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**QUESTION 1**

The U.S. Department of Justice has prepared a report about hate crimes in the United States between 1997 and 1999. In 60% of hate crime incidents, the most serious offense was a violent crime, most commonly intimidation or simple assault. The majority of incidents motivated by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or disability involved a violent offense, while two-thirds of incidents motivated by religion involved a property offense, most commonly vandalism. Younger offenders were responsible for most hate crimes. Thirty-one percent of violent offenders, and 46% of property offenders were under age 18.

The majority of hate crimes during this period can be classified as _____.

- A. property offenses
- B. violent crimes
- C. assault
- D. intimidation

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

60% of all hate crimes during the period were violent crimes. Assault and intimidation are examples of this category.

QUESTION 2

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.

According to the above passage, it's reasonable to assume that the 5th Amendment _____.

- A. is about taxes
- B. guarantees due process in all criminal and civil cases
- C. guarantees due process in federal law
- D. should never have become part of the Bill of Rights

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Because the 14th Amendment guarantees due process in states' laws, the 5th Amendment must guarantee due process only in federal law.



Nothing in the passage implies that the 5th Amendment is about taxes, so Choice " is about taxes " is wrong.

Because the passage states that the 14th Amendment had to be enacted to require states to abide by due process, Choice "guarantees due process in all criminal and civil cases" is incorrect.

Choice "should never have become part of the Bill of Rights" is neither stated nor implied in the passage.

QUESTION 3

Leukemia is a blood disease in which white blood cells in the blood or bone marrow reproduce rapidly, interfering with the body's ability to produce red blood cells. Red blood cells are needed to perform vital bodily functions.

According to this passage, _____.

- A. white blood cells perform no vital function in the body
- B. no treatment for leukemia exists
- C. leukemia makes it hard for the body to produce red blood cells
- D. white blood cells are found only in the blood

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage doesn't support Choices "white blood cells perform no vital function in the body" or "no treatment for leukemia exists."

The passage states that white blood cells are found in blood and bone marrow, so Choice "white blood cells are found only in the blood" is wrong.

QUESTION 4

Ergonomics is the science of designing and arranging workspaces so that people and objects interact efficiently and safely. Lack of attention to ergonomics causes thousands of workers to suffer repetitive stress injury, eye fatigue, muscle soreness, and many other medical problems each year. Adequate lighting, well-designed chairs, and clutter-free work areas contribute to effective ergonomic design. The opportunity to take short breaks every hour or two, especially for deskbound workers, is also helpful. It's also important for workers to avoid performing the same movements over and over for hours at a time. Variety in the type of work being done can decrease the chance of injury.

According to this passage, _____.

- A. ergonomics can cause injuries
- B. ergonomics is about designing and arranging workspaces efficiently and safely
- C. ergonomics is expensive and time consuming



D. few people experience problems due to poor ergonomics

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Lack of attention to ergonomics, not ergonomics itself, can cause injury, so Choice "ergonomics can cause injuries" is incorrect.

The passage doesn't support Choice "ergonomics is expensive and time consuming."

The passage states that many people suffer injuries when sufficient attention isn't paid to ergonomics, so

Choice "few people experience problems due to poor ergonomics" is incorrect.

QUESTION 5

In Africa, there lives an interesting tribe of people: the Pygmies. They make their home in what used to be called Zaire, but is now the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pygmies are nomadic, wandering around, hunting, and procuring their own food. They have light-colored skin of a yellowish-brown shade and can also be found in rain forests of the Philippines and India.

The word nomadic, as used in the above passage, most nearly means _____.

A. aggressive

B. uneducated

C. wandering

D. barbarian

Correct Answer: C

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