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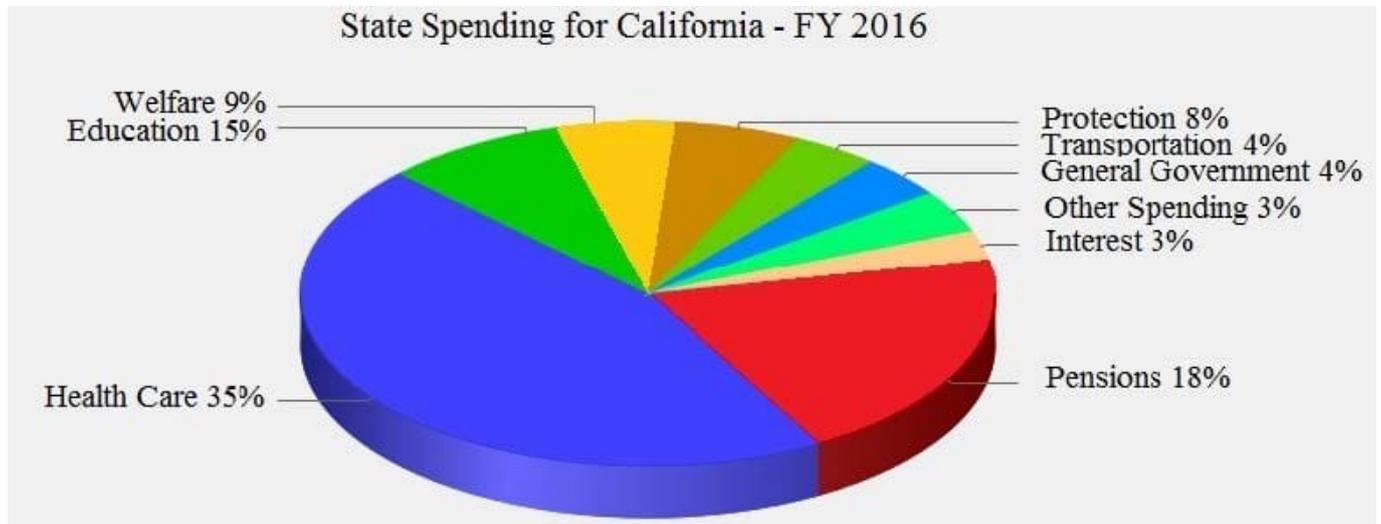
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QUESTION 1



According to the trends shown by the data on the graph, on which of the following items is California most likely to spend the most money in 2017?

- A. state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment in major community hospitals
- B. specialized programs for learning-impaired students in the public-school system
- C. assistance programs for low-income residents of California
- D. new rail systems that will allow more California residents to travel without the use of a car

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 2

The study crowds and groups is more than _____ in an _____ age characterized by interdependence and action.

- A. academic; collective
- B. difficult; intellectual
- C. vigorous; assertive
- D. Erudite; formal
- E. general; specific

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

"As a young child, I followed the same routine every Saturday morning. First, I would awaken early, before anyone else in my family had gotten up. I wanted to make sure I had the living room all to myself as I ate my cereal and watched cartoons. After my favorite shows were over, I would read the cartoons in Saturday's local paper, making sure to cut out my favorite ones and tack them to my bulletin board. Next, I would get dressed for the day and head outside. My neighborhood friends and I would grab our bikes and spend the afternoon exploring the park near our houses. By the time we got tired of riding our bikes, it would be time for my family to go out to dinner together. We always went out for a nice meal on Saturday evenings. Finally, after dinner, my whole family would watch a movie together, while eating popcorn and ice cream. Saturdays were always my favorite day of the week!"

According to the passage, after reading the newspaper comics, the author would always _____.

- A. ride the bike
- B. go out to dinner
- C. eat cereal
- D. get dressed

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

The archaeologist enjoyed the _____ life she led while gathering artifacts; she never stayed at any one site long enough to get bored.

- A. stealthy
- B. nomadic
- C. clamorous
- D. indiscreet
- E. rustic

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 5

Having turned out forty solo recordings, this hardworking harpsichordist can almost be classed as _____.

- A. a contradiction
- B. a sluggard
- C. an apprentice
- D. an event
- E. an industry

Correct Answer: E

The harpsichordist is a musician who plays the instrument harpsichord. Referred to in the sentence is described as hardworking, and is stated to have turned out as many as forty solo recordings. He can therefore not be classed as "a contradiction", or "a sluggard" (meaning a lazy person) or "an apprentice." Classifying him as "an event" is not as appropriate as classifying him as "an industry" by himself. So, "an industry" is the answer.

QUESTION 6

Michelle is expected to attend a gala with her husband. She needs a place to store her small wallet and the gala tickets.

Black Messenger Bag Purse Size: Large Purse Cost: \$30 Purse Durability: Extremely Durable Mustard Yellow Cross-Body Purse Purse Size: Medium Purse Cost: \$14.99 Purse Durability: Medium Durability

Studded Clutch Purse Size: Mini Purse Cost: \$65 Purse Durability: Delicate

Which of the purses described would best suit Michelle's needs?

- A. the cross-body bag
- B. the black messenger bag
- C. the studded clutch
- D. None of the purses would suit Michelle's needs.

