Question ID 6be6ffdd

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Archaeologist Christiana Kohler and her team excavated the Egyptian tomb of Queen Merneith, the wife of a First Dynasty pharaoh. Some scholars claim that she also ruled Egypt on her own and was actually the first female pharaoh. The team found a tablet in Merneith's tomb with writing suggesting that she was in charge of the country's treasury and other central offices. Whether Merneith was a pharaoh or not, this discovery supports the idea that Merneith likely _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. had an important role in Egypt's government.

B. lived after rather than before the First Dynasty of Egypt.

C. traveled beyond Egypt's borders often.

D. created a new form of writing in Egypt.

Question ID 81656faf

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In many cultures, a handshake can create trust between people. Engineer João Avelino and his team are designing a robot to shake hands with a human in order to improve human-robot interactions. The robot hand adjusts its movements and pressure to better imitate the feel of a human hand. The researchers want the robot's handshake to feel realistic because _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. lifelike handshakes may make people more comfortable interacting with robots.

B. it's easier to program a robot to perform handshakes than it is to program a robot to perform some other types of greetings.

C. people are less likely to interact with robots that don't look like humans.

D. the robot in the researchers' study may have uses other than interacting with humans.

Question ID db7c6192

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A typical string quartet consists of two violin players, a viola player, and a cello player. When a string quartet performs, one violinist and the cellist usually sit facing the audience. The violist and the other violinist usually sit facing each other. This seating arrangement causes the viola's carved sound openings, or f-holes, to be angled away from the audience. Therefore, if the viola player has a musical solo and wants to make sure that the audience can hear it clearly, the violist typically _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. instructs the other members of the quartet to play louder.

B. plays at the same volume as the cellist.

C. shifts position in order to face outwards toward the audience.

D. looks at the sheet music instead of looking at the audience.

Question ID 83a521c9

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Researchers Eugeni Vidal-Tortosa and Robin Lovelace looked at the relationship between street lighting in a city and people's willingness to ride a bicycle. Their results suggest that poor street lighting can deter new or inexperienced cyclists from riding in a city but has little effect on experienced cyclists. Therefore, increasing the number of streetlights in a city could potentially _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. decrease the number of new or inexperienced cyclists riding in the city.

B. increase the number of experienced cyclists riding in the city.

C. decrease the number of experienced cyclists riding in the city.

D. increase the number of new or inexperienced cyclists riding in the city.

Question ID bafb715e

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ID: bafb715e

One aspect of in-person shopping that online shopping can't replicate is the opportunity to touch a product before buying it. Does this difference matter? In an experiment, researchers asked one group of participants to touch a mug and a toy, while another group was prohibited from touching the two items. The participants were then asked how much money they'd pay for the items. People who got to touch the items were willing to pay much more money for them than were people who weren't allowed to touch the items. This finding suggests that _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. people who mainly shop online probably spend more money every month than people who mainly shop in person do.

B. in-person shopping may make products seem more valuable than they seem if only viewed online.

C. retailers with in-person and online stores should charge the same price for a given product in both places.

D. online retailers may be able to raise the prices they charge for products that are only available online.

Question ID 6e51c9f5

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 6e51c9f5

If an animal has been extinct for a long time, how can scientists learn what color it was? One group of scientists came up with a possible answer. When the scientists examined the fossilized feather of an extinct bird, they found melanosomes in it. Melanosomes produce pigment, or grains of color, inside cells. Because melanosomes are shaped differently depending on which colors they produce, the scientists hypothesized that they could _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. show how melanosomes can be found in fossils belonging to animals from other extinct species.

B. determine the colors of the bird based on the appearance of the melanosomes in the feather.

C. explain why the melanosomes in the feather were so well preserved.

D. identify the colors of extinct animals whose fossils lack melanosomes.

Question ID 5214212b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 5214212b

Georgia Douglas Johnson wrote many plays in the 1920s and 1930s. At the time, professional theater companies rarely put on plays by Black women, so few of Johnson's plays made it to the stage. Only a small number of her plays were published in her lifetime. But that doesn't mean that Johnson never learned what other people thought of her plays. Johnson hosted weekly get-togethers for fellow Black writers and artists in her Washington, DC, home. Attendees would read and discuss one another's work, including Johnson's own. These gatherings could therefore serve as _____

Which choice most logically completes the text?

A. an occasion for professional theater companies to put on plays.

B. an opportunity for Johnson to get feedback on her plays.

C. a way for Johnson to learn about plays that were produced in other cities.

D. subject matter for future plays by Johnson.