NO. **QUESTION** Light from the sun is crucial for human health and well-being. The health benefits of sunlight include the generation of 1 vitamin D, the improvement of bone health, the reduction of blood pressure, and the enhancement of mental health. About 15 minutes in the sun a day is adequate if one is fair-skinned. And because Vitamin D helps the body keep calcium and prevents brittle, thin, or deformed bones, it is essential to one's health. More time spent under the sun increases vitamin D levels. Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument? A. Prolonged exposure to the sun's rays not only causes skin and immune system damage but also cancer. B. Spending more time under the sun would lessen the time allotted to things that are far more important. C. There are a lot of vitamins in pharmacies that contain vitamin D. D. Not all people have the time to stay under the sun, especially those who are working 8-5 PM job 2 A properly built drainage system is vital for removing excess water from the residence and preventing water-related damage. During the construction phase, it is also vital to ensure that obstructed water does not hinder the progress of the work. It is essential to have well-designed drains to prevent clogs and blockages that could cause floods. Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument? A. Clean drainage systems can smoothly channel floodwaters to reservoirs. B. Building a drainage system gives people some work to do to earn money for a living. C. Drainage systems are important as they allow the soil to warm up in a short span of time. D. More injuries often occur when there is a flood. At the beginning of the 1600s, Japan's rulers feared the growth of Christianity. In response, they completely sealed off the 3 islands from the rest of the world in 1603, banning Japanese citizens from leaving and admitting few foreigners. This time became known as the Edo period, and the borders remained closed until 1868, over three centuries later. Which of the following best expresses the point of the argument? A. The Japanese rulers feared Christianity which is why they closed all borders to prevent people from leaving the island. B. The Japanese rulers stopped people from leaving the island in 1603. C. Since 1603, individuals who were locked down on the island have not been able to leave. D. The Japanese rulers decided to close their borders in the 1600s and it became known as the Edo period. 4 Trees play a very important role in the world. They provide oxygen, store carbon, stabilise the soil, and sustain the planet's wildlife. People are encouraged to plant more trees not just to promote physical activity among people but, most importantly, to improve the overall condition of the air that people are currently inhaling. Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument? A. By absorbing toxic chemicals, trees remove carbon dioxide and reduce the greenhouse gas effect. B. Planting more trees builds friendship among people who have the same goal. C. Seeing a lot of trees provides peace and calmness to people's eyes.

- D. A lot of people find joy in planting trees as then they would have something to do during their free time.
- A laptop is increasingly seen as necessary because it allows you to take notes, conduct research, and compose essays and reports from a single spot. Typing notes can also be faster than transcribing by hand, allowing you to retain more information for future study and reference. Nowadays, having a laptop is required, especially for students.

Which of the following situations best strengthens the above argument?

- A. David prefers using the old pen and paper method in taking down important notes during classes.
- B. Andres uses his phone calculator whenever he is answering difficult mathematical equations.
- C. Angie bought her daughter a Macbook so she can have something to use in doing academic work.
- D. Macy is using her brother's laptop to play online games during weekdays.
- Orange juice is abundant in antioxidants, minerals, and potassium. Regular consumption improves heart health, reduces inflammation, and lowers kidney stone risk. Drinking three to five glasses of orange juice per day can improve a person's health and ensure that they are free from any kind and type of illness.

Which of the following statements best weakens the above argument?

- A. Drinking too much orange juice can lead to obesity and type 2 diabetes.
- B. Drinking too much orange juice would make a person too full for a couple of glasses of water.
- C. No fruit juice can prevent a person from getting sick.
- D. There are a lot of over-the-counter vitamins that can help improve a person's health.

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The Wolverine Academy is hiring new martial arts coaches until the end of the month. Anyone who is interested to apply for the job needs to meet all of the following conditions to be qualified:

- 1. Must be 19 years old or above.
- 2. Must have at least 3 years of martial arts experience.
- 3. Must have a height of 5'6 or above

Kervin wants to apply for the job and so he assessed his chances of getting accepted.



Kervin: "I know I will land the job in no time. I have already been training in martial arts for 6 years, reaching 6'2 in height, and also turning 19 in two months."

Which of the following sentences shows the mistake Kervin has made?

- A. Kervin's arrogance and boastfulness regarding his chances to be hired are disappointing and unacceptable.
- B. Kervin overlooked his fulfilment of the age condition by the time the recruitment period ended.
- C. Kervin fails to realise that there are other better applicants for the job.

