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1	<p>Wednesday and Xavier go to Nevermore Academy together.</p> <p>Recently, the school was plagued with mysterious events. The students of the academy were haunted by a hideous monster called a “hyde”, which is a moon-eyed creature that only Wednesday was able to see.</p> <p>Wednesday suspects Xavier to be the hyde because of his suspiciously vivid paintings of the monster. Xavier vehemently refutes this accusation, saying that the monster has been haunting him in his dreams, so he paints it to get it out of his head.</p>  <p>Wednesday: “I find your justification logically incomprehensible. I can’t see how that could be true.”</p> <p>Which of the following statements best expresses the flaw in Wednesday’s statement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Wednesday falsely accused Xavier to be the hyde without considering any other potential suspects. B. Wednesday personally attacked Xavier’s capability of providing a comprehensive reasoning. C. Wednesday rejected Xavier’s argument just because she found it implausible to understand. D. Wednesday, without concrete proof, already convinced herself that Xavier is the hyde.
2	<p>When prices in an economy are subject to inflation, each unit of currency buys fewer goods and services than it did before the inflation effect. This is why inflation is such a significant issue: its presence leads to a reduction in purchasing power, leading to a lower standard of living. Governments must provide equitable solutions so the rates of inflation do not worsen. It is the right of taxpayers to demand more equitable solutions to prevent rising inflation.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. States must be accountable for the rising cases of inflation. B. Small-scale enterprises are hardly affected by the increasing inflation rates. C. Services can be improved in the absence of purchasing power. D. Intergenerational debt can persist if we continue loaning from international banks.
3	<p>Rapunzel is a very curious teenager who lives with her overbearing mother, Gothel.</p> <p>One day, Rapunzel heard that the most popular kid at their school was throwing a big party, and everyone’s invited. Rapunzel was dying to go because she wants to socialise and meet people her age.</p> <p>Rapunzel asked permission from her mom, but her mom promptly denied her request.</p>



Rapunzel: "Mom, I really need to go to that party. I've been very down in the dumps lately. Don't you feel even a smidgeon of sympathy for me?"

Gothel: "You're appealing to pity, so I don't believe you. Don't argue with me using your fallacies."

Which of the following statements best shows the mistake Gothel has made?

- A. Gothel immediately rendered Rapunzel's reasoning as false just because she appealed to her emotions.
- B. Gothel failed to consider that her daughter might get emotionally recharged if she goes to the party.
- C. Gothel incorrectly assumed that Rapunzel appealed to her emotions even if such was not the case.
- D. There is no mistake in Gothel's statement. It was Rapunzel who committed a flaw by appealing to her mother's emotions.

4

Some scientists think that certain onomatopoeic sounds, which have existed for a very long time, may be able to shed light on the beginnings of spoken language itself. The Bow-Wow Theory suggests that when our ancestors first began speaking, they imitated the surrounding natural sounds. Eventually, this developed into spoken words and more sophisticated forms of communication. However, it's interesting that English is still spoken today because some remote forefathers first started vocalising "chirp-chirp" to imitate a bird.

Which best states the main idea of the passage?

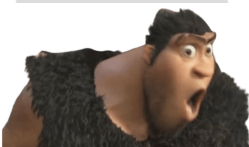
- A. We are no different than animals in developing communication strategies.
- B. Our oral language is theorised to have been a result of mimicking sounds from nature.
- C. The Bow Wow theory suggests that we all sounded like dogs before.
- D. Our ancestors have developed a sense of mimicry from nature and dogs.

5

Grug is the head of the Croods family. The Croods are cavemen who are struggling to survive the harsh and hostile world. Grug established rules for his family to follow. Two of which are to not go out in the dark and to never not be afraid.

Eep, Grug's daughter, found her father's rules absurd. She always envied other cavemen families who get to enjoy the 'stars' at night, and they've been doing so for a long time. One night, she pleaded with Grug to let her go outside.

Grug replied.



Grug: "I witnessed how the Gorts were smashed by mammoths when they went out in the dark, and that's going

to happen to us if we don't follow the rules.”

