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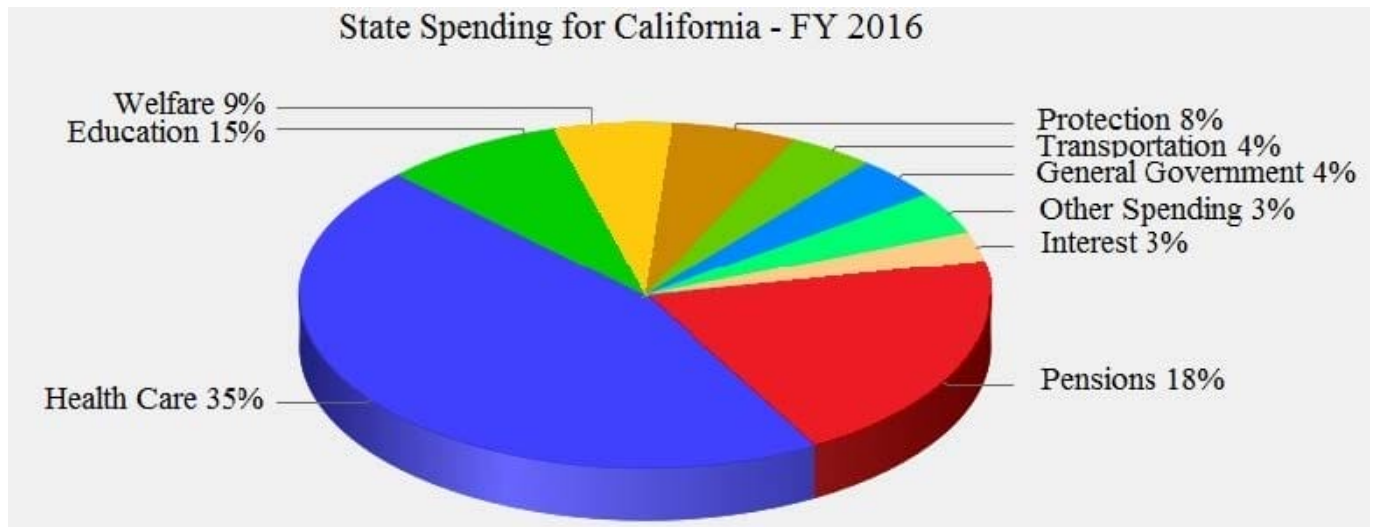
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**QUESTION 1**

Using the graph, choose the answer that best depicts California's budgetary priorities.

- A. California prioritizes spending for health care above all other categories.
- B. California prioritizes spending for health care above most other categories.
- C. California finds transportation to be the least important budgetary item.
- D. California's budgetary allotments show that health care and pensions are equally important.

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 2**

What is Sarah's primary goal in having Christmas at her parents' house?

Andrew, This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don't mind, we'd like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won't be here, we'll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad's? Let me know! -Sarah

- A. upholding family traditions
- B. spending Christmas with Andrew
- C. traveling for Christmas
- D. visiting Hawaii with her parents

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 3**

Based on the email, what is the relationship between Andrew and Sarah?

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- A. brother and sister
- B. father and daughter
- C. best friends
- D. husband and wife

Correct Answer: A

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**QUESTION 4**

Given the context, what is the meaning of the word "incur?"

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- A. to remove through force
- B. a foolish, or cowardly person
- C. establish, or to make immovable
- D. become subject to, through an action or as a consequence

Correct Answer: D

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**QUESTION 5**

Michelle is expected to attend a gala with her husband. She needs a place to store her small wallet and the gala tickets.

Black Messenger Bag Purse Size: Large Purse Cost: \$30 Purse Durability: Extremely Durable Mustard Yellow Cross-Body Purse Purse Size: Medium Purse Cost: \$14.99 Purse Durability: Medium Durability

Studded Clutch Purse Size: Mini Purse Cost: \$65 Purse Durability: Delicate



Which of the purses described would best suit Michelle's needs?

- A. the cross-body bag
- B. the black messenger bag
- C. the studded clutch
- D. None of the purses would suit Michelle's needs.

Correct Answer: C

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#### QUESTION 6

All female red Color bus monkeys leave their natal troops, but because these females are \_\_\_\_\_ by young females from other troops, the practice has little effect on troops' size and composition.

- A. joined
- B. replaced
- C. ignored
- D. influenced
- E. rejected

Correct Answer: B

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#### QUESTION 7

Freedom for Hanson meant experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ previously \_\_\_\_\_; once unable to do more than peer over prison walls, he could now wander wherever he pleased.

- A. a visibility; unexpected
- B. an incarceration; unknown
- C. isolation; threatening
- D. notoriety; inconceivable
- E. mobility; unattainable

Correct Answer: E

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#### QUESTION 8

The archaeologist enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ life she led while gathering artifacts; she never stayed at any one site long enough to get bored.



- A. stealthy
- B. nomadic
- C. clamorous
- D. indiscreet
- E. rustic

Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 9

What is the author's main purpose for writing this letter?

