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ASVAB Section Eight : Paragraph comprehension

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QUESTION 1

One implied warranty required by state law is the "warranty of merchantability." This means that the seller promises that the product will do what it is supposed to do.

For example, _____.

- A. a car will never need repairs
- B. a lawnmower will also cut bushes
- C. a toaster will toast
- D. your roof will last 15 to 100 years

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

When you apply the "warranty of merchantability," that is, that the product will do what it is supposed to do, you see that only one answer mentions a product (a toaster) and what it does (toasts).

QUESTION 2

Some pollutants that render air unsafe to breathe cannot be seen or smelled. Nitric oxide, carbon monoxide, and radon gas are examples. Other pollutants, such as formaldehyde, can be smelled at high levels only but are still unsafe to breathe even at lower levels.

You can conclude from the paragraph that formaldehyde _____.

- A. is safer to breathe than nitric oxide
- B. can never be seen or smelled
- C. cannot be smelled at lower levels
- D. is not one of the pollutants that renders air unsafe to breathe

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The paragraph states that unlike the other pollutants mentioned, formaldehyde can be smelled only at high levels. You can conclude that it cannot be smelled at lower levels.

QUESTION 3

From Alaska to the southern tip of Chile lies the Ring of Fire. In between, it travels along the western coast of North and South America and along the eastern coast of Asia. At its northernmost points, the Ring goes through Russia, Japan,

the Philippines, and New Guinea. Also going through Australia, the Ring of Fire marks a unique area. It is here that some of the most destructive recorded volcanoes have erupted.

According to the above passage, where would a destructive volcanic eruption be most likely to happen?

- A. anywhere along the Ring of Fire
- B. along the east coast of South America
- C. anywhere in Asia
- D. along the east coast of North America

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

Linewatch operations are conducted near international boundaries and coastlines in areas of Border Patrol jurisdiction to prevent the illegal entry and smuggling of aliens into the United States and to intercept those who do enter illegally before they can escape from border areas. Signcutting is the detection and the interpretation of any disturbances in natural terrain conditions that indicate the presence or passage of people, animals, or vehicles.

The operation that's designed to detect changes in the natural environment, which may indicate passage of illegal aliens is called _____.

- A. Linewatching
- B. Signcutting
- C. Border Patrol Operations
- D. Terrain Observation

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The last sentence in the passage describes the signcutting operation.

QUESTION 5

Nucleic acids are found in all living organisms, from viruses to man. They received their name because of their discovery in the nuclei of white blood cells and fish sperm by Swiss physiologist Johann Mescher in 1869. However, it is now well established that nucleic acids occur outside the cell nucleus as well.

Nucleic acids are found _____.

- A. only in human cells
- B. only in viruses
- C. in all living cells

D. only in the cell nucleus

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Nucleic acids are found in all living organisms, as stated in the first sentence of the passage.

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