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Grug’s statement?

- A. Grug asserted, without clear evidence, that the Gorts were smashed by mammoths.
- B. Grug concluded that being smashed by mammoths and going out in the dark are directly correlated.
- C. Grug failed to further investigate what happened to the Gorts and just relied on what he saw.
- D. Grug used an isolated example to draw a general conclusion.

6

Campus journalism is crucial because it protects democratic institutions and gives readers a deeper understanding of events behind their backs. Student journalists have a responsibility to represent their peers' viewpoints on campus. Student journalism is essential because it helps us build a global community at a time when our geographic distances would otherwise be much more significant. Like professionals in the field, student journalists must become authorities in their local area.

Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?

- A. Training young journalists shape the future landscape of press freedom.
- B. Campus journalism is the future of building a more peaceful society.
- C. Writers must be free to liberate their truths.
- D. At the time of misinformation, student journalism must die down for security.

7

Joy and Sadness are best friends. Although their personalities are polar opposites, their friendship works.

While they were riding on the “Train of Thought”, Joy happened to see an amusement park through the glass window. She eagerly told Sadness that they should try to go on an amusement ride one day. Joy assured her that it would be fun. Sadness, with no zest, told Joy that she could hardly imagine herself enjoying such an idea.

Joy replied.



Joy: “Cheer up, Sadness! You’ll have fun going on an amusement ride because it’s fun!”

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Joy’s statement?

- A. Joy failed to consider other factors that might make their amusement ride experience unpleasant.
- B. Joy used her conclusion as evidence to prove that the reason for her very conclusion is true.
- C. Joy incorrectly generalised all amusement rides as fun.
- D. Joy merely over promised Sadness the fun in amusement rides without providing any evidence.

8

It may be challenging to understand the significance of a single post on social media, given the frequency with which we engage in its activities and the ease with which it integrates itself into our routines. When it comes to the fight to defend human rights and strengthen your position as an everyday activist, social media can be an

incredible asset to have at your disposal. Its broad reach and publicity can provide meaningful platforms for other individuals to get to know our campaign.

Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?

- A. Social media provides politicians with a broader platform for political campaigning.
- B. Violence is limited in social media, as compared to field activism.
- C. Activists can maximise social media in educating individuals through new media campaign strategies.
- D. Social media stirs issue-based discussions that benefit the campaign in maximising awareness for society.

9

Meilin Lee comes from a family of academic achievers, which explains the relentless pressure she inflicts upon herself. To add insult to injury, her mother, Ming Lee, firmly believes that she'll never be academically good.

However, in a hopeful attempt to prove her mother wrong, Meilin asked her mother to come to her room so she could show her all the medals, trophies, and certificates she had earned as recognition for her outstanding academic performance.

Little did Meilin know, her mother had read her secret diary where she tracks her test scores. Ming held the diary and said something.



Ming: "It says here that you got a B+ on one of your pop quizzes. Well, I am definitely right. You will never be good enough."

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Ming's statement?

- A. Ming personally attacked Meilin instead of accepting the fact that her daughter was indeed doing good.
- B. Ming only cherry-picked evidence that favours her belief.
- C. Ming used a single instance to define who Meilin is.
- D. Ming argued using an irrelevant point to distract Meilin from the actual issue at hand.

10

Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch painter widely regarded as the greatest after Rembrandt van Rijn and one of the essential Post-Impressionists. He only sold one painting during his lifetime, but in the century following his death, he became perhaps the most famous painter. Van Gogh's extraordinary life has inspired millions to become involved in the arts. His influence is mainly responsible for what many people today consider the archetypal "artist persona." The fact that artists continue to imitate Van Gogh's style over a century later is the most impressive aspect.

Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?

- A. Van Gogh's artworks have been sensationalised by most emerging artists.

- B. The art industry significantly grew upon publicising and mimicking the work of Van Gogh.
- C. Young artists must be taught how to paint the way Van Gogh does to succeed.
- D. Van Gogh has inspired artists to follow their path and emerge in their style.