"Dear Applicant, Thank you for submitting your application to New Adventures Recruiting. We are a nationally recognized recruiting agency that assists English-speakers in securing ESL teaching positions in South Korea. We successfully place thousands of teachers in schools all over Korea each year. We are in the process of reviewing your application and we will contact you within 14 business days if you have successfully moved on to the interview stage of the process. Please do not contact us during this review period. In the meantime, we always encourage applicants to study the included map of South Korea in order to be prepared for the potential interview. We ask every interviewee to state their top two choices for placement during the interview. Placements are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, please be aware that cities north of Andong are in high demand. You will have a better chance of securing your top choice by selecting a location outside of this area. Once again, thank you for your application and we look forward to reviewing your qualifications.



Sincerely,

New Adventures Recruiting"

- A. to inform the applicant that cities in the northern regions of South Korea are in high demand and therefore very competitive
- B. to inform the applicant that he or she will be receiving an interview within the next 14 days and should prepare accordingly
- C. to give the applicant an estimated wait time for their application review
- D. to give the applicant further instructions on the hiring process after he or she has submitted an application

Correct Answer: D



**QUESTION 10**

Carios Saura is not given to explicit statement; his films, which seem hazy because of their psychological \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. causality
- B. poignancy
- C. conditioning
- D. allusiveness
- E. ardor

Correct Answer: D

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**QUESTION 11**

What is the purpose of this email?

Andrew, This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don\\'t mind, we\\'d like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won\\'t be here, we\\'ll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad\\'s? Let me know! -Sarah

- A. to inform Sarah\\'s family of her Christmas plans
- B. to request Andrew\\'s assistance in maintaining Christmas traditions
- C. to request Andrew\\'s assistance in caring for Sarah\\'s children
- D. to inform Andrew that his parents would be gone for Christmas

Correct Answer: B

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**QUESTION 12**

People, being prisoners of \_\_\_\_\_, have made failing a basic metaphor for failure, from the fall of the stock market to the fall of government.

- A. politics
- B. gravity
- C. greed
- D. turbulence



E. emotion

Correct Answer: B

The author says that the use of the word "fall", as a metaphor to represent "failure", arises out of the people being prisoners of something. Among the given choices, it is "gravity" that is the best choice, because it is gravity that brings every physical object from a higher (success) to a lower (failure) level. So, "gravity" is the answer.

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### QUESTION 13

The descriptions in these essays range widely, from the fanciful to the matter-of-fact, from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the fatuous, from the objective to the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. witty; realistic

B. meager; descriptive

C. insightful; impressionistic

D. inane; commonplace

E. articulate; empirical

Correct Answer: C

One example of the wide range of description in the essays referred to in the given sentence is mentioned as "from the fanciful to the matter-of-fact." Since these are exact opposites. The other two phrases should also represent exact opposites so, the first missing must be the opposite of the word "fatuous" (meaning silly), and the second missing word must be the opposite of the word "objective" (meaning unemotional). Among the given choices, it is the pair "insightful; impressionistic" which are the opposites of "fatuous" and "subjective" respectively. So, "insightful; impressionistic" is the answer.

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### QUESTION 14

What is the purpose of this passage?

"The \$100 Bill" Samantha pedaled quickly, glancing down at her watch as often as her balance would allow. The clock's face read 10:57, sending a spike of panic shooting up her spine. She bent further over her bike, willing her legs to go faster. She screeched to a stop in front of a large restaurant bearing a bright blue, neon sign, her ears ringing, sweat breaking out on her skin. She hurriedly locked her bike to the lone pole positioned in front of the building, before pushing her way through the heavy glass front doors. "You're late." Samantha stopped short, turning to face her boss. She was greeted with a stern face, her boss's lips a thin line. She shook her head in apology. "I'm sorry, Paul. My bike's tires were flat, and I forgot my I.D. badge, so I had to turn back?" Paul held up his hand, cutting her off. "Just don't let it happen again." Samantha threw her hair into a ponytail, hoping her shift would prove more successful as the day wore on. She nearly ran to her first table of the day, plastered a smile on her face, and greeted her first customers of the day. She responded to their questions politely, though her mind was still occupied by Paul's disappointed expression as she ran in the door. Despite her initial mistakes, Samantha worked hard to remain chipper and upbeat, answering her customers' questions to the best of her ability, forcing herself to smile when her eyes began to glaze over with tears. As her first customers left, she caught the eye of the elderly gentleman with the group. He winked, and walked through the doors. Confused, Samantha began to gather the dishes from the table and there, staring up at her, was a crisp \$100 bill. She let a tear roll down her cheek. Her day had just gotten better.

A. to teach the audience about proper workplace etiquette





- B. to warn against tardiness in the workplace
- C. to tell a hopeful story about a down-on-her-luck waitress
- D. to convince the audience to leave generous tips

Correct Answer: C

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#### QUESTION 15

The metric system is deliberately designed to be simple arithmetically and yet capable of \_\_\_\_\_ expansion as it becomes necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ new units of measure.

- A. confusing; record
- B. mathematical; memorize
- C. rigid; discard
- D. indefinite; invent
- E. limited; correct

Correct Answer: D

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