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例 1

TP07-2 Ancient Rome And Greece

Like the stone of Roman wall, which were held together both by the regularity of the design and by that peculiarly powerful Roman cement, so the various parts of the Roman realm were bonded into a massive, monolithic entity by physical, organizational, and psychological controls.

1. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. The regularity and power of stone walls inspired Romans attempting to unify the parts of their realm.
- B. Although the Romans used different types of designs when building their walls, they used regular controls to maintain their realm.
- C. Several types of control united the Roman realm, just as design and cement held Roman walls together.
- D. Romans built walls to unite the various parts of their realm into a single entity, which was controlled by powerful laws.

例 2

TP07-3 Agriculture, Iron, And The Bantu Peoples

Unlike in the Americas, where metallurgy was a very late and limited development, Africans had iron from a relatively early date, developing ingenious furnaces to produce the high heat needed for production and to control the amount of air that reached the carbon and iron ore necessary for making iron.

10. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. While American iron makers developed the latest furnaces, African iron makers continued using earlier techniques.
- B. Africans produced iron much earlier than Americans, inventing technologically sophisticated heating systems.
- C. Iron making developed earlier in Africa than in the Americas because of the ready availability of carbon and iron ore.
- D. Both Africa and the Americas developed the capacity for making iron early, but African metallurgy developed at a slower rate.

例 3

TP09-1 Colonizing The Americas Via The Northwest Coast

Fladmark's hypothesis received additional support from the fact that the greatest diversity in native American languages occurs along the west coast of the Americas, suggesting that this region has been settled the longest.

6. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways to leave out essential information.

- A. Because this region has been settled the longest, it also displays the greatest diversity in Native American languages.
- B. Fladmark's hypothesis states that the west coast of the Americas has been settled longer than any other region.
- C. The fact that the greatest diversity of Native American languages occurs along the west coast of the Americas lends strength to Fladmark's hypothesis.
- D. According to Fladmark, Native American languages have survived the longest along the west coast of the Americas.

例 4

TP011-2 Orientation And Navigation

He then set up experiments with caged starlings and found that their orientation was, in fact, in the proper migratory direction except when the sky was overcast, at which times there was no clear direction to their restless movements.

3. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. Experiments revealed that caged starlings displayed a lack of directional sense and restless movements.
- B. Experiments revealed that caged starlings were unable to orient themselves in the direction of their normal migratory route.
- C. Experiments revealed that the restless movement of caged starlings had no clear direction.
- D. Experiments revealed that caged starlings' orientation was accurate unless the weather was overcast.

例 5

TP016-2 Development Of The Periodic Table

Ramsay then studied a gas that was present in natural gas deposits and discovered that it was helium, an element whose presence in the Sun had been noted earlier in the spectrum of sunlight but that had not previously been known on Earth.

11. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. Ramsay found evidence of helium in the spectrum of sunlight before he discovered that the element was also contained in natural gas deposits on Earth.
- B. Ramsay thought he had discovered a new element present in natural gas deposits, but he was wrong since that element had been previously observed elsewhere on Earth.
- C. After Ramsay had discovered a new element, called helium, in natural gas deposits on Earth, he also found evidence of its presence in the Sun.
- D. Ramsay later discovered that helium, an element that was already known to be present in the Sun, was also present in natural gas deposits on Earth.

例 6

TPO17-2 Animal Signals In The Rain Forest

In the green-to yellow lighting conditions of the lowest levels of the forest, yellow and green would be the brightest colors, but when an animal is signaling, these colors would not be very visible if the animal was sitting in an area with a yellowish or greenish background.

7. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. When an animal is signaling in an area with green-to yellow lighting condition. It's signal will not be visible if the background is brightly lit.
- B. In the lowest levels of the forest, an animal's signals are not easily seen unless there is a yellowish or greenish background.
- C. In the green-to-yellow lighting conditions at the lowest levels of the forest, only signals that are themselves green or yellow will be bright enough to be seen in most areas.
- D. Although green and yellow would be the brightest colors near the forest floor, these colors would make poor signals whenever the forest background was also in the green-to-yellow range.

例 7

TPO20-3 Fossil Preservation

The empty shell of a snail or clam may be left behind, and if it is sufficiently durable and resistant to dissolution, it may remain basically unchanged for a long period of time.

4. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. When snail or clam shells are left behind, they must be empty in order to remain durable and resist dissolution.
- B. Although snail and clam shells are durable and resist dissolving, over time they slowly begin to change.
- C. Although the soft parts of snails or clams dissolve quickly, their hard shells resist dissolution for a long time.
- D. Empty snail or clam shells that are strong enough not to dissolve may stay in their original state for a long time.

例 8

TPO22-1 Spartina

Numerous insects occupy the marsh, feeding on living or dead cordgrass tissue, and redwing blackbirds, sparrows, rodents, rabbits, and deer feed directly on the cordgrass.

3. Which of the sentences below best express the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. Insects feed only on dead cordgrass, while most other marsh inhabitants feed on live cordgrass.
- B. The marsh is a good habitat for insects, but a relatively poor one for birds and animals.
- C. Although cordgrass provides food for birds and animals, it gives insects both food and a place to live.
- D. Cordgrass provides food for numerous insects, birds, and other animals.

例 9

TPO22-2 The Birth Of Photography

Because the medium was so prolific, in the sense that it was possible to produce a multitude of images very cheaply, it was soon treated as the poor relation of fine art, rather than its destined successor.

8. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. Photography did not replace other fine arts because people felt the image looked cheap in relation to the other arts.
- B. Photography was not considered a true art because people could use it to create many images cheaply.
- C. Photography was so cheap and readily available that it could be purchased by people who were too poor to purchase fine art.
- D. Photography not only spread quickly but also was a cheap art form and so became true successor of fine arts rather than its poor relation.

例 10

TPO25-3 The Evolutionary Origin Of Plants

From a plant's evolutionary view point, however, it was also a land of opportunity, free of competitors and predators and full of carbon dioxide and sunlight the raw materials for photosynthesis, which are present in far higher concentrations in air than in water.

6. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

- A. Terrestrial plants had the advantages of not having rivals and having easy access to photosynthetic material
- B. The abundance of photosynthetic material made life on land easier for pioneering plants

- C. Once plants had eliminated their competitors and their predators, their evolutionary process proceeded smoothly.
- D. Plant evolution eliminated competitors and made the process of photosynthesis more efficient.

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