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**QUESTION 1**

Common sense says that the shade of a tree will help retain snow, and snow exposed to sunlight in open areas will melt. This typically is the case in regions where winter temperatures are below freezing, such as the Northeast, Midwest and most of central and eastern Canada. But in Mediterranean climates – where the average winter temperatures usually are above 30 degrees Fahrenheit – a different phenomenon occurs. Snow tends to melt under the tree canopy and stay more intact in open meadows or gaps in a forest. This happens in part because trees in warmer, maritime forests radiate heat in the form of long-wave radiation to a greater degree than the sky does. Heat radiating from the trees contributes to snow melting under the canopy first.

Which of these statements is true, given the information in the above passage?

- A. There is always snow under trees in Canada.
- B. Average winter temperatures in the Northeast, Midwest, and most of central and eastern Canada are generally below 30 degrees Fahrenheit.
- C. Average winter temperatures in the Northeast, Midwest, and most of central and eastern Canada are generally above 30 degrees Fahrenheit.
- D. It does not snow in Mediterranean climates.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

Genetics is a branch of science dealing with heredity. The field is concerned with how genes operate and the way genes are transmitted to offspring. Subdivisions in the field include cytogenetics, which is the study of the cellular basis of inheritance; microbial genetics, the study of inheritance in microbes; molecular genetics, the study of the biochemical foundation of inheritance; and human genetics, the study of how people inherit traits that are medically and socially important. Genetic counselors are primarily concerned with human genetics. They advise couples and families on the chances of their offspring having specific genetic defects.

In the passage above, cytogenetics is defined as _____.

- A. the study of the psychological impact of genetics
- B. the study of the cellular foundation of genetics
- C. the study of molecular genetics
- D. the study of human genetics

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Cytogenetics is the study of the cellular basis of inheritance; the text doesn't support Choices "the study of the psychological impact of genetics", "the study of molecular genetics" or "the study of human genetics."

**QUESTION 3**

Although carjacking has become more common in the past 10 years, there are several preventative measures that drivers can take. The first way to prevent carjacking is to never walk alone to your car at night. Another means of prevention is always driving with the windows rolled up and the doors locked. Also, driving on well-lit and often traveled roads is another preventative measure that drivers can take to ensure their safety from carjacking.

The best title for this selection is _____.

- A. Carjacking are more common than you think
- B. Driving Safety Tips
- C. Night Driving Safety
- D. Preventing Carjacking

Correct Answer: D

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

Cougars are the most wide-ranging big cats in North America, inhabiting a wide variety of environments. A cougar, also called a puma or a mountain lion, lives about 18 years in the wild, can jump 20 feet (in distance) at a time, and can range 50 miles when on the prowl for food.

According to this passage, _____.



- A. a cougar isn't the same thing as a mountain lion
- B. cougars are an endangered species
- C. cougars live in many areas of North America
- D. cougars live only a few years in the wild

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage states that pumas, mountain lions, and cougars are the same thing, so Choice "a cougar isn't the same thing as a mountain lion" is incorrect.

Nothing in the passage supports Choice "cougars are an endangered species."

The passage states that cougars live about 18 years in the wild, so Choice "cougars live only a few years in the wild" is incorrect.

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