11

Merida is the heir to the DunBroch throne. Since she was young, she was already groomed to become a ruler. However, Merida is a mischievous princess. She rarely shows up on her royal trainings.

One day, her mother, Queen Elinor, has had enough. She found out why Merida was always slacking. Turns out, the princess had been spending a great deal of time with witches in the forbidden forest, which is a royal crime.

The queen confronted Merida, but she denied the allegations.



Queen Elinor: "Don't lie to me. I asked your brothers to follow you and they confirmed everything to be true."

Merida: "You're incredibly paranoid. Asking my brothers to stalk me is out of line."

Which of the following best expresses the mistake that Merida has committed?

- A. Merida personally attacked her mom by calling her paranoid.
- B. Merida only took a portion of Queen Elinor's point and distorted it to justify her own claim.
- C. Merida let her emotions overpower her capacity to logically think.
- D. Merida argued using an irrelevant point that shifted the focus away from the main issue.

12

Among all the festivals, holidays, and traditions celebrated by all people throughout the year, Christmas remains the most widely observed and celebrated. It is a worldwide celebration. This season is the happiest time of year. There are nearly as many traditions surrounding the celebration of this season as there are celebrants, and these traditions may vary from place to place.

Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?

- A. Children should be taught how to celebrate Christmas on their own.
- B. Most families spend their Christmas time together.
- C. Christmas created a celebratory culture for countries to always remember.
- D. Christmas unites all sectors of society to come together.

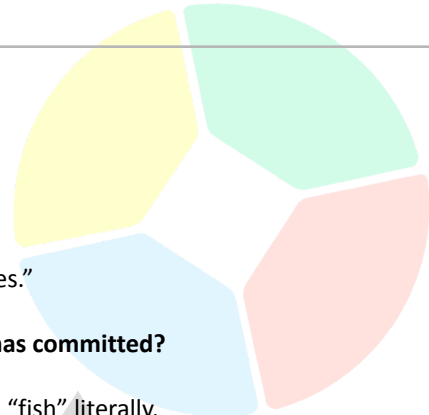
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Maui is a demigod who loves sea adventures. It's because of these adventures that he found the love of his life, Edna Mode.

However, Edna Mode confessed that she wasn't ready for any commitment yet. This broke Maui's heart. Moana, Maui's friend, told her that there are still plenty more fish in the sea, and that finding the right one

isn't over for him yet.

Maui replied.



Maui: "I appreciate the emotional help, kid, but I don't like fishes."

Which of the following best expresses the mistake that Maui has committed?

- A. Maui misunderstood Moana's point by taking the term "fish" literally.
- B. Maui tried to suppress his emotions by putting on a fake facade.
- C. Maui only chose to respond to a portion of Moana's argument, thereby dismissing her entire point.
- D. Maui tried to assert his superiority by calling Moana a 'kid'.

14

People engage in commerce, and governments open markets because doing so serves their self-interest. Better economic performance in countries at all stages of development has historically gone hand in hand with more significant trade and market openness. This has resulted in the creation of new opportunities for workers, consumers, and businesses all over the world, as well as the assistance of millions of people in climbing out of poverty.

Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?

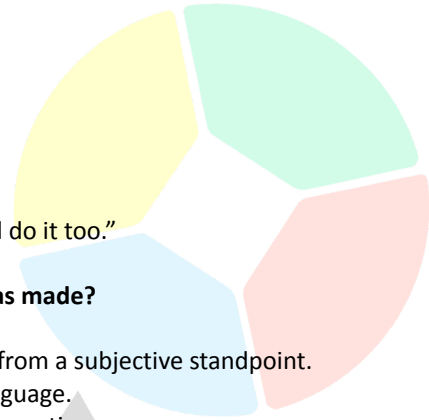
- A. The high risks that come along with open markets discourage small enterprises from investing.
- B. Market volatility allows a better competitive advantage for businesses to thrive.
- C. Increased economic activity expands market-sharing capacity and boosts economic growth.
- D. Increased workers' rights must be present in an intensive work culture induced by the investment in open markets.

15

Olaf is a magical snowman created by Elsa, the former Queen of Arendelle.

