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To improve the town's overcrowded school system, the town council has proposed an ambitious education plan to reduce classroom size and make capital improvements—a plan they intend to pay for with an increase in property taxes for homes valued over \$500,000. Although the school system desperately needs improving, the town council's plan should be defeated because the majority of the people who would end up paying for the improvements receive no benefit from them.

Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the argument above?

- A) The town's school system is currently ranked among the worst in the state.
- B) Other towns nearby that have made similar capital improvements did not find that the improvements translated to a better quality of education.
- C) The town will need to spend additional money on architect's plans for the capital improvements.
- D) An examination of the tax rolls shows that most homeowners in this category no longer have school-age children.
- E) Some homeowners will delay home improvement projects in order to keep the value of their homes below \$500,000.

2)

Which of the following, if true, provides the town council with the strongest counter to the objection that its plan is unfair?

- A) Even with the proposed increase, property taxes in the town are well below the national average.
- B) Paying for the school system improvements using existing town funds will result in shortfalls that will force the town into arrears.
- C) The teachers in the town's school system receive some of the lowest salary packages in the immediate area, which is a major cause of attrition.
- D) Smaller class sizes and capital improvements in a school system tend to increase property values in the surrounding community.
- E) A feasibility study has shown that the cost of the improvements will likely be 20% higher than projected.

3)

In order to understand the dangers of the current real-estate bubble in Country Y, one has only to look to the real estate bubble of the last decade in Country Z. In that country, incautious investors used the inflated value of their real estate as collateral in risky margin loans. When the real-estate market collapsed, many investors went bankrupt, creating a major recession. Country Y is in real danger of a similar recession if more-stringent laws restricting margin loans are not enacted promptly.

The answer to which of the following questions would be most useful in evaluating the significance of the author's claims?

- A) Was the real estate in Country Z located principally in rural areas or was it located in more urban communities?
- B) Could the bankruptcies in Country Z have been prevented by a private bailout plan by the nation's banks?
- C) Does Country Y currently have any laws on its books regarding margin loans?
- D) Are there business ties and connections between Country Y and Country Z?
- E) Were there other factors in the case of Country Y that would make the comparison with Country Z less meaningful?

4)

A prolonged period of low mortgage rates resulted in a period of the most robust home sales ever. At the same time, the average sale price of resale homes actually dropped, when adjusted for inflation.

Which of the following, if true, would explain the apparent contradiction between the robust home sales and the drop in the average sale price of resale homes?

- A) The inflation rate during this period exceeded the increase in the average salary, thus preventing many buyers from securing mortgages.
- B) Resale homes represent the best value on the real estate market.
- C) Without the adjustment for inflation, the price of resale homes actually increased by a very slight amount.
- D) The decrease in mortgage rates was accompanied by a widening of the types of mortgages from which borrowers could choose.
- E) The increase in home sales was due entirely to an increase in the sale of new homes.

5)

A bullet train travels in excess of 150 miles per hour. Therefore, if a train travels slower than 150 miles per hour, it is not a bullet train.

Which of the following most closely parallels the reasoning used in the argument above?

- A) An orange ripens only on the vine. If it ripens on the vine, then it is not an orange.
- B) Newspapers are often read by more than one person. Therefore, magazines are also likely to be read by more than one person.
- C) An earthquake of 5.0 or above on the Richter scale causes massive damage. If there is not massive damage, then the earthquake did not attain a 5.0 or above.
- D) A supersonic plane travels at speeds in excess of Mach 1. If it is not supersonic, then it will travel at speeds below Mach 1.
- E) Fluoride generally prevents cavities. If there are no cavities, then there was no fluoride used.

6)

A recent report determined that although only eight percent of drivers entering Banff National Park possessed yearly entry permits, as opposed to day passes, these drivers represented fifteen percent of all vehicles entering the Park. Clearly, drivers who possess yearly entry permits are more likely to enter Banff National Park on a regular basis than are drivers who do not.

The conclusion drawn above depends on which of the following assumptions?

