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Question: 1

The Cornell family wants to do some fishing in June. Which trail should they choose?

- A. Beaverton Falls
- B. Eagle Eye
- C. Copper Creek
- D. Toulanne

Answer: D

Explanation:

According to the table, the Toulanne Trail offers boat rentals as early as May; whereas, the Silver Bullet Trail does not allow fishing until July.

Question: 2

If Joey and Katrina hike an average of 3 miles per hour, about how long will it take them if they take the Beaverton Falls trail and follow it through the Copper Creek trail?

- A. 3 hours
- B. 32 hours
- C. 4 hours
- D. 42 hours

Answer: C

Explanation:

The total distance they will hike is 2.6 miles + 9.5 miles = 12.1 miles. If they hike 3 miles per hour it will take them $12.1/3 = 4.03$ hours to hike 12.1 miles.

Question: 3

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

1. Start with the word MELIORATE.
2. Remove the letter E from the end of the word.
3. Remove the letter E from the middle of the word.
4. Remove the letter L from the middle of the word.
5. Remove the letter I from the middle of the word.
6. Add the letter A to the beginning of the word.
7. Replace the letter T with the letter L.

What new word has been spelled?

- A. amerce
- B. amoral
- C. amenity
- D. melody

Answer: B

Explanation:

The seven steps of instructions result in the word amoral.

Question: 4

The guide words at the top of a dictionary page are degressive and delectation. Which of the following words is an entry on this page?

- A. delegacy
- B. degrade
- C. deject
- D. delirium

Answer: C

Explanation:

Among the answer choices, only the word deject would appear between the words degressive and delectation. The words delegacy (answer choice A) and delirium (answer choice D) would follow the word delectation. The word degrade (answer choice B) would precede the word degressive.

Question: 5

Which mode of writing is most suitable for the purpose of encouraging the reading audience to explore ideas and consider various potential associated responses?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

The purpose of narrative (a) writing is storytelling. Even when authors want to afford insights and/or teach lessons as well as entertain readers, they accomplish their purposes through storytelling. The purposes of expository (b) writing are to inform, explain, and/or direct readers.

The purpose of persuasive (c) writing is to convince readers to believe or agree with the author's position and/or argument. The purpose of speculative (d) writing is to encourage readers to explore ideas and potential responses rather than entertain, tell stories, inform, explain, direct, or convince.

Question: 6

Calvin's mordant comment about his sister's weight just as she was biting into the piece of cake cast a cloud over the birthday celebrations.

Which of the following is the definition for the underlined word in the sentence above?

- A. timely
- B. biting
- C. concerned
- D. effective

Answer: B

Explanation:

The context of the sentence indicates that Calvin's comment is anything but kind, so the closest adjective in this case is biting. There is nothing timely about his comment, at least in the sense of it being appropriate, so answer choice A is incorrect. The context does not indicate that Calvin is concerned so much as critical, so answer choice C is incorrect. And the sentence in no way indicates that Calvin's remark is effective, so answer choice D is incorrect.

Question: 7

Why is it important to consult more than one source while researching a topic?

- A. It will give you different ideas for wording your argument.
- B. It will help you to validate or dismiss information.
- C. It will show that many different ways exist to look at an issue.
- D. It will prove you have taken your research seriously.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Even printed sources can be wrong sometimes. By cross-referencing your research and consulting more than one source, you can find out whether a source is reliable. Such effort is particularly important when conducting Internet research, since a good deal of information on the Internet is incorrect. Although consulting more than one source may give you different ideas of how to word your argument or show that many different ways to look at an issue, these reasons are not quite as important as validating and dismissing information.

Question: 8

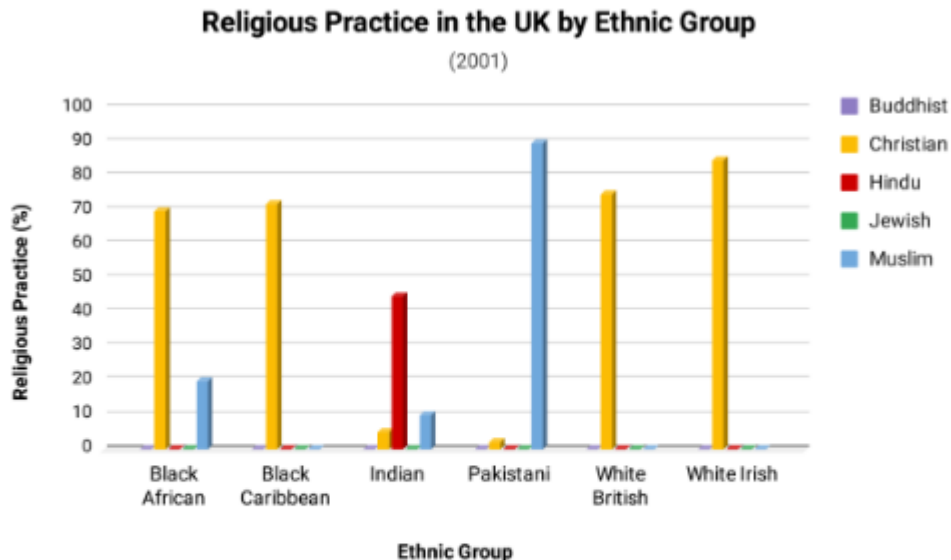
In Tom Sawyer, Tom gets punished for skipping school after he disappoints his aunt. This is how he feels: "Then he betook himself to his seat, rested his elbows on his desk and his jaws in his hands, and stared at the wall with the stony stare of suffering that has reached the limit and can no further go." This means that:

- A. Tom is feeling angry that he was caught skipping school.
- B. Tom is suffering the most pain that any human being could ever feel.
- C. Tom does not understand that what he did was wrong.
- D. Tom feels that his suffering is great, because it is all he thinks about.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Tom is caught up in his own guilt, so he thinks that he is suffering more than he actually is. The next two questions are based on the following charts.