One day, Olaf asked Sven to go with him to the enchanted forest to enjoy the autumn leaves. While doing so, Olaf couldn't help but think how wonderful it would be if everyone went out in the sun and enjoyed the daylight views.

Olaf then said something to Sven, who doesn't like going out in the sun as much as he does.



Olaf: "Going out in the sun is good for everybody, so you should do it too."

Which of the following best expresses the mistake that Olaf has made?

- A. Olaf bypassed objective reasoning and chose to argue from a subjective standpoint.
- B. Olaf assumed that Sven understood the 'snowman' language.
- C. Olaf applied a general idea and failed to consider the exceptions.
- D. Olaf incorrectly argued using a general idea instead of a more nuanced one.

16

There are positive outcomes that can result from our community making investments in their mental health. It enables individuals to contribute positively to their communities, stay above the poverty line, and enjoy healthy lives. It is possible to help people feel more secure in their lives by making mental health care more easily accessible. Government services must lean on increased access to mental health services.

Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?

- A. Communities can improve their sense of health through accessible mental health services.
- B. Government investment provides opportunities for the community to foster peace and security.
- C. Increased community access to mental health services also increases government trust.
- D. Investments in mental health services decrease the risks of ill communities.

17


Mirabel is the non-magical family member of the Madrigal family. Although she wasn't gifted with any magical abilities as the rest, she never felt resentment or jealousy towards any of her family members.

However, there came a time where Mirabel wanted answers why she's the outlier of the family. She has been investigating for days until her grandmother announced a painful truth that the source of their magical gifts is slowly fading.

Mirabel's sister, Isabela, whom she never got along with, said something.



Isabela: "The moment Mirabel began seeking for answers, everyone's magical gifts started to fade. Mirabel is responsible for this mess."

	<p>Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Isabela’s statement?</p> <p>A. Isabela assumed that just because something preceded a later event, it must have been the cause. B. Isabela failed to account for the actual reason that caused everyone to lose their powers. C. Isabela argued from a biased viewpoint just because she doesn’t like Mirabel. D. Isabela focused on Mirabel instead of the actual issue at hand.</p>
18	<p>The development of transportation helps to connect previously isolated communities and makes it possible for workers to relocate to regions with a greater concentration of available employment opportunities. People can obtain jobs that pay better, which enables them to live and work in locations that they otherwise would not be able to afford to go to because of the cost of living there.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <p>A. Governments must increase investment in efficient transportation services. B. Transportation development increases access for people to urban areas. C. Greater opportunities await the economy if transportation services are increased. D. Economic growth depends on the availability of transportation to deliver goods and services.</p>
19	<p>Mike Wazowski and James Sullivan are both students at Monsters University. Between the two, Mike performs relatively better.</p> <p>One day, Mike decided to run for campus president. James was more than eager to head Mike’s campaign for him. As a dedicated campaign manager, James even visited every classroom to tell his schoolmates how amazing Mike is.</p> <p>When James bumped into an avid supporter of Mike’s opponent for the position of presidency, he tried swaying the student into voting for Mike instead.</p>  <p>James Sullivan: “You should vote for Mike because there is nothing he can’t do. He can even make test questions he can hardly answer.”</p> <p>Which of the following best expresses the flaw in James Sullivan’s statement?</p> <p>A. James tried to oversell Mike to the point that his statements sound implausible. B. James laid out premises that contradict each other. C. James persuaded the student without providing any concrete evidence. D. James used an isolated example to prove that Mike is good at everything.</p>
20	<p>A value chain is a series of activities undertaken by an organisation to create and deliver value to customers. It gives a company a competitive advantage by alleviating the pains of its customers and providing them with precisely what they want. It encompasses all the activities involved in taking a product from concept to reality,</p>

from when raw materials are procured until the product reaches its final consumer.

Which of the following best states the main idea of the passage?

- A. Improved value chains increase the efficiency of the company.
- B. Value chains are an integral part of businesses as it delivers the idea to the consumer.
- C. It is essential to assess value chains at their specific parts to improve service delivery.
- D. Consumers must be aware of how value chains work to assess their subscription to the business.