- A) The number of entries to Banff National Park by drivers with yearly entry permits does not exceed the number of yearly entry permits issued by the Park.
- B) Drivers who possess yearly entry permits to Banff National Park are more likely to stay longer in the Park than drivers who do not.
- C) All drivers with yearly entry permits to Banff National Park entered the Park at least once during the period of the report.
- D) Drivers possessing yearly entry permits to Banff National Park are more likely to enter the Park regularly than are drivers who do not.
- E) Drivers who entered Banff National Park with yearly permits during the period of the report were representative of the types of drivers who have entered other national parks with similar yearly permits.

7)

Steve: Rick and Harriet, two of my red-haired friends, are irritable. It seems true that red-haired people have bad tempers.

John: That's ridiculous. Red-haired people are actually quite docile. Jeff, Muriel, and Betsy — three of my red-haired friends — all have placid demeanors. Which of the statements below provides the most likely explanation for the two seemingly contradictory statements above?

- A) The number of red-haired people whom Steve knows may be different from the number of red-haired people whom John knows.
- B) The number of red-haired people whom both Steve and John know may not be greater in total than the number of non-red-haired people whom both Steve and John know.
- C) It is likely that Steve or John has incorrectly assessed the temperament of one or more of his red-haired friends.
- D) It is likely that both Steve and John have friends who are not red-haired and yet also have bad tempers.
- E) The examples that Steve uses and the examples that John uses to support their conclusions are likely both valid.

8)

Jacques: "If we want to stop global warming, we must pass legislation to reduce fossil fuel emissions."

Pierre: "That's not true. It will take a lot more than passing legislation aimed at reducing fossil fuel emissions in order to stop global warming." Pierre's response is inaccurate because he mistakenly believes that what Jacques has said is that

- A) Passing legislation to reduce fossil fuel emissions is necessary to reduce global warming.
- B) The passing of legislation to reduce fossil fuel emissions is a key step en route to stopping global warming.
- C) If global warming is to be stopped, legislation to reduce fossil fuel emissions must be passed.
- D) Passing legislation to reduce fossil fuel emissions is enough to stop global warming.
- E) Global warming will not be stopped by passing legislation to reduce fossil fuel emissions.

9)

If your apartment is above the fifth floor, it has a balcony.

The statement above can be logically deduced from which of the following statements?

- A) No apartments on the fifth floor have balconies.
- B) An apartment does not have a balcony unless the apartment is above the fifth floor.
- C) All apartments above the fifth floor have balconies.
- D) All balconies are built for apartments above the fifth floor.
- E) Balconies are not built for apartments below the fifth floor.

10)

Financial Expert: Our country has a very high debt-to-GDP ratio and it's difficult for a country with a high debt to-GDP ratio to grow in a dynamic manner. Moreover our debt is growing higher and that means inflation is getting worse. All in all, our country is badly managed these days.

Which of the following assertions is most strongly supported by the passage?

- A) High debt has an adverse impact on the inflation rate
- B) It is not possible for a badly managed country to grow in a dynamic manner.
- C) High level of debt is extremely detrimental to the growth of a country
- D) Growing inflation is the sign of a badly managed country
- E) Whatever growth is happening in this particular country cannot possibly be dynamic Growth

11)

G. Bell Corporation, a manufacturer of mobile handsets, has claimed to have become the leading seller of mobile handsets, in terms of units sold, in the country. According to latest figures released by all the handset manufacturers in the country, G. Bell Corporation managed to sell 80 per cent of the total handsets that it manufactured during the year whereas the market leader, H. Wells Corporation, managed to sell only 50 per cent of its total handsets.

Which of the following identifies a flaw in G. Bell Corporation's reasoning?

