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ASVAB Section Eight : Paragraph comprehension

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**QUESTION 1**

For the seventh consecutive year, Intelligence Community employee job satisfaction ranks the IC as one of the "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government," according to an independent analysis of federal workers' job satisfaction and commitment. The IC finished in first place in national security and second overall – up from fourth place in 2014 – among large agencies that employ more than 15,000 full-time permanent employees, a category which includes 19 organizations. Rankings were compiled by the Partnership for Public Service and announced today. Additionally, the IC finished in first place in teamwork, second in pay, effective leadership, employee skills-mission match and third in strategic management.

The data for this ranking study was gathered by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an agency outside the Intelligence Community
- B. a large agency within the IC
- C. the Federal Government
- D. the Intelligence Community

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 2**

After a series of well-publicized failures by various inventors, Orville and Wilbur Wright succeeded in flying and controlling a heavier than-air craft on December 17, 1903. The War Department, stung by its investment in a failed effort by Samuel Langley and compounded by the Wrights' own secretiveness, initially rejected the brothers' overtures toward the government to buy the aircraft. Prevailing sentiments held that the immediate future still belonged to the balloon. In August 1908, the two brothers delivered the first Army aircraft to the U.S. Government. That the U.S. government managed to purchase an airplane was a minor miracle. For more than four years after the Wright brothers' successful flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the government refused to accept the fact that man had flown in a heavier than air machine.

Which of the following statements is not supported by the above passage?

- A. The U.S. Government felt that balloons were more practical than airplanes.
- B. The Wright Brothers' own secretiveness contributed to their problems in getting the government interested in their aircraft.
- C. The historic flight took place on the East Coast.
- D. It took more than six years for the Wright Brothers to interest the U.S. Government in their airplane.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

According to the passage it took over four years for the Government to believe that anyone had flown a heavier-than-air craft.



The historic flight was in December 1903, and the Wright Brothers delivered the first aircraft to the government in August 1908, 41?2 years later.

All of the other statements are supported by the passage.

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### QUESTION 3

The U.S. Congress consists of 100 senators and 435 representatives. Two senators are elected from each state. The number of representatives from each state is based on population, although each state has at least one representative. Senators serve six-year terms and representatives serve two-year terms.

According to this passage, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. there are an equal number of senators and representatives
- B. the number of representatives from each state is decided by a lottery
- C. it\\'s possible for a state to have no representatives
- D. senators and representatives have different term lengths

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

The passage gives the numbers of senators and representatives, so Choice "there are an equal number of senators and representatives" is incorrect.

The passage states that each state\\'s population determines the number of representatives a state has, so Choice "the number of representatives from each state is decided by a lottery" is incorrect.

As stated in the passage, each state has at least one representative, so Choice "it\\'s possible for a state to have no representatives" is incorrect.

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### QUESTION 4

Due process, the guarantee of fairness in the administration of justice, is part of the 5th Amendment to the

U.S. Constitution. The 14th Amendment further requires states to abide by due process. After this amendment was enacted, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down many state laws that infringed on the civil rights guaranteed to citizens in the Bill of Rights.

The author of the above passage would agree that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. without the passage of the 14th Amendment, many laws restricting civil rights would still exist in various states
- B. the Supreme Court overstepped its jurisdiction when it struck down laws infringing on citizens' civil rights
- C. the Supreme Court had every right to strike down state laws before the passage of the 14th Amendment



D. the 14th Amendment was opposed by all states

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Because the Supreme Court struck down many state laws after the 14th Amendment was enacted, it's probably true that these laws would still exist if there had been no 14th Amendment. The passage doesn't support Choices "the Supreme Court overstepped its jurisdiction when it struck down laws infringing on citizens' civil rights", "the Supreme Court had every right to strike down state laws before the passage of the 14th Amendment" or "the Supreme Court had every right to strike down state laws before the passage of the 14th Amendment."

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### QUESTION 5

Surveys show that the average child under the age of 18 watches four hours of television per day. Although some of the programming may be educational, most isn't. Spending this much time watching television interferes with a child's ability to pursue other interests, such as reading, participating in sports, and playing with friends.

The author of this passage would agree that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. television viewing should be restricted
- B. parents who let their children watch this much television is neglectful
- C. reading, participating in sports, playing with friends, and watching television should all be given equal time
- D. adults over 18 can watch as much television as they want

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

The author makes no reference to parents in the passage, so Choice "parents who let their children watch this much television is neglectful" is incorrect.

The author doesn't imply anything about all these interests requiring equal time, so Choice "reading, participating in sports, playing with friends, and watching television should all be given equal time" is incorrect.

The passage is about children under 18; no conclusion can be drawn about what the author thinks people over 18 should do, so Choice "adults over 18 can watch as much television as they want" is incorrect.

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