Total Population Numbers by Ethnicity (as of 2001)

White British	White Irish	Indian	Pakistani	Black Caribbean	Black African
50,366,497	691,232	1,053,411	747,285	565,876	485,277

Question: 9

As a combined percentage based on population numbers, which religion is most practiced in the United Kingdom?

- A. Christianity
- B. Judaism
- C. Islam

D. Hinduism

Answer: A

Explanation:

The chart indicates that, as a combined percentage based on population numbers, Christianity was most practiced in the United Kingdom. While there are four ethnic groups that practice Christianity as a primary religion (white British, white Irish, black Caribbean, and black African), the population of three of these ethnic groups is fairly small. It is the white British population, and the fact that more than 70% of this population practices Christianity, that made Christianity the primary religion in the United Kingdom.

Question: 10

According to the charts, which two religions listed on the chart are practiced the least?

- A. Islam and Hinduism
- B. Judaism and Buddhism
- C. Buddhism and Hinduism
- D. Hinduism and Judaism

Answer: B

Explanation:

Judaism and Buddhism represent the lowest percentage of practice in the United Kingdom, so answer choice B is correct. Among the various ethnic groups, the percent of practitioners in each of these religions is less than 1 percent. Answer choice A is incorrect, because Islam and Hinduism could be considered the second and third most practiced religions on the United Kingdom. The presence of Hinduism in answer choices C and D means that both of these answer choices cannot be correct.

Question: 11

Which of the following statements would be LEAST relevant in a formal essay about artist Salvador Dali?

- A. Although his works are famed for their dream-like qualities, Dali executed them with realism reminiscent of the Renaissance masters.
- B. Salvador Dali's eccentricity extended beyond his artwork, affecting the strange public persona he created, which can be witnessed in his numerous television appearances.
- C. I've always found Dali's painting The Persistence of Memory to be really disturbing for some reason.
- D. Although Salvador Dali is best known for his paintings, he also was active in cinema and collaborated with such filmmakers as Luis Bunuel and Alfred Hitchcock

Answer: C

Explanation:

Use of the first-person point of view and a reliance on personal opinion creates an informal tone. A formal essay should be written in the third-person and rely on assertions supported by research rather than upon vague personal opinions.

Question: 12

The subject content textbooks that you were given or assigned to use in school are typically examples of which type of information source?

- A. Primary sources
- B. Secondary sources
- C. Tertiary sources only
- D. Any of these equally

Answer: B

Explanation:

Subject content textbooks in math, social studies, history, sciences, English language arts, etc. are typically secondary sources. Primary sources (a) are used in school too; but they are original works, e.g. novels, books of poetry, books of short stories, plays, etc. for English language arts; or firsthand accounts like journals, diaries, letters, news reports or articles, etc. written during the time period studied for history, which you may have been assigned to read in school along with subject textbooks. You probably also used tertiary sources (c) in school, but as references—e.g. encyclopedias, bibliographies, abstracts, etc.

Question: 13

The author's primary purpose is to:

- A. Argue that Black History Month should not be so commercial.
- B. Argue that Black History Month should be abolished.
- C. Argue that Black History Month should be maintained.
- D. Suggest that African American history should be taught in two months rather than just one.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The entire passage makes the argument that Black History Month should be abolished, offering various reasons why this is the best course of action.

Question: 14

It can be inferred that the term "post-racial" in the second sentence is an approach that:

- A. is not based on or organized around concepts of race.
- B. treats race as one factor, but not the most important, in determining an individual's experience.
- C. considers race after considering all other elements of a person's identity.
- D. prohibits discussion of race.

Answer: A

Explanation:

The context of the sentence suggests that post-racial refers to an approach in which race is not a useful or positive organizing principle.

Question: 15

Which of the following does the author not give as a reason for abolishing Black History Month?

- A. It has become a shallow ritual.
- B. There is a paternalistic feel to being granted one month of focus.
- C. It suggests that the month's education is only for African Americans.
- D. No one learns anything during the month.









Answer: D

Explanation:

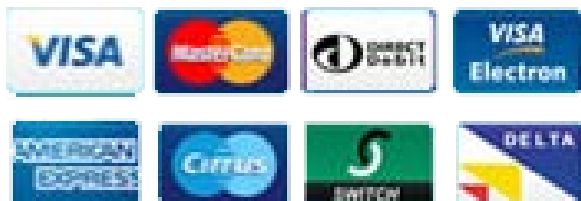
The author of Passage 1 never suggests that people do not learn about African American history during Black History Month.

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