- A) It does not take into account H. Wells Corporation's huge book of advance orders for handsets that need to be shipped during the next year
- B) It incorrectly assumes that the current trend will continue into the next year as well
- C) It makes no comparison of the average price at which G. Bell Corporation sold its handsets with the average price at which H. Wells Corporation sold its handsets
- D) It does not take into account the total number of handsets sold by either manufacturer
- E) It does not take into account the total market size for mobile handsets in the country

12)

The supply of iron ore, the most important component in steelmaking, has been steadily declining in Marco city. This has forced steel manufacturing units in Marco city to source iron ore from far off mines leading to an increase in their transportation costs. Because transportation costs make up a large chunk of the total cost of steelmaking, the steel manufacturers in Marco city have had no option but to increase the selling price of their steel. This has in turn led to an increase in the retail price of utensils and other articles of daily use made of steel. Since the retail consumers now have to pay more for these steel items, while their earnings remain unchanged, they have decided to cut down on their non essential expenditure such as that on movie tickets. This has led movie theatres in Marco city to reduce their ticket prices.

Which of the following provides the most support for the assertion that the prices of movie tickets in Marco city will continue to decline in future?

- A) The people of Marco city will not be willing to cut down their expenditure on eating out
- B) After the inauguration of the Goldport Bridge, expected to happen very soon, the transportation costs to Marco city will be halved
- C) There are no blockbuster movies with stellar star casts lined up for release anytime soon
- D) The supply of iron ore to Marco city is expected to go down even more in the near future
- E) Residents of Marco city view movie tickets as non essential items of expenditure

13)

Large corporations use several strategies to minimize their tax payments, without doing anything explicitly illegal. One such strategy involves the use of transfer pricing, when subsidiaries in different countries charge each other for goods or services "sold" within the group. This is particularly popular among technology and drug companies that have lots of intellectual property, the value of which is especially subjective. These intra-company royalty transactions are supposed to be arm's-length, but are often priced to minimize profits in high-tax countries and maximize them in low-tax ones.

If the above statements are true, then which of the following could be a strategy adopted by a company that wants to get the maximum benefit out of transfer pricing?

- A) Sell its subsidiary located in a high tax rate country products at low prices
- B) Charge its subsidiary located in a low tax rate country higher prices for products sold
- C) Pay its subsidiary located in a high tax rate country high prices for products bought
- D) Pay its subsidiary located in a low tax rate country low prices for products bought
- E) Pay its subsidiary located in a low tax rate country high prices for products bought

14)

Which of the following best completes the passage below?

When telecom companies, used to reporting several million new customers in a month, do the opposite and report a sharp fall in that number, you know that the country's most dynamic industry has entered a new, more troubled phase. However, this statistic may not necessarily be as much of a cause for concern as it looks because _____.

- A) mobile phone companies have huge cash reserves so they will not face the problem of cash flow for a few months at least
- B) inflated claims about new customer acquisition have been very much a part of the telecom industry story so far
- C) the sales of mobile phone handsets haven't fallen down appreciably
- D) other competitors have not entered the market in huge numbers
- E) mobile phone companies are making huge investments in widening their network coverage

15)

The prime principle of economics is that prices are determined by supply and demand, not by costs. Some products may cost 90 cents and sell for a dollar, while others go for a dollar yet cost only a cent to make. The second producer is neither a profiteer nor an exploiter, and the first producer is neither a benefactor nor a patron. Both producers merely respond to market signals based on supply and demand.

If the statements above are true, which of the following must be true?

- A) How much it costs to manufacture a product is not the primary determinant of its selling price
- B) A product with a low manufacturing cost is more likely to succeed than a product with a high manufacturing cost
- C) A manufacturer who sells a product with a low manufacturing cost at a high price to the customer is deceiving the customer
- D) If a product costs a lot to manufacture then its manufacturer must ensure that he does not sell the product at a high price
- E) A manufacturer who uses manufacturing costs of a product as a basis to determine the selling price of the product is bound to fail

16)

Almost all arguments against the theory of evolution stem from the fact that it is very difficult to prove how a group of non living elements can combine together and give rise to life. However, just because something cannot be proved with certainty today doesn't mean that the possibility isn't there. Remember, there was a time when almost the whole world believed that the Earth was the centre of the universe until Galileo came by and proved otherwise.

The statements above, if true, best support which of the following assertions?

