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QUESTION 1

Because the temperature of ocean water changes more slowly than the temperature of air, oceans affect the world's climate. As ocean water moves past land masses, it affects the climate by warming the air in winter and cooling it in summer.

The key idea in this paragraph is that _____.

- A. ocean water moves past land masses
- B. ocean water cools the air in winter
- C. ocean water warms land masses in summer
- D. the world's climate is affected by the temperature of the oceans

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

The key idea is found in the first sentence: The temperature of ocean water changes more slowly than that of the air; therefore, the oceans affect the world's climate.

QUESTION 2

The etymology of the word or name, Alabama, has evoked much discussion among philological researchers. It was the name of a noted southern Indian tribe whose habitat when first known to Europeans was in what is now central Alabama. One of the major waterways in the state was named for this group and from this river, in turn, the name of the state was derived. According to some investigations, the tribal name Alabama must be sought in the Choctaw tongue, because it isn't uncommon for tribes to accept a name given them by a neighboring tribe.

The state of Alabama was named after _____.

- A. a Choctaw Indian tribe
- B. European settlers
- C. a river
- D. an Indian Chief

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

According to the passage, a river was named after the Alabama Indian Tribe, and the state derived its name from this river.

QUESTION 3

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.

QUESTION 4

Many people assume that, once the eye of a hurricane has passed, the danger is over. Actually, the wind and heavy rains that follow a hurricane can last for a long time after. The dangers of large storms, like hurricanes and tropical storms, include flash flooding, which can occur far inside the point at which a storm made land. In the U.S., records show that over 70% of the lives lost in hurricanes are due to the hazards of flooding. In 1979, a tropical storm named Claudette, caused 45 inches of rain to fall in Alvin, Texas.

What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. Alvin, Texas, is not a safe place to live in a hurricane.
- B. Wind and water damage can occur even after a hurricane has passed.
- C. Tropical Storm Claudette flooded Alvin, Texas.
- D. Hurricanes bring record amounts of rain.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 5

My cousin has an interesting job. He contacts museums, organizers of cultural events, and performing arts companies in San Francisco about interesting activities they are planning. Then he does all sorts of promotions for these activities for visitors to the city. He has a background in hospitality and tourism and is very good at multi-tasking. These things really help! Another part of his job is to create ads, including those for billboards, magazines, and Web sites in other cities.

From the above passage, the reader can infer that the cousin's job title is most likely _____.

- A. Director of Travel Marketing

- B. Director of a San Francisco outdoor advertising company
- C. Director of San Francisco's Art Museum
- D. Director of San Francisco's Art Gallery

Correct Answer: A

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