Question ID 57485f5e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 57485f5e 1.1

The following text is adapted from Johanna Spyri's 1881 novel *Heidi* (translated by Elisabeth Stork in 1915). Eight-year-old Heidi and her friend's grandmother are looking at some illustrated books.

> Heidi had come and was looking with wondering eyes at the splendid pictures in the large books, that Grandmama was showing her. Suddenly she screamed aloud, for there on the picture she saw a peaceful flock grazing on a green pasture. In the middle a shepherd was standing, leaning on his crook. The setting sun was shedding a golden light over everything. With glowing eyes Heidi devoured the scene.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Heidi is upset until she sees a serene image of a pasture in one of Grandmama's books.

B. Heidi is delighted and fascinated by an image she sees in one of Grandmama's books.

C. Heidi is initially frightened by an image in one of Grandmama's books but quickly comes to appreciate its beauty.

D. Heidi is inspecting an image in one of Grandmama's books because she has never seen a shepherd with his sheep before.

Question ID 8a8236e1

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 8a8236e1 1.2

Scent is tightly interwoven with our daily lives, often evoking significant memories and important social events. This connection is of growing interest to archaeologists who hope to use it to better understand ancient rituals, trade, social hierarchies, and medicine. Although the speed at which odor molecules dissipate makes identifying ancient scents challenging, advancements in biomolecular technologies show promise in unlocking ancient aromas from preserved artifacts. Archaeological studies making use of these advancements may provide new insights into past societies.

According to the text, what is one reason some archaeologists are interested in recovering scents from ancient artifacts?

A. They are investigating whether people's sense of smell has declined in recent centuries.

B. They believe the scents could illuminate important aspects of ancient life.

C. They think that ancient scents would be enjoyable to people today.

D. They hope to develop new medicines using ancient scent molecules.

Question ID 2592e0de

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 2592e0de 1.3

Bicycles were first mass-produced in the late nineteenth century throughout Europe and North America, allowing individuals remarkable freedom to travel longer distances quickly and comfortably. This freedom, coupled with the affordability of the vehicle, made the bicycle immensely popular. Individuals were able to live farther from their workplaces, easily visit neighboring towns, and participate in new leisure and sport activities. Bicycling quickly became a popular social endeavor, with enthusiasts forming local cycling clubs to enjoy these newfound activities with others.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. The widespread adoption of the bicycle in the late nineteenth century provided new opportunities for people.

B. The affordability of the bicycle in the late nineteenth century made it the preferred way to travel.

C. The popularity of the bicycle in the late nineteenth century gave rise to the first cycling clubs.

D. The mass production of the bicycle in the late nineteenth century made it safer for people to use.

Question ID 89961e26

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 89961e26 1.4

Artist Justin Favela explained that he wanted to reclaim the importance of the piñata as a symbol in Latinx culture. To do so, he created numerous sculptures from strips of tissue paper, which is similar to the material used to create piñatas. In 2017, Favela created an impressive life-size piñata-like sculpture of the Gypsy Rose lowrider car, which was displayed at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, California. The Gypsy Rose lowrider was famously driven by Jesse Valadez, an early president of the Los Angeles Imperials Car Club.

According to the text, which piece of Favela's art was on display in the Petersen Automotive Museum in 2017?

A. A painting of Los Angeles

B. A sculpture of a lowrider car

C. A painting of a piñata

D. A sculpture of Jesse Valadez

Question ID de0a5b4e

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: de0a5b4e 1.5

In 2022, researchers rediscovered ancient indigenous glyphs, or drawings, on the walls of a cave in Alabama. The cave's ceiling was only a few feet high, affording no position from which the glyphs, being as wide as ten feet, could be viewed or photographed in their entirety. However, the researchers used a technique called photogrammetry to assemble numerous photos of the walls into a 3D model. They then worked with representatives of tribes originally from the region, including the Chickasaw Nation, to understand the significance of the animal and humanoid figures adorning the cave.

According to the text, what challenge did the researchers have to overcome to examine the glyphs?

A. The cave was so remote that the researchers couldn't easily reach it.

B. Some of the glyphs were so faint that they couldn't be photographed.

C. The researchers were unable to create a 3D model of the cave.

D. The cave's dimensions prevented the researchers from fully viewing the glyphs.

Question ID 6675c5c3

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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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.

Question ID 0b696a0c

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0b696a0c 1.7

NASA's *Cassini* probe has detected an unusual wobble in the rotation of Mimas, Saturn's smallest moon. Using a computer model to study Mimas's gravitational interactions with Saturn and tidal forces, geophysicist Alyssa Rhoden and colleagues have proposed that this wobble could be due to a liquid ocean moving beneath the moon's icy surface. The researchers believe other moons should be examined to see if they too might have oceans hidden beneath their surfaces.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Rhoden and colleagues were the first to confirm that several of Saturn's moons contain hidden oceans.

B. Research has failed to identify signs that there is an ocean hidden beneath the surface of Mimas.

C. Rhoden and colleagues created a new computer model that identifies moons with hidden oceans without needing to analyze the moons' rotation.

D. Research has revealed that an oddity in the rotation of Mimas could be explained by an ocean hidden beneath its surface.

Question ID 23a7038f

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 23a7038f 1.8

Shimmering is a collective defense behavior that researchers have observed in giant honeybee colonies. When shimmering, different groups of bees flip their bodies up and down in what looks like waves. This defense is initiated when hornets hover near a colony, serving to deter the hornets from approaching the bees. Researchers hypothesize that this behavior is a specialized defense response to hornets, as it is not observed when other, larger predators approach the colony.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Researchers are unsure how giant honeybees defend against predators larger than hornets.