- A) At one point of time, Galileo was the only person who believed that the earth was not the centre of the universe
- B) A majority of scientists do not agree with the theory of evolution
- C) It is difficult to prove the theory of evolution with certainty
- D) When Galileo stated that the sun and not the earth was the centre of the universe, he was called insane by his compatriots
- E) Everything that at one time seems impossible will at some point in the future become possible

17)

Angel dusting is a process wherein an ingredient, which would be beneficial in a reasonable quantity, is instead added by manufacturers to their products in an insignificant quantity so that they can make the claim that their product contains that ingredient, and mislead the consumer into expecting that they will gain the benefit of that ingredient. For example, a cereal may claim it contains "10 essential vitamins and minerals", but the amounts of each may be only 1% or less of the Reference Daily Intake, providing virtually no benefit or nutrition.

If the above statements are true, which of the following could be an example of Angel dusting?

- A) A laptop that claims to have the longest battery backup, actually has a backup just 10% longer than is provided by its closest competitor

- B) A book that claims to cover all the concepts of Organic Chemistry actually provides just one

example of each concept

- C) A vitamin capsule that claims to contain 23 vitamins and amino acids contains less than 3% of each
- D) A protein shake that claims to contain a magic ingredient that can make muscles grow faster, only contains 20% of this ingredient's daily recommended intake
- E) An apartment that claims to have used Italian marble for its flooring has used exactly one slab of Italian marble and the remaining ninety-nine slabs of regular marble.

18)

A study of 1000 American citizens has found that 70 per cent of them would not work for a company with bad reputation even if they were unemployed and that nearly 90 per cent of them would consider leaving their current jobs if they were offered another role with a company that had an excellent corporate reputation. Of those willing to work for a company with a bad reputation, the research found that, on average, it would take doubling an employee's salary for them to make such a jump.

If the statements above are true, which of the following conclusions is most strongly supported by them?

- A) At least 10% of the people in the survey would not mind working for a company with a bad reputation but would also consider leaving their current jobs to join another company with excellent corporate reputation
- B) The survey is representative of the worker pool across the United States
- C) At least 25% of the people in the survey would agree to do an unethical act if their salary was substantially increased
- D) For US workers, higher salary takes precedence over the reputation of the company they work for
- E) If a company in the US expects to attract the best talent, it must either have an excellent corporate reputation or be ready to pay high salaries

19)

One way in which companies can increase their productivity is by making use of telecommuting. Many office workers waste a lot of time in their cars or other modes of road transport every morning trying to reach office, and a lot of them spend their day attending video conferences and typing emails, activities which could easily be carried out from the comfort of their homes. So it makes sense for companies to encourage their employees to use telecommuting services and work from home rather than travel to the office every day

In order to evaluate the above argument, it would be useful to determine each of the following EXCEPT:

- A) Whether the cost of telecommuting will more than offset the increased productivity that comes about from its use
- B) Whether the day to day work of most companies involves physical interaction amongst their employees
- C) Whether a large part of the work of an average employee can be conducted using telecommuting services
- D) Whether the use of telecommuting service will lead to increased revenues for the companies adopting this service
- E) Whether the general traffic situation is likely to dramatically improve in the future

20)

The government has recently been severely criticized for its decision to block access to a few websites on which malicious information and photographs were being posted. The government has responded to this criticism by stating that **while it believes in freedom of speech and expression, this was an emergency** and in such situations, you have to cut off the source of the problem.

In the argument given, the two portions in boldface play which of the following roles?

- A) The first describes a reaction to an action and the second describes an action taken in response to this reaction
- B) The first is a criticism that the argument disagrees with; the second is the point of view that the argument supports
- C) The first is the point of view of a group of people and the second attacks this point of view
- D) The first provides a counterpoint to the argument's conclusion; the second is that conclusion
- E) The first provides the criticism of an action and the second provides justification for the necessity of taking that action

21)

Researchers from a data analysis firm have found that the three most popular combinations -- 1234, 1111, and 0000 -- account for close to 20 per cent of all four-digit passwords. The researchers also found that every four-digit combination that starts with 19 ranks above the 80th percentile in popularity, with those in the upper 1900s coming in the highest. Also quite common are combinations in which the first two digits are between 01 and 12 and the last two are between 01 and 31.