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 7

What can be inferred about the student's work from the explanation offered in the passage?

To whom it may concern,

After a careful review of your submission, we have determined that your piece does not meet the requirements of the literary journal. We thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the journal and encourage you to review the guidelines and try again next year.

We look forward to seeing your work in the future. Good luck!

—

Claymont High School Review

- A.
The student's work met the journal's requirements.
- B.
The student's work needs further revision and improvement before being accepted.
- C.

The student failed to provide all of the necessary information for publication in the journal.

D.

The student's work content was inappropriate.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 8

What is the purpose of this 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. to teach the audience about proper workplace etiquette
- B. to warn against tardiness in the workplace
- C. to tell a hopeful story about a down-on-her-luck waitress
- D. to convince the audience to leave generous tips

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 9

His _____ to succumb to flattery made him _____ to the of people who wished to take advantage of him.

- A. immune; predilection
- B. prejudicial; intentions
- C. susceptible; cajolery
- D. resistant; blandishments
- E. amenable; rejection

Correct Answer: C

If a person was inclined to succumb to flattery, people who wished to take advantage of him would naturally flatter him. Among the choices for the second missing word, it is only "cajolery" and "blandishments" which mean flattery. But the pair word of "blandishments; namely resistant," would result in a self-contradictory sentence. So, "susceptible; cajolery" is the answer.

QUESTION 10

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 11

Why does the author of the passage quote the first line of the novel *Native Speaker*?

Chang-Rae Lee's debut and award-winning novel *Native Speaker* is about Henry Park, a Korean-American individual who struggles to find his place as an immigrant in a suburb of New York City. This novel addresses the notion that as the individuals who know us best, our family, peers, and lovers are the individuals who direct our lives and end up defining us. Henry Park is confronted with this reality in the very beginning of the novel, which begins: "The day my wife left she gave me a list of who I was." Upon separating from his wife, Park struggles with racial and ethnic identity issues due to his loneliness. Through Park's work as an undercover operative for a private intelligence agency, the author presents the theme of espionage as metaphor for the internal divide that Park experiences as an immigrant. This dual reality creates two worlds for Park and increases his sense of uncertainty with regard to his place in society. While he constantly feels like an outsider looking in, he also feels like he belongs to neither world. Chang-Rae Lee is also a first-generation Korean American immigrant. He immigrated to America at the early age of three. Themes of identity, race, and cultural alienation pervade his works. His interests in these themes no doubt stem from his first-hand experience as a kid growing up in a Korean household while going to an American school. Lee is also author of *A Gesture Life* and *Aloft*. The protagonists are similar in that they deal with labels placed on them based on race, color, and language. Consequently, all of these characters struggle to belong in America. Lee's novels address differences within a nation's mix of race, religion, and history, and the necessity of assimilation between cultures. In his works and through his characters, Lee shows us both the difficulties and the subtleties of the immigrant experience in America. He urges us to consider the role of borders and to consider why the idea of opening up one's borders is so frightening. In an ever-changing world in which cultures are becoming more intermingled, the meaning of identity must be constantly redefined, especially when the security of belonging to a place is becoming increasingly elusive. As our world grows smaller with increasing technological advances, these themes in Lee's novels become even more pertinent.

- A. It is the main idea of the novel.
- B. To illustrate one of the themes in the novel.
- C. To show how the book is semi-autobiographical.
- D. To create interest in the novel.

Correct Answer: B

The author of this passage uses the first line of the novel to provide an example of one of the themes of the novel.

QUESTION 12

Those who seek the advice of scientists in this matter should recognize that, because the knowledge available is _____. The reliability of the advice cannot be _____.

- A. technical; documented
- B. coherent; explained
- C. explicit; understood
- D. inadequate; guaranteed
- E. extraneous; denied

Correct Answer: D

The words "documented", "explained" and "understood" are not suitable adjectives for the noun "reliability", and can straight-away be discarded for that reason. Since it is logical to say that, if the available knowledge is inadequate, the reliability of the advice based on such limited knowledge cannot be guaranteed, "inadequate; guaranteed" is a suitable choice.

The pair "extraneous; denied" does not result in a logical sentence, and is wrong.

QUESTION 13

According to the paragraph, how can students locate tutors/tutoring services?

When faced with a difficult academic task, many students turn to tutors for assistance. Tutors range widely in specialty and cost, including tutors who focus exclusively on reading, and others who work in broad categories such as general math. Tutors may be found in variety of ways, including checking with your local school and seeking out prospective tutors online. When searching for a tutor, however, recognize that different specialties may incur additional fees or charges. When selecting a tutor, consider establishing a trial period to ensure personality types mesh well and services deliver what they promise.

- A. seeking out help from the student's school and searching for tutoring services online
- B. seeking help online or seeking help from a trusted friend or family member
- C. reliable tutors are only found through local school tutoring programs
- D. seeking help from a trusted friend or family member and contacting the local schools for tutoring services

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 14

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 15

The sententious woman finally relented, allowing Maria to walk to the pharmaceutical aisle.

What is the meaning of the word sententious?

- A. accommodating and readily available to help
- B. short-tempered and prone to random outbursts of anger
- C. kind, courteous
- D. given to moralizing, or exceedingly self-righteous

Correct Answer: D

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