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### QUESTION 1

Since Gilmore, as a critic, has rarely if ever disliked works that are surprising and unpredictable, he will undoubtedly view this new novel as a (i)\_\_\_\_\_. since it skillfully (ii)\_\_\_\_\_conventional expectations.

- A. conundrum
- B. failure
- C. triumph
- D. satisfies
- E. assumes
- F. confounds

Correct Answer: CF

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### QUESTION 2

If -1

- A.  $|x - z| > |y|$
- B.  $|x - z|$
- C.  $|x|$
- D.  $|x - y| > |z - y|$
- E.  $|x - y|$

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 3

Female Australian Dunalothrips [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 panics. 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 suggests which of the following about the "reduction of energy use"?

- A. It may be beneficial enough to insects to offset a decrease in per capita egg production.
- B. It has been shown to occur primarily in species of insects that live in arid climates.

- C. Its negative consequences for insect eggs and larvae are outweighed by other, more advantageous effects.
- D. Its magnitude is most likely smaller than suggested by some early research studies on insect reproduction.
- E. It may help insects to regulate egg production in groups that reach a certain population density.

Correct Answer: A

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#### QUESTION 4

For which of the following values of  $v$  must  $x^v - x$  be divisible by 10?

Indicate all such values.

- A. 480
- B. 481
- C. 482
- D. 483
- E. 484
- F. 485
- G. 486
- H. 487

Correct Answer: ABEFG

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#### QUESTION 5

The story lines of silent dramas may often have been\_\_\_\_\_. yet within those basic narrative outlines, the true artists among silent-film actors could express emotional shadings that have no analogue in spoken

- A. language.
- B. implausible
- C. incredible
- D. conventional
- E. elemental
- F. rudimentary
- G. confusing

Correct Answer: DE

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#### QUESTION 6

Which of the following is a reasoning error committed by the argument?

- A. It confuses being the first to discover a method of achieving a certain goal with being the first to publish that method.
- B. It treats a condition that is necessary\* to achieve a certain goal as though it were sufficient to achieve that goal.
- C. It supposes that if something is essential to one way of achieving a certain goal, then it is essential to any way of achieving that goal.
- D. It fails to distinguish adequately between methods of achieving a certain goal available at one time and methods of achieving that goal available at another time.
- E. It claims that a person who did not originate a method for achieving a certain goal would not understand that method.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: In the margin of a manuscript, the seventeenth-century mathematician Pierre de Fermat stated a certain mathematical theorem and claimed to have a proof of that theorem, but did not provide the proof. Now, after three hundred years, a proof of the theorem has been given. But since this proof depends on mathematical ideas not developed until the twentieth century, it is not likely that Fermat himself had a successful proof of the theorem.

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#### QUESTION 7

Al. Ben. Carl, Dina, and Edna are to be seated in a row of 5 adjoining chairs, with 1 person sitting in each chair. If Dina and Edna must each be seated in the first chair in the row or the last chair in the row, in how many different seating arrangements can the 5 people be seated?"1

- A. 6
- B. 12
- C. 24
- D. 30
- E. 60

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 8

Many shipwrecks dating from the period between A.D. 300 and 600 have been discovered in the Red Sea. Well over half of those ships were carrying cargo stored in large ceramic jars, many of which were preserved largely intact on the ocean floor. During that period, such jars carried only liquid. Therefore, liquid cargo was probably carried by a majority of the cargo ships that navigated the Red Sea during that period.

The force of the evidence cited in the passage is most seriously weakened if which of the following is true?

- A. For ships on the Ramian Sea during the period, a full load of liquid cargo stored in large ceramic jars was not likely to be significantly heavier than a full load of other kinds of cargo that were typical of the period.
- B. There are no surviving records dating from the period that detail specific cargoes shipped across the Ramian Sea.
- C. The ratio of liquid to solid cargo shipped across the Ramian Sea did not vary significantly over the period.
- D. The presence of a sizable quantity of large ceramic jars on the ocean floor is so visually striking that a shipwreck of a ship carrying such jars is more likely to be noticed and reported than are shipwrecks of ships carrying other cargoes.
- E. During the period, grain and other solid cargo was shipped across the Ramian Sea in containers made from material other than clay.

Correct Answer: D

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### QUESTION 9

There is a rather \_\_\_\_\_ reason for astronomers sudden interest in comets: most other bodies in the solar system have been explored already.

- A. pedantic
- B. prosaic
- C. controversial
- D. untenable
- E. mysterious

Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 10

A group of children is divided into  $r$  teams of  $\sim$  players each, and 1 team of 10 players. The group has more than 30 but less than 50 children, and each child belongs to only one team.

<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
The number of children in the group	38

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Correct Answer: D

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**QUESTION 11**

$x + z = y - 1$  and  $y - z = 3x$

<u>Quantity A</u>	<u>Quantity B</u>
$x$	$\frac{1}{2}$

- A. Quantity A is greater.
- B. Quantity B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Correct Answer: C

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**QUESTION 12**

Her tendency toward \_\_\_\_\_ made her willingness to step up and lead the turbulent group all the more impressive.

- A. guilelessness
- B. diffidence
- C. forbearance
- D. rectitude
- E. assiduousness

Correct Answer: B

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**QUESTION 13**

An exercise ball is made from soft elastic that has uniform thickness of 2 millimeters, and the interior of the ball is filled with air. The ball is in the shape of a sphere and has an exterior diameter of 65 centimeters. What is the radius of the interior of the ball, in millimeters?

- A. 323
- B. 324
- C. 325
- D. 646

E. 648

Correct Answer: A

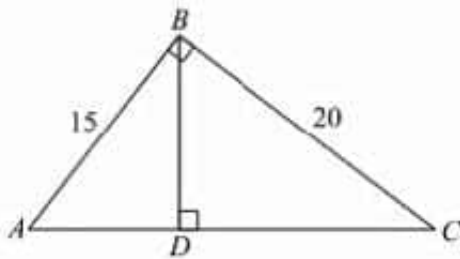
**QUESTION 14**

The sales tax on clothing items in Country A is 25 percent of the purchase price of the item, and the sales tax on clothing items in Country B is 20 percent of the purchase price of the item. If the two countries have the same currency and if the price of a certain clothing item is the same in both countries, what percent greater is the amount of sales tax on the clothing item purchased in Country A than the amount of sales tax on the clothing item purchased in Country B ?

A. 25%

Correct Answer: A

**QUESTION 15**



In the figure shown, what is the length of line segment BD?

A. 5

Correct Answer: A