If the statements above are true, which of the following must be true?

- A) The password 1922 will most likely be less popular than 1981
- B) The password 0123 will most probably be more common than 2331
- C) If a password was to be selected from a random list of 100 four digit passwords, there is a very high possibility that it will be 1234, 1111, or 0000
- D) One out of three four digit passwords will be 1234, 1111, or 0000
- E) Passwords starting with 19 are more popular than those starting with 21

22)

People in medieval times believed that lice were beneficial for their health, because there hardly used to be any lice on people who were unwell. The reasoning was that the people got sick because the lice left. The real reason however is that lice are extremely sensitive to body temperature. A small increase of body temperature, such as in a fever, will make the lice look for another host.

If the above statements are all true, then what was wrong with the reasoning of people in medieval times about the connection between lice and disease?

- A) They assumed that nothing else could lead to the disease except the lice
- B) They assumed that a correlation was actually a cause and effect relation

- C) They assumed that the sample size that they saw was representative of the entire population at that time
- D) They mistook the cause of something for its effect
- E) They assumed without warrant that a necessary condition is most definitely also going to be a sufficient one.

23)

Which of the following best completes the passage below?

Over the years, supporters of slavery have put forward several view-points to rationalize their belief. One such argument states that some people are meant to be slaves as part of the natural order of the universe, or as part of God's plan, and it is wrong to interfere with this by abolishing slavery. However, such an argument is flawed, because it fails to take into account the fact that _____.

- A) slavery is a cruel practice that does not find much favour with most people in this world
- B) just because something is part of God's plan does not mean it is the morally correct thing to do
- C) slavery is considered illegal in almost all the countries of the world
- D) there exist no certain criteria to distinguish between natural slaves and those who should not be enslaved
- E) just because something is meant to be does not mean that it has to be

24)

The list of the highest paying cities in the world is headed by cities in Switzerland. This serves to reaffirm the fact that people in Western European cities on average earn three times more than those in Eastern Europe. The fact that, in Switzerland, deductions from salary are relatively low, further widens the gap between net wage level earned there and in other countries, especially in the rest of Western Europe. The largest wage differences are in Asia, where the highest value (Tokyo) is twelve times higher than the lowest (Delhi).

Which of the following can properly be inferred from the statements above?

- A) The Swiss pay less money in taxes than do people in the rest of Western Europe
- B) Delhi is the poorest city in the Asian continent
- C) The wage difference between the richest and poorest cities of Eastern Europe is less than twelve times
- D) Switzerland is not situated in Western Europe
- E) Tokyo has more rich people than does Delhi

25)

The perceived value of goods and services, rather than just their price, is becoming an increasingly prominent factor in the purchase decisions of modern consumers, a new report has indicated. Thus it can be concluded that consumers will be increasingly willing to spend extra on goods and services that are high-quality and durable.

For the above statements to be true, which of the following must be true?

- A) The price of a product plays no role in the making of purchase decisions by modern consumers
- B) There is a positive relation between the quality of a product and its durability
- C) The modern consumer is not likely to allow the quality of a product to determine his purchase decision
- D) The ideal way for manufacturers to charge more for their products is to increase the perceived value of their products in the minds of the modern consumer
- E) The durability of a product is in some way related to its perceived value in the minds of modern consumers

26)

Despite all the science and massive budgets involved in modern sports, many sportsmen and women at all levels of sport swear by superstitions or elaborate event rituals to enhance their game. Irrational as it may sound, these superstitions clearly boost performance because almost all the top sportspersons across the world have some superstition or the other that they always adhere to.

Which of the following would most help evaluate the conclusion that superstition clearly helps sportspersons?