B. Researchers think that shimmering in giant honeybees is a specific defense against hornets.

C. Hornets are known to be the main predator of giant honeybees.

D. Several different species of insects use shimmering to defend against hornets.

Question ID 7921b86b

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ID: 7921b86b

1.9

Oluwaseyi Moejoh cofounded U-recycle Initiative Africa when she was only a teenager. Moejoh and her team founded the organization to teach young people how their actions affect the environment and why recycling is important. For example, the organization put on an exhibit of art made using recycled materials.

According to the text, what is one reason Moejoh and others founded U-recycle Initiative Africa?

A. To bring attention to overlooked African artists

B. To teach young people why recycling is important

C. To help adults gain important outdoor skills

D. To give teenagers advice about starting businesses

Question ID dc5edbf6

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: dc5edbf6 1.10

Microplastics are pieces of plastic that are smaller than a grain of rice. These small plastics can be found in large quantities in ocean waters. Ecologist Jessica Reichert and her team are studying the role reef-building corals have in capturing microplastics from ocean waters. Through research, her team has found that these corals may be storing up to 20 million kilograms of microplastics each year in their skeletons and tissues.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Ecologists are interested in learning more about how certain corals build large reefs.

B. Questions remain around the impact certain corals have on ocean ecosystems.

C. Microplastics are small pieces of plastic that can be found in ocean waters.

D. Ecologists predict that corals store large amounts of microplastics from ocean waters.

Question ID d8758c3b

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: d8758c3b 1.11

Psychologists wanted to test how young children think about rewards and fairness. In an experiment, two teachers handed out rewards while children (ages four to six) watched. The teachers gave out the same number of rewards, but one of them counted the rewards out loud. The children were then asked who was fairer. 73% chose the teacher who counted. The psychologists think that counting showed the children that the teacher wanted to be fair. The children may have believed that the teacher who did not count did not care about fairness.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Psychologists think children cannot understand the concept of fairness until they are six years old.

B. An experiment found that counting out loud is the best way to teach mathematical concepts to children.

C. Psychologists think young children expect to be rewarded when the children show that they care about fairness.

D. An experiment showed that the way rewards are given out may affect whether young children think the situation is fair.

Question ID 0e3b4967

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 0e3b4967

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Scrapbooks of saved fabric pieces were commonly kept by women in the nineteenth-century United States, but few are as meticulously detailed as Hannah Ditzler Alspaugh's work. Alongside each piece of fabric, Alspaugh recorded intimate memories, such as dressmaking with her sister. Additionally, she listed the prices and how she used the fabric. Historians note that by representing fifty years of changing textures, patterns, and dress styles, the scrapbook is a record of nineteenth-century textiles and dressmaking as well as Alspaugh's life.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Alspaugh inspired other women to save pieces of fabric in scrapbooks and provide historical records of nineteenth-century fashions in the United States.

B. Historians rely on fabric scrapbooks to understand how fashions changed throughout the nineteenth-century United States.

C. Fabric scrapbooks were a popular hobby for many women in the nineteenth-century United States.

D. Alspaugh's scrapbook provides a detailed account of her life and historical record of fashion trends in the nineteenth-century United States.

Question ID a842db60

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: a842db60 1.13

To make her art more widely available, graphic artist Elizabeth Catlett turned to linocuts. In linocut printing, an artist carves an image into a sheet of linoleum to create a stamp that is used to mass-produce prints. In the linocut series *The Black Woman* (1946–1947), Catlett depicts the everyday experiences of Black women alongside the achievements of well-known Black women. This pairing invites the viewer to draw connections among the women. The linocut process enabled Catlett's work to reach a wide audience and supported her aim to unite Black women through her art.

According to the text, what is significant about Catlett's use of linocut printing?

A. Linocut printing involved using materials that were readily available to Catlett.

B. Linocut printing helped Catlett use art to connect people, especially Black women.

C. Catlett became commercially successful once she started using linocut printing.

D. Catlett was one of the first Black artists to use linocut printing.

Question ID 1e85caa9

Assessment	Test	Domain	Skill	Difficulty
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ID: 1e85caa9 1.14

The following text is from Edith Nesbit's 1902 novel *Five Children and It*. Five young siblings have just moved with their parents from London to a house in the countryside that they call the White House.

> It was not really a pretty house at all; it was quite ordinary, and mother thought it was rather inconvenient, and was quite annoyed at there being no shelves, to speak of, and hardly a cupboard in the place. Father used to say that the ironwork on the roof and coping was like an architect's nightmare. But the house was deep in the country, with no other house in sight, and the children had been in London for two years, without so much as once going to the seaside even for a day by an excursion train, and so the White House seemed to them a sort of Fairy Palace set down in an Earthly Paradise.

Which choice best states the main idea of the text?

A. Although their parents believe the house has several drawbacks, the children are enchanted by it.

B. The children don't like the house nearly as much as their parents do.

C. Each member of the family admires a different characteristic of the house.

D. The house is beautiful and well built, but the children miss their old home in London.

Question ID 41d5c33e

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The following text is from Beatrice Harraden's 1894 novel *Ships that Pass in the Night*.

> In an old second-hand bookshop in London, an old man sat reading Gibbon's *History of Rome*. He did not put down his book when the postman brought him a letter. He just glanced indifferently at the letter, and impatiently at the postman. Zerviah Holme did not like to be interrupted when he was reading Gibbon; and as he was always reading Gibbon, an interruption was always regarded by him as an insult.

Based on the text, how did Zerviah Holme most likely feel when the letter was delivered?

A. He felt relieved because he had been expecting an important letter.

B. He felt excited because the letter was from a good friend.

C. He felt sad because the postman did not stop to talk with him before leaving.

D. He felt annoyed because he was interrupted while reading his favorite author.