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## Question: 1

(1) C.M. Coolidge, known for his "poker playing dogs," was a brilliant man with innovative ideas and an entrepreneurial instinct about art. (2) Born in a small town in upstate New York to Quaker parents, he did not receive a formal college education, but did take some college business classes later in his life. (3) By the time he was 18 or 19, he took a few lessons in portrait painting, along with a course in bookkeeping a few years later. (4) His love for reading resulted in a solid self-education. (5) At the age of 19, he started doing cartoons for newspapers in surrounding neighborhoods. (6) A few years later, while living in Rochester, NY, he wrote and illustrated a weekly newspaper column. The passage suggests which of the following about C. M. Coolidge?

- A. As an artist, he was largely self-taught.
- B. He is best known for his newspaper cartoons.
- C. He was a traditionalist in selecting subjects for his paintings.
- D. His first love was writing.

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

The passage states that Coolidge did not receive a formal college education (sentence 2) and only took a few lessons in portrait painting (sentence 3). Sentence 1 states that he is known for his poker playing dogs, not newspaper cartoons, and poker playing dogs would not be a traditional subject in art. The passage mentions "his love for reading," but does not state that he loved to write.

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- A. a course in bookkeeping
- B. college business classes
- C. correspondence courses
- D. lessons in portrait painting

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

Correspondence courses, or courses by mail, are not mentioned anywhere in the passage.

### Question: 3

(1)The 1620s were a time of political and religious turmoil in England. (2) The protracted struggle for supremacy between monarch and Parliament reached new heights in 1629, when Charles I disbanded the rival body and ruled alone for 11 years. (3) Official pressure was also applied on religious dissenters, notably the Pilgrims and the Puritans. (4) Some were imprisoned for their nonconformist views and others lost lucrative official positions. (5)

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The careful Puritan businessmen sought additional protection for their scheme by requesting and receiving a charter from the king, who had apparently been misinformed about their religious views. (9) While still in England, the company members signed the Cambridge Agreement (1629), in which they agreed to undertake the rigors of the Atlantic voyage if full authority over the charter and colony would be vested in the members themselves. (10) Those stockholders who did not wish to migrate sold their shares to emigrants.

Which of the following statements describes how Charles I was able to rule alone for 11 years?

- A. He imprisoned all the dissenters
- B. He was voted in by parliament
- C. He was overwhelmingly approved of by his subjects
- D. He disbanded the rival body

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

The passage states that "the protracted struggle for supremacy between monarch and Parliament reached new heights in 1629, when Charles I disbanded the rival body and ruled alone for 11 years."

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Based on the passage, which of the following statements is false?

- A. Charles I disbanded Parliament in 1629
- B. The Virginia Company of Plymouth preceded the Council of New England
- C. The Virginia Company of Plymouth was highly powerful
- D. Charles I was misinformed about the religious beliefs of the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

"Charles I disbanded Parliament in 1629" - true (sentence 2)

"The Virginia Company of Plymouth preceded the Council of New England" - true (sentence 6, which state that the Council was the successor of the Virginia Company)

"The Virginia Company of Plymouth was highly powerful" - false (sentence 6, which describes it as "ineffective")

Charles I was misinformed about the religious beliefs of the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay - true (sentence 8)

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The Puritan businessmen were able to receive a charter from the king for which of the following reasons?

- A. The king was apparently misinformed about their religious views
- B. The king believed in their venture
- C. They lied to the king about their intentions
- D. Parliament urged the king to grant the charter

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

B, C and D are incorrect because they are not stated in the passage that explains why the king was willing to grant the charter. A is correct because it is in the sentence that reads, "The careful Puritan businessmen sought additional protection for their scheme by requesting and receiving a charter from the king, who had apparently been misinformed about their religious views."

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While still in England, the company members signed what agreement?

- A. The Massachusetts' Bay Agreement
- B. The Cambridge Agreement
- C. The Council of New England Agreement
- D. The Charles and Merrimack Agreement

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

While the other answer choices are mentioned within the article, they are not the correct names of the agreement referred to and are incorrect answers. The Cambridge Agreement is the correct answer.

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Choose a word from the following that means the same as "protracted" from the second sentence of this passage.

- A. Extended
- B. Bloody
- C. Unfair
- D. Cruel

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

Choices B, C and D are incorrect because their meanings do not define the word protracted. Choice A, extended, means drawn out, which is the meaning of protracted.

### Question: 8

(1) Compared with the way things used to be, we have it so very soft today. (2) It's easy to take our modern conveniences for granted. (3) We can fill our days with leisure, bustle around in comfy autos, work only 40 of the 168 hours in a week, chat with therapists, read philosophy, shop for unnecessary stuff to clog our closets and garages, climate control our dwellings and complain about the softness of our mattresses. (4) In the year 1000, even when agriculture had been around for some 10,000 years, life was entirely different. (5) In Anglo-Saxon

society, a precursor to the modern West, the possibility of famine was ever-present and memories of the last one made dread and fear a part of everyday life. (6) Looming natural disasters were constant specters. (7) Domiciles were not the neat and clean hygienic environs we experience today. (8) They did not smell of disinfectant or exhaust from engines wafting in the windows, but the exhaust from every manner of farm creature and humans always hung in the air. (9) Manure was everywhere with each one having its characteristic bouquet of fragrance. (10) The human nose in the year 1000 could certainly not be so prissy as ours today. (11) The primary purpose of the passage is to

- A. emphasize the impact modern medicine has had on extending life expectancies
- B. explain the fragility of life relying upon agriculture
- C. describe life in the early Middle Ages
- D. contrast the living conditions of the year 1000 in Anglo-Saxon society with those of today

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

The author discusses many aspects of life in the year 1000 and goes on to contrast them with how we live today. "Emphasize the impact modern medicine has had on extending life expectancies" is not correct because medicine is not discussed. The remaining choices represent supporting ideas of the passage.

### Question: 9

(1) When oil spills occur in the ocean there is always a chance that the marine life as well as birds and other animals will be negatively affected. (2) Some oil spills have a greater impact on the wildlife than others, but no spill is good. (3) In the case of birds and other animals that are covered in fur, the oil itself actually destroys or breaks down the insulating ability of the fur. (4) For birds, if the fur is covered in oil, the water-repelling abilities of the fur are affected. (5) This exposes the animals to the harsh elements of the environments in which they live. (6) There have been many animals killed as a result of oil spills in the oceans around the world. (7) This passage is mainly concerned with

- A. comparing different types of oil spills
- B. oil spills in the ocean
- C. the effect of an oil spill on marine life as opposed to birds and animals
- D. the effects of oil spills on wildlife

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

The passage discusses the impact of oil spills on various types of wildlife. Every sentence deals with this issue. Choice (C) is not correct because all three life forms are mentioned with greater description given to birds and animals. Choice (B) would seem like a possible answer. However, the passage focuses on the effects of these spills on wildlife. Choice (A) is not viable.

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According to the passage, oil affects wildlife in all of the following ways EXCEPT

- A. by killing off some wildlife, the food chain is disrupted
- B. by removing natural defenses, the oil may expose wildlife to its environment
- C. the oil may break down the insulating ability of fur in fur-bearing animals
- D. the oil may reduce or eliminate the water-repelling ability of fur or feathers

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

The potential impact on the food chain is not mentioned in this passage. All other choices are included in the reading.



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