

Explanation:
The author makes the argument in paragraph 5 that devices such as the iPad and Kindle are "therefore better than books because they have multiple uses." All other choices reflect either supporting details or misrepresentation of the statements made by the author.

Question: 10

Which of the following wine-making processes produce the strongest flavor of oak in the least amount of time?

A. Storing the wine in oak barrels
B. Storing the wine with wood chips
C. Storing the wine in metal containers
D. Adding chemicals to the wine as it is mixed

Answer: B

Explanation:
According to the text, storing wine in metal casks with macerated wood chips provides a stronger wood flavor in less time and therefore is less expensive.

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