- A) Whether sportspersons who are not as successful also have superstitions
- B) Whether there is empirical proof that superstition boosts the performance of sportspersons
- C) Whether sportsperson who don't have any superstitions are also as successful as the ones who do
- D) Whether superstition helps boost an individual's self belief dramatically
- E) Whether all successful sportspersons across the world have some superstition

27)

Food colouring can be a form of deception if it is used to make people think that a fruit is riper, fresher, or otherwise healthier than it really is. This is because bright colours give the subconscious impression of healthy, ripe fruit, full of antioxidants and phytochemicals. A variation of this strategy is to use packaging which obscures the true colour of the foods contained within, such as red mesh bags containing yellow oranges or grapefruit, which then appear to be a ripe orange or red.

Which of the following must be true on the basis of the statements above?

- A) When buying fruits one must check the actual colouring of the fruit and not of its packaging
- B) Food colouring is not always done with the intention of deceiving people
- C) Consumers should avoid purchasing fruits wrapped in mesh bags because this most likely suggests that the something is wrong with the fruit

- D) Bright colouring is an accurate method of judging the freshness of a fruit
- E) The presence of phytochemicals in a fruit will most likely dissuade consumers from buying that fruit

28)

A survey recently conducted at the Global Business School has thrown up two interesting findings.

Finding 1: In the last ten years, students attending Professor James' Economics classes were more likely to score in the top 10% of the class than were other students

Finding 2: In the last ten years, most of the students who scored in the top 10% of the class did not take classes from Professor James.

If the statements above are true, which of the following must be true?

- A) The quality of classes conducted by Professor James has probably decreased
- B) The number of students not taking classes from Professor James has increased over the last ten years
- C) There must be some factor other than attending Professor James' classes that can also make a student perform well in the subject
- D) The overall quality of the students who have joined Global Business School in the last ten years has increased
- E) Professor James needs to change his teaching methods if he wants more students to attend his classes

29)

Movie pirating, the illegal videotaping of a new theater release and subsequent selling of the tape on the black market, is a major concern to the film studios that produce today's mainstream movies. When pirating sales are high, individual studios whose movies are being taped and sold illegally lose a large amount of revenue from black-market viewers who would otherwise pay the full theater price. A low level of pirating sales during a specific period, however, is a fairly reliable indicator of an economic downturn in the movie industry as a whole during that period.

Which of the following, if true, most helps to reconcile the discrepancy noted above?

- A) The film studios that produce today's mainstream movies occasionally serve as distribution outlets for smaller budget independent films that are also susceptible to pirating.
- B) Movie pirates exclusively target blockbuster hits, the existence of which is inextricably tied to the financial success of the movie industry during any given period.
- C) Most movie pirates use small, handheld video cameras that are specially designed to record images in the darkened environment of a movie theater.
- D) The five largest film studios take in a disproportionate amount of movie revenue compared to hundreds of smaller and independent film studios, regardless of whether pirating activity during a specific period is high or low.
- E) A movie pirate who is highly active in selling movies on the black market can sometimes make a full living doing so, while a less active pirate will usually have to supplement the income generated from pirated movies.

30)

Choi: All other factors being equal, children whose parents earned doctorates are more likely to earn a doctorate than children whose parents did not earn doctorates.

Hart: But consider this: Over 70 percent of all doctorate holders do not have a parent that also holds a doctorate.

Which of the following is the most accurate evaluation of Hart's reply?

- A) It establishes that Choi's claim is an exaggeration.
- B) If true, it effectively demonstrates that Choi's claim cannot be accurate.
- C) It is consistent with Choi's claim.
- D) It provides alternative reasons for accepting Choi's claim.
- E) It mistakes what is necessary for an event with what is sufficient to determine that the event will occur.

31)

Rats are generally more active than mice. But since gerbils are generally more active than hamsters, it follows that rats are generally more active than hamsters.

Any of the following, if introduced into the argument as an additional premise, makes the argument above logically correct EXCEPT:

- A) Gerbils are generally more active than rats.
- B) Mice are generally more active than hamsters.
- C) Mice are generally more active than gerbils.
- D) Mice and gerbils are generally equally active.
- E) Rats and gerbils are generally equally active.