21

Chloe Bourgeois is a year 5 student from Miraculous University. She was studying for her maths test at their mansion, but she cannot seem to grasp the basics of Algebra. In reality, she's having difficulty understanding the topic because she hasn't mastered the four basic mathematical operations yet.

When she went to their garden, she saw her 20-year old college sister studying for her advanced calculus exam. She saw that her sister was using a calculator. Her sister seemed to have read her thoughts because she told Chloe that they need calculators in college.

Chloe thought how easier maths would be if calculators were allowed at their school.



Chloe Bourgeois: "Year 5 kids should be allowed to bring calculators during their maths exams. After all, even college students with better solving capabilities are allowed to bring calculators during their maths tests."

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Chloe's statement?

- A. Chloe brought up an irrelevant argument
- B. Chloe wrongfully compared two things that are different in some essential way.
- C. Chloe used circular reasoning to support her claim.
- D. Chloe immediately assumed that college students have better solving capabilities.

22

For years, many studies have been conducted to investigate the prevalence of cryptocurrencies. It has been brought to people's attention that the figures frequently vary significantly, that the various survey designs make it difficult to make direct comparisons, and that reports rarely go beyond descriptive statistics. Hence, investments in fully transitioning to this currency are unstrategic and lead to increased financial losses.

Which of the following statements, if true, weakens the argument above?

- A. Cryptocurrencies offer high rewards and returns, depending on market shares.
- B. States like El Salvador have made bitcoin its national currency.
- C. Studies offer different perceptions of the acceptability of cryptocurrencies.

D. The novelty of cryptocurrencies is shaky until there is a definite amount of security net.

23

Dr. Heinz Doofenshmirtz is a mad scientist who built Doofenshmirtz Evil Incorporated. Although he finds delight in all things evil, he has a soft spot for his daughter, Vanessa Doofenshmirtz.

One morning, Dr. Heinz received a call from Vanessa's mom, whom he is no longer with, saying that she wanted to take Vanessa with her for good. She asked Dr. Heinz to hand over the phone to their daughter so she could explain.

Dr. Heinz said something to Vanessa before handing her the phone.



Dr. Heinz: "You should not believe anything your mother says. She's a selfish person who wants to take you away for good."

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Dr. Heinz's statement?

- A. Dr. Heinz personally attacked Vanessa instead of the argument.
- B. Dr. Heinz brought up an irrelevant point that had nothing to do with the main point of contention.
- C. Dr. Heinz created an unfair judgement of Vanessa's mom before she could even defend herself.
- D. Dr. Heinz allowed his emotions to get in the way of analysing the situation.

24

Because expressing oneself creatively and finding new things to learn go hand in hand, getting a formal education in art is both unimportant and unnecessary. To provide students with the resources they need to improve the quality of their own lives, educational institutions should place a greater emphasis on teaching students high-quality skills in the fields of engineering, science, and mathematics. In addition, there are many different ways to put artistic skills into practice.

Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?

- A. Children need to learn from successful artists to benchmark their way to success.
- B. Investing in art education provides material and professional services to students.
- C. Art education is challenging to master because of its intricacies.
- D. Science, engineering, and mathematics can be learned via youtube.

25

Carl Fredericksen is an old man whose strong suit is creating and going on exciting adventures. However, ever since his wife died, he lost all his fervour. He just stayed at home and read newspapers all day.

One day, he decided to take his house to Paradise Falls, which has been a life-long dream of his wife. He used hundreds of balloons to turn his house into a flying one. His journey was plain sailing, until a kid named

Russell accidentally joined him in his adventure.

His adventure with the kid was intense, nerve-racking, and nothing short of dangerous; but, Carl was happy with the outcome at the end of the day.



Carl: "Had I not met Russell, I wouldn't have experienced the most extreme adventure."

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Carl's response?

- A. Carl incorrectly assumed that a certain occurrence could only be driven by one probable cause.
- B. Carl failed to consider that Russell might have been just a figment of his imagination.
- C. Carl immediately concluded that his adventure with Russell was extreme just because it was dangerous.
- D. Carl failed to analyse the situation and investigate what really made his adventure extreme.