D. Kervin is not aware that he can already apply for the job a year ago because he already fulfilled the conditions needed to be hired as a fitness coach. Video games are entertaining and have numerous advantages, including the enhancement of manual dexterity. Manual 8 dexterity is the competent and coordinated use of one's hands to grab and manipulate items and execute small, precise movements. A person's manual dexterity would be at its optimum after eight hours of video game play. Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument? A. Playing video games for long hours can affect a person's eyesight. B. Prolonged playing causes Carpal tunnel syndrome-numbness in a person's hands. C. There are other ways to improve a person's body coordination. D. Spending a lot of time playing video games lessens the time allotted for studying. 9 Students gain practical memories and experience from educational trips. One of the greatest benefits of field trips is that they offer students realistic memories and experiences of the topic. These are considerably easier to recollect than plain reviewing notes and textbook passages. Students need at least one to two educational trips each academic year. Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument? A. Educational trips allow students to comprehend contextualised learning and social education tools. B. Students would have more time to hang out with their friends during educational trips. C. Another way of learning is by watching YouTube videos related to the topic being discussed by the teacher. D. Educational trips teach children to be independent as their parents won't be there to look after them. 10 Justin: "My friend keeps going to the study area every time we have exams coming up. He was heading toward the study area when I noticed him this morning. It definitely means we have an upcoming test." Which of the following best describes the flaw in the above argument? A. There is no apparent probability that an exam will take place anytime soon. B. According to the passage, Justin is not prepared for the test. C. Justin expects that his friend will use the library to study. D. According to Justin, there is a causal connection between his friend's visit to the library and the certainty of a test. 11 There are many significant advantages to acquiring driving skills. There are circumstances where your health, privacy, safety, and independence are at stake. Teaching young teens to learn how to drive would give them more experience in the field of driving and would, later on, lead them to become good drivers. Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument? A. Parents would be forced to spend more money to send their children into a driving school. B. Teenagers' inexperience, immaturity, and inability to make responsible judgments cause more fatal accidents. Teaching young teens to drive at an early age would add pressure on parents to buy a new car for them. Young teens would study less because they would rather learn to drive. 12 Cynthia was reading the newspaper late Sunday evening.

She read that, according to a large-scale scientific experiment conducted in Australia, people who live in big cities but don't own a car are five times less likely to develop stress than people who live in big cities and own at least one car.



Cynthia: "If you live in a big city and don't want to experience any stress, you shouldn't buy a car."

Which one of the following options exposes the flaw in the argument above?

- A. Cynthia assumed that there is only one way for people who live in big cities to develop stress.
- **B.** There is no data that proves stress is an effect of owning a car.
- **C.** Surveys across the country found that the most stressful part of driving in large cities is the danger of hitting a pedestrian.
- **D.** There is insufficient data to prove that the life expectancy of car owners is less than those who do not own cars.
- Rapid and widespread adoption of electric vehicles (e-vehicles) will be necessary for the United States to accomplish its climate objectives. And the proposed law wants to encourage people to swap in their gasoline-powered automobiles for electrics by granting a tax credit of up to \$7,500 for new electric vehicles and up to \$4,000 for used electric vehicles until 2032.

Which of the following best expresses the point of the argument?

- A. There would be a tax credit that could go up to \$7500 for new electric vehicles.
- B. A tax credit would be offered for the adoption of e-vehicles to meet the climate goals of the United States.
- C. The United States wants to meet their objectives in the nearest time possible.
- D. A \$7500 would be offered for new electric vehicles and \$4000 for used vehicles for people who are in the US.
- Independence is essential because it fosters self-assurance, confidence, motivation, and persistence. One method of teaching youngsters independence is by instructing them on household chores. So, teaching a youngster how to clean the house is essential not only because it prevents the spread of germs, but also because it educates a child to be organised and independent.

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

- A. Independence encourages self-reliance, giving a child a sense that they are gaining control of their lives.
- B. Cleaning gives children more time to bond with their parents and other siblings.
- C. Being organised makes finding specific things in the house easier.
- D. It is important to ensure that a child feels motivated in all the activities that he or she does.
- Watching television can bring a lot of benefits to a child. A child can get informed, have time for family bonding, learn new things, and keep themselves free from any harm compared to playing outside. Letting children watch TV all day every day would ensure that they are safe and healthy.

Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument? A. Watching television lessens the children's time to play and bond with their friends. B. Long exposure to TV increases the risk of delayed cognitive, language, and motor development in children. C. Playing outdoors gives a child the chance to explore the natural environment and have fun with friends. D. A child must spend more time studying and reviewing notes instead of watching TV all day. 16 High-sugar foods release endorphins, making a person feel better. Because young people's brains are still developing, endorphin release is stronger, making junk food addiction a stronger vice. Allowing a child to eat a lot of junk food would not really affect his health because a child would be able to cope with the different food intakes, making him or her still healthy and free from diseases. Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument? A. Children under 12 years of age are prohibited from eating junk foods, especially in school. B. Regularly eating junk food can lead to obesity, chronic illnesses, and some malignancies. C. Junk foods can never be banned in school cafeterias. D. A child's development can be influenced by a lot of things and not just junk foods. It is recommended to use bath bombs once or twice a week. Bath bombs are generally good for the skin as they are just 17 single-use, circular mixtures of scented extracts and oils. Sodium bicarbonate and citric acid mix in water to create the fizzing effect. Once this reaction occurs, the bath bomb melts and breaks apart, revealing all the wonderful stuff inside exquisite scents and skin-smoothing moisturisers. Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument? A. Bath bombs help loosen damaged skin, and they also have oils that leave your skin soft and supple. B. Bath bombs are fun to do especially when there are kids because they enjoy the different fun colours. Bath bombs are affordable especially when bought in large packs. D. Creating your own bath bomb at home because you can control the ingredients you put inside. 18 Good grades are significant since they can lead to admission into higher universities and more scholarship opportunities. Consequently, they can also lead to better jobs and higher lifetime earnings. Children should constantly strive for a perfect score, even if it means jeopardising their health. Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument? A. Too much studying lessens the time that could have been spent playing and having fun with other children. B. Children should not spend too much time studying because they also need to discover their own hobbies. C. It is good to perform at the highest academic level but being healthy is the most important above all. D. Perfect grades do not equate to a successful life. 19 It is recommended to have a person's teeth checked twice every year. Regular dental examinations are essential because they allow the dentist to detect cavities and other mouth and gum diseases early on. The dentist checks the teeth to

detect cavities and other gum and mouth diseases because they are less expensive to treat the sooner they are diagnosed.

Which of the following situations, best strengthens the above argument?

- A. Linda takes her son twice per year to the dentist to avoid paying a lot for dangerous mouth procedures
- B. Mary and her mother go to the dentist to have some mother-daughter bonding time.
- C. Krisha went to the store to get some dental care essentials to keep her teeth healthy.
- D. Michael never forgets to brush his teeth three times a day to keep them clean.
- Busy individuals are discouraged from maintaining any kind of plant. Plants are essential to the health of the planet and all living creatures. Plants absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen through their leaves, which humans and other creatures need to breathe, but maintaining them is difficult and time-consuming, particularly for those with full-time jobs.

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

- A. People with full-time jobs can still take care of plans as long as they don't forget to water them every day.
- B. Plants only need deep watering and not daily watering, which means busy people can still have them.
- C. There are a lot of other hobbies which busy working people can do, just not taking care of plants.
- D. Plants do not need too much attention and can grow on their own.
- The framework for achieving a better, more sustainable future for everybody is found in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They deal with issues like poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace, and justice. Countries all around the world are now called to follow the SDGs in making laws and implementing projects to attain prosperity around the world by 2030.

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

- A. SDGs introduce all the essential concepts of sustainability to the whole population.
- B. SDGs guide world leaders to eradicate issues that halt sustainability within countries.
- C. SDGs serve as a standard for world leaders to emulate in their policy-making for awards.
- D. SDGs create a sense of direction towards sustainability for governments to follow exclusively.
- Experiences are part of living. These experiences are things we have done or solely witnessed, which stick with us in memory. When faced with challenges and problems, we look back at our previous experiences and see how much of that can be applied in our current situation. These past experiences give us ideas on how to act and what to do in certain scenarios.

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

- A. Experience drives us to be impulsive with our actions.
- B. Experience teaches us skills based on what we went through before.
- C. Experience leads us to reminisce and remember the things we did years ago.
- D. Experience enables us to analyse our actions from the past.
- 23 The higher the risk a person takes, the higher the reward they get. Now, most people are willing to risk their life, financial stability, and temporary comfort for long-term achievements. An example can be businessmen who put their money on the line to bet on a business that may or may not be profitable in the future. With that, we are encouraged to take risks to find fulfilment and satisfaction.

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

A. Taking risks involves rigorous courses of action that could burn us out.

- B. Risk takers are known to be more aggressive and impulsive in making decisions in life..
- C. People tend to take uncalculated risks, making them prone to failure and disappointment.
- D. Society always applauds and praises those who take ambiguous risks.
- Students are supposed to follow their dreams in the future. When it comes to assessing the careers they want to take as they grow up, they must choose an occupation that they enjoy doing, regardless of its profitability. They shouldn't choose an occupation that pays well but they are not passionate about. Doing so will put them at risk of being dissatisfied with life.