32)

In the years 1971 to 1980, the population of the state prison system was on average about 82 percent of maximum occupancy. During those years, the average number of prisoners entering the system each year was equivalent to 9.1 percent of maximum occupancy. From the years 1981 to 1984, the average number of prisoners entering the system each year fell to 7.3 percent of maximum occupancy, yet the population of the state prison system rose to almost 89 percent of maximum occupancy.

Which of the following, if true, helps to resolve the apparent discrepancy?

- A) The average sentence of a prisoner in the state system increased from 1981 to 1984.
- B) Beginning in 1981, many of those entering the state prison system had been transferred from prisons in other states.
- C) Between 1981 and 1984, the percentage of prisoners incarcerated for violent crimes increased by 26 percent.

- D) In 1981, a legislative fact-finding committee proposed a revision of the state's parole and work release programs.
- E) Between 1971 and 1984, the proportion of active criminals actually caught and incarcerated in the state prison system has steadily increased.

33)

General: The commander of the Air Force has recommended that we deploy the G28 aircraft in the reconnaissance mission, because the G28 can fly lower to the ground without being detected and could therefore retrieve the necessary information more efficiently than the currently stationed D12. But the D12 is already in the area and poised for takeoff, and would have just enough time to accomplish the mission if deployed immediately, while the G28 would require four days just to arrive in the area and get outfitted for the mission. Since the mission's deadline is immovable, I am forced to overrule the commander's recommendation and order the deployment of the D12.

Which of the following is assumed in the general's argument?

- A) The quality of information retrieved from the mission would be higher if the D12 were deployed than if the G28 were deployed.
- B) By the time the G28 arrived in the area and was outfitted for the mission, the D12 would have already completed the mission if deployed immediately.
- C) The ability of an aircraft to fly low to the ground is not a significant consideration when choosing aircraft for a reconnaissance mission.
- D) It would take longer for any aircraft not currently in the area besides the G28 to arrive in the area and get outfitted for the mission.
- E) Any time saved during the mission due to the operation of the more efficient G28 would not offset the additional time required to deploy the G28.

34)

Kopke: In the past ten years, most of the new clothes that I have purchased have fallen apart within a few short years. However, all of the clothes that I have purchased at vintage clothing shops are still in excellent condition, despite the fact that they were all over thirty years old at the time that I bought them. Clearly, clothes are not manufactured as well today as they were when those vintage clothes were made.

Which of the following is a weakness in the argument above?

- A) It fails to demonstrate that the clothes manufactured thirty years ago were of higher quality than clothes of all other eras.
- B) It neglects the possibility that the clothes of thirty years ago, when prices are adjusted for inflation, cost more than clothes manufactured today.
- C) It confuses the number of clothing items sold with the proportion of those items that are no longer useful.
- D) It does not explain why clothing manufacturing standards have fallen over time.
- E) It fails to take into account clothes made over thirty years ago that are no longer fit for sale.

35)

The following advertisement appeared on behalf of a new breakfast cereal: "Healthy-Oh's breakfast cereal is one-of-a-kind good for you! Among breakfast cereals, only Healthy-Oh's has five grams of psyllium fiber. Psyllium fiber is good for your heart and helps you to lose weight. Doctors and nutritionists recommend at least twenty grams of fiber per day, so why not get twenty-five percent of your fiber the easy way with Healthy-Oh's cereal?"

Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the product's claim to be "one-of-a-kind good for you"?

- A) Healthy-Oh's is, in fact, the only cereal to use psyllium fiber.
- B) Any fiber, including that found in many other cereals, has the same benefits to health as psyllium fiber.
- C) Many doctors and nutritionists actually recommend at least twenty-five grams of fiber per day, and they base their recommendations on total calorie intake.
- D) Another brand of cereal used to contain psyllium fiber, but it was not successful and is no longer on the market.
- E) Psyllium fiber is also found in other products, such as powdered fiber supplements.