26

The goal of the legal system is to provide "justice for all," and it is designed to do so. This includes ensuring that innocent people are safeguarded, that criminals are brought to justice, and that a fair justice system is in place to maintain order throughout the nation. In other words, it ensures the safety of our citizens. Hence, the legal system must be the sole proprietor of justice.

Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?

- A. Legal systems are bombarded by bureaucracy; hence they do not engage directly with communities.
- B. Officers of the court are abusive of their power.
- C. Legal systems must work collectively with other social systems to pursue justice.
- D. Justice for all only applies to convicted individuals who were wrongfully accused of a crime.

27

Ernesto and Hector are business partners. They built Coco Incorporated together.

Unfortunately, their business took a dip when Ernesto used their business money for gambling. Ernesto even borrowed money from Hector to sustain his leisure activities. However, with or without Ernesto, Hector decided to pour his efforts in saving the business. He then asked Ernesto to pay back the money he owes him.

Ernesto replied.



Ernesto: “You are so greedy. Money is the only thing in your mind.”

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Ernesto’s response?

- A. Ernesto personally attacked Hector by calling him greedy.
- B. Ernesto attempted to steer away from the direction of the conversation.
- C. Ernesto confused the term “owe” for something else.
- D. Ernesto distorted Hector’s statement and proceeded to argue against that distortion.

28

Machines can learn from experience, adapt to new inputs, and carry out tasks similar to those performed by humans thanks to artificial intelligence (AI). Deep learning and natural language processing are heavily utilized in the majority of AI examples you hear about today, including self-driving cars and chess-playing computers. Computers can be taught to perform particular tasks using these technologies by processing vast amounts of data and identifying patterns in the data.

Which best states the main idea of the passage?

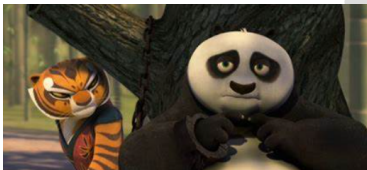
- A. AIs are developed to increase utilitarian convenience and usage of technology.
- B. AI development improves significant scientific landmarks.
- C. AIs provide more technological advantages and uses.
- D. AIs are novel scientific frameworks that are sustainable in ensuring the future of science and technology.

29

Po is the promised dragon warrior destined to protect the Panda Village from all evil. Po has proven countless times that he is the ultimate protector. He is one among the many dragon warriors that preceded him centuries back.

However, when the Panda village was threatened by an indestructible foe, Po wasn’t able to hide his fear.

Tigress, Po’s friend, saw the fear in his eyes.




Tigress: “Legends tell that a dragon warrior is fearless.”

Po: “I don’t think I still have to say this, but I am scared.”

Tigress: “Then you are no true dragon warrior.”

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Tigress’ response?

- A. Tigress failed to consider that fear does not in any way diminish the strength and value of someone.
- B. Tigress appealed to the purity of an idea and dismissed the claim that challenged this.
- C. Tigress, without proof, claimed that all dragon warriors are fearless.
- D. Tigress failed to consider that the dragon warriors before Po had also felt fear.