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

- A. Being in an occupational career that pays well makes you stand out from the rest.
- B. Satisfaction is contingent on whether or not daily needs are met with the salary of one's job.
- C. People who choose a career out of passion become fulfilled with the kind of life they have.
- D. When assessing one's future, it is important to take note of their strengths and weaknesses.
- Millions of people all around the world are suffering under the poverty line, with inadequate resources to sustain their daily living. Fortunately, international organisations and government agencies are now taking the initiative to distribute financial aid to the overwhelming number of lower-class individuals. This is a stepping stone to improving the financial stability of poor people in the long term.

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

- A. Financial aid without financial education will make people unable to manage their finances well
- B. Giving away money for millions of poor is too costly and impractical to even be possible.
- C. Rates of poverty will continue to rise with the distribution of monetary help.
- D. People would eventually be too reliant on the assistance that government agencies give.
- Authoritative leadership creates an environment filled with strict rules, rigorous protocols, and commands that everyone in the group must follow in unison. These ought to be done without question or hesitation. When mistakes are made, punishments are immediately sent out to teach them a lesson. It is believed by many that this method of leadership produces well-disciplined and obedient people.

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

- A. The limitations brought by authoritarianism can cause doubt and retaliation among peers.
- B. The concept of authoritative rule has received a lot of criticism on all social media.
- C. There are other forms of leadership that can also produce law-abiding citizens.
- D. The authoritative approach of leadership creates a stigma that its people are mindless robots.
- Failures are often disappointing for most people. Being unable to accomplish aspirations or accolades that one craves brings sadness and despair to them. It has often led them to a phase of self-doubt and questioning. However, these painful experiences enable us to evaluate ourselves as to where we went wrong and think of what we could do better the next time we try to achieve our goals.

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

A. Failing creates fiery motivation.

- B. Failures allow for self-assessment.
- C. Failures provide validation of hurt feelings.
- D. Failures enable us to be humble.

28

Jestian is the current proprietor of Camel Air Conditioners Company. Due to a sharp decline in sales during the previous year, his business was in danger of closing. During their company meeting, Jestian proposed a course of action moving forward.



Jestian: "If we want to save this business, we must fire a quarter of our employees as soon as possible."

Which among the following best expresses the flaw in Jestian's argument?

- A. In light of the factory's existing circumstances, Jestian lacks the expertise necessary to make such rash decisions.
- B. In order to fix the factory's issue, Jestian limited his alternatives and neglected to take other possible actions into account.
- C. When he was making these choices for the business, Jestian let his feelings rule him.
- D. Based on Jestian's inadequate consideration and analysis, the conclusion on the factory's financial situation was reached.

29

During the graduation ceremony of Scholarly University, Sam delivered her valedictorian speech in front of her batchmates. Anthony, who was one of the graduates in the same ceremony, had something to say about Sam's speech.



Anthony: "Sam said that students should be resilient at all times. I don't believe her because her sister gave up on school last year and dropped out."

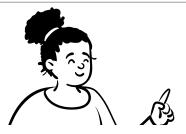
Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Anthony's argument?

- A. Sam's claim in her speech was not sufficiently refuted by Anthony's argument.
- B. There is a gap between the theme of the graduation ceremony's valedictorian speech and what Anthony is knowledgeable about.
- C. Anthony used Sam's irrelevant family history to discredit her position.

D. Anthony's viewpoint was heavily dependent on an unreliable outside source.

30

While the Springfield Fashion Show was ongoing, Janice was strolling around the event hall. She met her friend Bea and talked about jewellery.



Christine: "Michael has been collecting Kardashian branded jewellery. He once revealed to me that Bella Hadid, a well-known Instagram influencer, had a similar jewellery collection as Michael. It would imply that the bracelets and necklaces by the Kardashian brand would fetch a greater price. We definitely need to begin collecting them as well.

Which among the following best expresses the flaw in Christine's argument?

- A. Christine's claim is supported by information about watches that comes from a source he is unfamiliar with. It must be untrustworthy as a result.
- B. Purely basing on the activities of a well-known celebrity, Christine made a judgement regarding the worth of Kardashian jewellery.
- C. To prove the worth of buying Kardashian jewellery, an insult to other jewellery enthusiasts is made.
- D. Because the term "Jewellery" is used in an unclear manner, the argument is misleading.

