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Test-Taking Style

Maximizing Your Mental Game:

The key to maintaining your engagement is to _____.

Four key ways to accomplish this:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Take _____ as often as needed, but everyone should take at least one (remember, the EOC test is untimed).

Take a few laps through the test:

First lap: _____.

Second lap: _____.

Use the _____ feature: do not feel like you have to take the test sequentially.

Test-Taking Strategies

Answer choices

You will never have the same answer _____ times in a row.

Guessing? Use the letter _____.

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Reading Test Strategies:

Consider the following paragraph:

“The Alcazar Restaurant was on Sheridan Road near Devon Avenue. It was long and narrow, with tables for two along the walls and tables for four Line down the middle. The decoration was art moderne, except for the series of murals depicting the four seasons, and the sick ferns in the front window. Lymie sat down at the second table from the cash register, and ordered his dinner. The history book, which he propped against the catsup and the glass sugar bowl, had been used by others before him. Blank pages front and back were filled in with maps, drawings, dates, comic cartoons, and organs of the body; also with names and messages no longer clear and never absolutely legible. On nearly every other page there was some marginal notation, either in ink or in very hard pencil. And unless someone had upset a glass of water, the marks on page 177 were from tears.”

And now, this question:

The main purpose of the first paragraph is to

- A) introduce the passage’s main character by showing his nightly habits.
- B) indicate the date the passage takes place by presenting period details.
- C) convey the passage’s setting by describing a place and an object.
- D) foreshadow an event that is described in detail later in the passage.

Main idea: insert the word ENTIRE before the text reference.

What’s the main idea of the passage?

What’s the main idea of the *entire* passage?

What’s the main purpose of the *entire* first paragraph?

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Now, let's talk about Answer Choice A...

THE IMPORTANCE OF ELIMINATION

“Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President; prior to that, he served in the U.S. House of Representatives; prior to that, he was in the Illinois Legislature; prior to that, he was a practicing attorney. Lincoln was President of the United States during the Civil War, which lasted from 1861 – 2020.”

Right or wrong?

The definition of “right” on a test: THE ABSENCE OF WRONG, NOT THE PRESENCE OF RIGHT.

IMPORTANT KEY TERM TO KNOW: _____.

A few types:

1. _____
“is” versus “may”
“will” versus “most likely”
“proves” versus “supports”
2. _____
 - a. This is particularly big on _____, _____, and _____.
3. _____.

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Example:

Like many preliminary scientific reports, Cho's study raises more questions than it answers. Still, he has demonstrated new functional effects of acupuncture. "Classically, acupuncture was the ultimate in experimentation; people collected data for thousands of years," says Joie Jones, professor of radiological sciences at the University of California at Irvine and coauthor of the study. "With these studies, we've demonstrated that for at least some acupuncture points [a connection] goes through the brain."

In the last paragraph, the author expresses the belief that scientists who open a new line of research on a topic are likely to:

- A) quickly discover the answers to the questions they raise.
- B) find that new questions arise as old ones are answered.
- C) receive answers far different than they anticipated.
- D) learn that they have often asked the wrong questions.

4. _____

"What was the American colonists' primary objection to the taxes imposed by the Stamp Act?"

-It was the **first** time the British tried to control the colonies.

"The author **thoroughly** discusses..."

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Returning back to the acupuncture text we just read...

Information in the last paragraph indicates that acupuncture research has given results that:

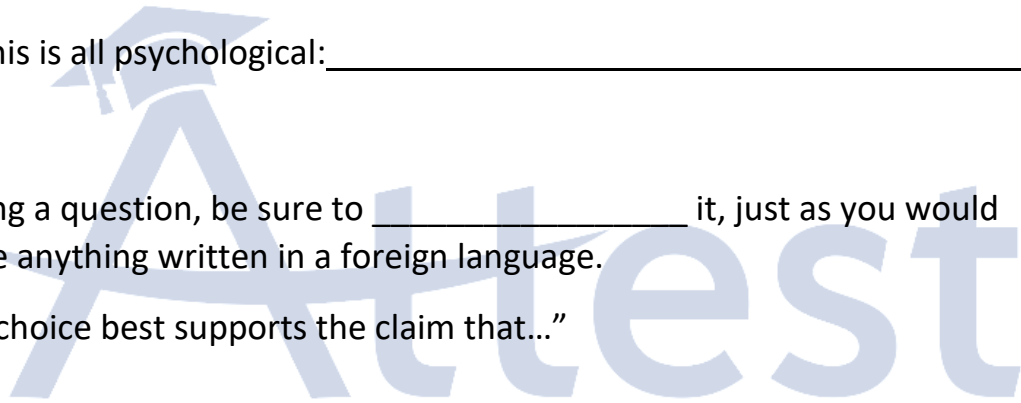
- A) thoroughly explain the mechanisms by which acupuncture functions.
- B) explain some aspects of how acupuncture functions while leaving other aspects open to further study.
- C) explain some aspects of how acupuncture functions while questioning the methods used in previous studies.
- D) do not explain any of the mechanisms by which acupuncture functions.

“NOT” and “EXCEPT”

This is all psychological: _____ !

In reading a question, be sure to _____ it, just as you would translate anything written in a foreign language.

“Which choice best supports the claim that...”



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Every day, millions of shoppers hit the stores in full force—both online and on foot—searching frantically for the perfect gift. Last year, Americans spent over \$30 billion at retail stores in the month of December alone. Aside from purchasing holiday gifts, most people regularly buy presents for other occasions throughout the year, including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and baby showers. This frequent experience of gift-giving can engender ambivalent feelings in gift-givers. Many relish the opportunity to buy presents because gift-giving offers a powerful means to build stronger bonds with one’s closest peers. At the same time, many dread the thought of buying gifts; they worry that their purchases will disappoint rather than delight the intended recipients.

The authors most likely use the examples in lines 1-9 of the passage (“Every... showers”) to highlight the

- A) regularity with which people shop for gifts.
- B) recent increase in the amount of money spent on gifts.
- C) anxiety gift shopping causes for consumers.
- D) number of special occasions involving gift-giving.

REMEMBER: WHAT MAKES THIS A TEST ARE THE QUESTIONS, NOT THE TEXT ITSELF.

Vocabulary in Context

In line 8, the word “ambivalent” most nearly means

- A) unrealistic.
- B) conflicted.
- C) apprehensive.
- D) supportive.

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Will companies be able to boost their products by manipulating online ratings on a massive scale? “That is easier said than done,” Watts says. If people detect—or learn—that comments on a website are being manipulated, the herd may spook and leave entirely.

As used in line 85, “boost” most nearly means

- A) increase.
- B) accelerate.
- C) promote.
- D) protect.

As used in line 86, “scale” most nearly means

- A) level.
- B) wage.
- C) interval.
- D) scheme.

[1] The State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, one of Russia’s greatest art museums, has long had a productive partnership with a much-loved animal: the cat. [2] For centuries, cats have guarded this famous museum, ridding it of mice, rats, and other rodents that could damage the art, not to mention 38 scared off visitors. [3] Peter the Great introduced the first cat to the Hermitage in the early eighteenth century. [4] Later Catherine the Great declared the cats to be official guardians of the galleries. [5] Continuing the tradition, Peter’s daughter Elizaveta introduced the best and strongest cats in Russia to the Hermitage. [6] Today, the museum holds a yearly festival honoring these faithful workers.

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 5 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 1.
- C) after sentence 3.
- D) after sentence 6.

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[1] A report by the Space Foundation estimated that NASA contributed \$180 billion to the economy in 2005. [2] More than 60 percent of the contribution 8 coming from commercial goods and services created by companies using space-related technology. [3] This translates as excellent returns from an agency that received approximately 17.7 billion in tax dollars in 2014. [4] This investment by taxpayers enhances not only the national economy but also the United States' competitiveness in the international market. [5] Moreover, the benefits of NASA funding extend beyond the purely economic, as astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson indicated in his testimony before the US Senate: "For...a penny on a dollar—we can transform the country from a sullen, dispirited nation, weary of economic struggle, to one where it has reclaimed its twentieth-century birthright to dream of tomorrow."

To make this paragraph most logical, sentence 1 should be placed

- A) where it is now.
- B) after sentence 2.
- C) after sentence 3.
- D) after sentence 4.

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