30	<p>The detailed explanation of science and chemistry as they pertain to our bodies is known as biochemistry. They explain the framework of the macromolecules that are responsible for the processes that take place in our bodies. Because it is restricted to investigating only the biochemical processes that occur within the body, as opposed to redeveloping the significant cellular changes that have happened throughout evolution, biochemistry does not contain any novel delineations that make it an essential branch of science.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Biochemistry navigates an extensive finding on the need for cloning humans.B. Biochemistry research helps us understand medical conditions like diabetes, and scientists can now cure or control them.C. Biochemistry is a necessary branch of science that deals with complex phenomena within the body.D. Biochemistry involves an increased understanding of the study of drugs and medicine.
31	<p>Aang is the Avatar who is destined to keep the balance between the Water Tribes, Earth Kingdom, Fire Nation, and Air Nomads. The world was at peace until the Fire Nation attacked. Only the Avatar can put an end to this war.</p> <p>Aang has a team of strong element benders who support his cause for peace. While they were on their way to the Earth Kingdom, they were stopped by earth benders on the border. They explained their purpose, but they were still denied entry.</p> <p>This angered Zuko, one of the element benders in Aang’s team.</p>  <p>Zuko: “Since you don’t support the Avatar’s cause, it means you’re supporting the fire nation.”</p> <p>Which of the following statements best expresses the flaw in Wednesday’s statement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Zuko argued from a place of anger instead of logic.B. Zuko concluded, without proof, that the earth benders support the fire nation.C. Zuko assumed that the situation only had two sides and possible outcomes.D. Zuko personally attacked the earth bender instead of arguing with him through sound reasoning.
32	<p>There are advantages to be gained from cloning and genetic engineering, but not all researchers agree with the morality or the usefulness of these techniques. Cloned animals might have applications in the medical field; for instance, new drugs might be tested on cloned mice because they all have identical genetic makeup, which increases the likelihood of obtaining reliable trial results. Similarly, researchers can genetically engineer characteristics in plants or animals to bestow desirable qualities upon them.</p>

Which best states the main idea of the passage?

- A. Cloning and Genetic Engineering are helpful in the course of science, but it poses ethical concerns.
- B. Cloning and Genetic Engineering favours advancements that rely upon its future use in saving the planet.
- C. Ethical concerns raised against cloning, and genetic engineering are prevalent for future uses and benefits.
- D. The increased efforts in cloning and genetic engineering improve our ways of life.

33

Mater is a tow truck who is an avid fan of Ferrari cars.

He almost fainted with joy because his best friend, Lightning McQueen, got him a ticket to an exclusive Ferrari Formula 1 race.

Mater wasn't able to contain his excitement, so he researched everything to know about Ferrari cars before the day of the race.



Mater: "I read from a newspaper that all Ferrari cars have supersonic speed, but McQueen said no Ferrari car has supersonic speed. Therefore, some Ferrari cars have supersonic speed."

Which of the following best expresses the mistake Mater has made?

- A. Mater did not consider that newspapers are more reliable sources of information than McQueen.
- B. Mater incorrectly created a generalisation based on just two statements.
- C. Mater failed to investigate which source, between the newspaper and McQueen, is telling the truth.
- D. Mater seemingly believed that the truth is the middle ground of two competing viewpoints.

34

It is pointless to acknowledge the contributions that women have made to scientific fields. This is because most people who work toward bridging the gap between science and innovation do so as part of a collective effort that depends on their shared resources. It is not necessary to make a gendered distinction for innovation, let alone to acknowledge in a gendered manner the contribution being done by either gender.

Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?

- A. Women's novel conclusions are symbolic for the scientific community.
- B. The amount of work women do in the process of scientific investigation is more complicated.
- C. Some men were awarded for the work their wives did.
- D. Women remain underrepresented in the scientific community.

35

Gogo is a college student who makes sure that she gets the breather she deserves every Sunday.

While she was out for a jog, she saw a new clothing shop on block 16. The shop had a big banner on top with the face of her favourite celebrity, Zendaya. The shop was clearly endorsed by her, and she believes Zendaya never endorses anything of low quality. While she was about to run for another lap, she noticed that almost everyone around the area was rushing to get inside the shop to buy clothes.

She hurriedly went home right after and took her wallet with her.



Gogo: "I need to buy clothes from that shop endorsed by Zendaya because almost everyone's going crazy about it!"

Which of the following best expresses the mistake Gogo has made?

- A. Gogo solely based her decision on the behaviour of the majority.
- B. Gogo appealed to authority by trying to buy clothes from the shop that her favourite celebrity endorses.
- C. Gogo assumed, without concrete evidence, that the clothes from the shop are of high quality.
- D. Gogo failed to consider that she has higher chances of getting clothes from the shop if she goes there the next day.

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The understanding of microbiology is not a necessary skill for individuals to possess at any point in their lives. The only people allowed to participate in its fields of study are medical professionals and doctors. In addition, the limited range of instruments that apply to everyday life impacts the amount of interest we generate in learning about microbiology. Since it cannot be used in real-life contexts, it is best to leave it to its experts.

Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?

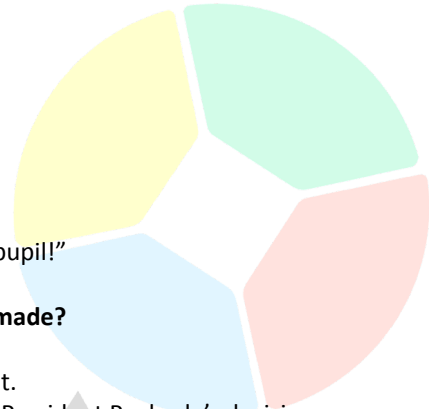
- A. Microbiology aids in advancing the developments in food science.
- B. The efforts inducing microbiological advancements are essential for the climate crisis.
- C. Microbiology's applications can be as small as cleaning your room and sanitising yourself.
- D. Doctors and professionals are gatekeeping the study of microbiology.

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Penny Peterson is one of the smartest students in Scholarly University. She was among the first ones to be selected as part of the highly coveted star section. Students in this section are called star pupils.

One day, President Peabody called Penny to his office. It turned out that Penny had been the least performing student of the star section. She was still performing great, but relative to her co-star pupils, she was lagging behind. This prompted President Peabody to start replacing her with a more promising student.

Penny pleaded.



Penny: "I should remain in the star section because I am a star pupil!"

Which of the following best expresses the mistake Penny has made?

- A. Penny used circular reasoning to support her statement.
- B. Penny used her influence as a star pupil to manipulate President Peabody's decision.
- C. Penny did not provide further grounds as to why she shouldn't be removed from the star section.
- D. Penny tried to appeal to President Peabody's emotions.

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In the same way that engineers, doctors, and teachers can have a positive effect on society, so can chefs. After all, the ability to provide people with food and locate sources of nutritious food continues to be a problem on a global scale. How we prepare food and eat is being pushed to its limits as chefs increasingly pool their skills. Therefore, chefs must be given equitable opportunities and appreciation in society.

Which of the following best states the main idea of the passage?

- A. Chefs are as equally important as other professions in society.
- B. Chefs need critical investment for them to thrive in society.
- C. Our dependence on chefs is critical because we rely on them for food.
- D. Our food can only be transformed through the help of chefs in maximising its use.

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Katie Mitchell, an aspiring professional photographer, wants to buy a 'Phase One XF IQ4 150MP', which is the most expensive modern camera. She had been saving up for months already so she could buy one.

One day, she counted her savings and was so devastated to discover that she still couldn't afford even half the price of the camera.

She went to the kitchen to grab a bite of her favourite snack to clear her mind. Her dad, Rick Mitchell, asked her what was wrong.



Katie: "Dad, it frustrates me that no matter how hard I try to save, I'm still not getting any closer to buying my dream camera."

Rick: "Well, you should still consider yourself lucky that you don't have to worry where to find money to buy

food. Back in the day, that was our biggest concern.”

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Rick’s statement?

- A. Rick incorrectly generalised that everyone back in the day was struggling to find food.
- B. Rick brought up an irrelevant case that steered away from the main concern at hand.
- C. Rick twisted his daughter’s argument for it to fit into his own narrative.
- D. Rick brought up a completely different issue because he can’t relate to his daughter’s love for cameras.

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The needs of humans are evolving in tandem with the changing landscape of the world. The population is increasing at a frighteningly rapid rate, which indicates that there will be less room for everyone on this planet in the future. The fields of science, technology, and innovation have the potential to play a pivotal role in the increase of food production through the development of new plant varieties with enhanced characteristics and the optimization of the inputs required for more productive agriculture.

Which best states the main idea of the passage?

- A. The climate crisis expedites the ongoing concerns of resource depletion and scarcity.
- B. Food and science innovation are crucial in responding to global threats.
- C. Increased agricultural development is essential in maximising food sustainability.
- D. The resources we share are limited, and we need to increase our efforts in sustaining them.

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