Question ID 7a25bf80

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The following text is from David Barclay Moore's 2022 novel *Holler of the Fireflies*. The narrator has just arrived at summer camp, which is far away from his home.

> This place was different than I thought it would be. I'd never been somewhere like this before. I did feel scared, but also excited.

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According to the text, how does the narrator feel about being at summer camp?

A. He feels overjoyed.

B. He feels peaceful.

C. He feels both scared and excited.

D. He feels both angry and jealous.

Question ID 4a7bf8cd

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The following text is adapted from Sylvia Acevedo's 2018 memoir *Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist*. The narrator is traveling by car with her family to Mexico City. Mario and Laura are her brother and sister.

> Mario and I played games to see how many different license plates we could spot, and Laura liked to look for children in the back seats of the cars we passed. We were used to the forty-five-minute drive to El Paso and familiar with the six-hour ride to Chihuahua, but I wondered what the long journey to Mexico City would be like.

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According to the text, what did the narrator and Mario do while riding in the car?

A. They read books.

B. They sang songs.

C. They went to sleep.

D. They played games.

Question ID 44f6c8f7

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In the 1700s and 1800s, European composers experimented with volume in their musical works. They did so by increasing the number of musicians playing in the orchestra. For example, in some of his operas, German composer Richard Wagner added more horns, trombones, and tubas to the orchestra. With more instruments playing at the same time, the orchestra could play extremely loudly at key moments in his operas.

According to the text, how did Richard Wagner achieve moments of extremely high volume in his operas?

A. By moving the performances of his operas from outdoor stages to indoor ones

B. By increasing the number of musicians playing horns, trombones, and tubas in the orchestra

C. By building a concert hall whose shape would cause sounds to echo

D. By insisting that the singers undergo special training to sing for extended periods of time

Question ID 491f52a8

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Hevea brasiliensis, a tree in the Amazon rainforest, is the world's main source of natural rubber. The tree produces a milky substance called latex that is used to make rubber. The bark of *Hevea brasiliensis* is helpful for the process of making rubber because it has a unique structure that makes it easy to collect latex. A network of tubes in the tree's inner bark helps the latex to flow out easily when people make small cuts into the bark.

What feature of *Hevea brasiliensis* does the text say is helpful for the process of making rubber?

A. Its latex produces rubber of an especially high quality.

B. Its bark has a unique structure that makes it easy to collect latex.

C. It is able to grow in a wide variety of climates around the world.

D. It is one of only two trees in the Amazon that produce latex.

Question ID 14713b45

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The following text is from Shyam Selvadurai's 1994 novel *Funny Boy.* The seven-year-old narrator lives with his family in Sri Lanka. Radha Aunty is the narrator's aunt.

Radha Aunty, who was the youngest in my father's family, had left for America four years ago when I was three, and I could not remember what she looked like. I went into the corridor to look at the family photographs that were hung there. But all the pictures were old ones, taken when Radha Aunty was a baby or young girl. Try as I might, I couldn't get an idea of what she looked like now. My imagination, however, was quick to fill in this void.

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According to the text, why does the narrator consult some family photographs?

A. He wants to use the photographs as inspiration for a story he is writing.

B. He is curious about how his father dressed a long time ago.

C. He hopes the photographs will help him recall what his aunt looked like.

D. He wants to remind his aunt of an event that is shown in an old photograph.

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The average age at which people in the United States start businesses is 35. Economist Andrés Hincapié studied why young adults are relatively less likely to start businesses and whether there are ways to increase entrepreneurship in early adulthood. Hincapié found that one impediment is lack of knowledge about the practical details of how businesses are started; he further found that simply providing young adults with good informational resources on the topic significantly alleviates this problem.

Based on the text, what would Hincapié most likely say is a promising way to increase entrepreneurship in early adulthood?

A. Creating social networks of young adults who are interested in starting a business

B. Encouraging young adults to brainstorm business ideas

C. Providing young adults with practical information about how to start a business

D. Giving young adults training opportunities at a variety of businesses