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Red Pine is the most popular form of wood used in the construction of houses intended to last for more than a century. However, in recent years, a considerable number of houses planned to last more than a century have only lasted 76 years.



Sam: "There is only one reason for this. The type of wood used in houses that only lasted for 76 years could not have been Red Pine."

Which of the following best describes the flaw in the above argument?

- A. It is based on a sample that may not necessarily reflect the majority of the population's thoughts on Red Pine.
- B. Sam dismissed the possibility that several other factors might have combined to shorten the lifespan of the houses.
- C. Many of these properties have lately been exposed to unusually damaging storms.
- D. Red Pine does not have the same longevity as Ashwood.

It has been observed that educational quality in homeschooling is significantly higher than in traditional schools.

Homeschooled children tend to pick up things more easily than children in traditional schools because they receive more personal care and grooming. They are more interested in studies that are tailored to them than in school-based courses.

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

- A. Children who study in traditional schools have more fun since they have more opportunities to play and learn with their classmates.
- B. Studies have shown that homeschooled kids perform better on state and federal assessments compared to kids in traditional schools.
- C. Homeschooled children won't be exposed to any of the things that help kids prepare for life.
- D. Homeschooled kids say their parents' maltreatment increased while they were homeschooled.

33

Lee is a travel blogger who visits different hotels and gives them a rating based on their service quality. For today's blog, he checked out Geovero Hotel since he heard this place had great service. The said hotel is one of the many hotels on Arkley Street. It is known for its delicious food and warm accommodation. Unfortunately, the pandemic has caused some things to be changed including their menu, staff, and service costs.



Lee: "I went to Geovero's yesterday and their service was horrible. I'm never going back to that area because I can tell that all other hotels in Arkley Street are just as underwhelming."

Which among the options best describes the flaw in Lee's statement?

- A. Lee blamed the new set of staff for the decrease in service quality when it wasn't the case.
- B. Lee thought that his experience makes him credible enough to critique all other hotels.
- C. Lee assumed that his single experience in Geovero applies to all hotels on Arkley Street.
- D. Lee assumed that covid was the main factor that caused the decrease in quality.

Less garbage ends up in landfills and incineration plants when people recycle more. People can save money and energy by reusing aluminium, paper, glass, plastics, and other household materials, as well as lessen the negative effects of material extraction and processing on the environment. That is why Cherbourg, a town in Queensland, is requiring people to recycle their garbage and if they fail to do so, they will be penalised. But the people do not agree with this because not everyone knows how to recycle and has the time to recycle their garbage.

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

- A. Recycling is easy, even kids can help in recycling materials and it does not take a lot of time to accomplish and all time spent will surely be worth it for the environment.
- B. People should not be required to recycle because they have jobs to do and chores to attend to.
- C. The money from people who have been penalised will only go to waste because of the corrupt government officials.

- D. Lesser garbage in landfills prevents pollution that can harm people's health and the environment.
- Children need to learn how to share in order to be able to make and keep friends, play cooperatively, take turns, negotiate, and cope with disappointment. Therefore, learning how to share is important for children. The act of sharing instils in kids an appreciation for cooperation as well as a sense of justice. They come to understand that it is possible to receive some of what one desires if one is willing to sacrifice some of it in order to help others.

What is the main conclusion of the passage?

- A. Sharing is an opportunity for children to empathise and connect with others.
- B. Sharing makes children generous givers to their peers.
- C. Sharing fosters a healthy relationship with friends.
- D. Sharing gives children a sense of understanding of justice and cooperation.

36

Martha was browsing the internet when she found out that various cities started showing a divide in the implementation of their mask mandates post-covid. There are those who still require their citizens to wear masks while others have loosely allowed masks to become an optional tool in public. After scrolling further, Martha saw a post from the Department of Health reminding them that medical practitioners still encourage people to wear masks in public places.





Martha: "Most people in my city have stopped wearing masks in public. I, too, shall do the same because I don't want to stick out like a sore thumb."

Which among the options best describes the flaw in Martha's statement?

- A. Martha refused to listen to the medical practitioners due to her personal laziness.
- B. Martha assumed that the opinions of those in authority are correct so she followed them.
- C. Martha feared being discriminated so she made her case seem pitiful.
- D. Martha wanted to blend in so she based her case on what other people did.
- Passion should be lived. When you aren't living the life that you're passionate about, you're living the life that you think will be acceptable to other people. When you give in to the pressures that society, your friends, and your family are putting on you, your confidence will take a hit. This is primarily due to the fact that you are pressuring yourself to engage in activities that are not particularly interesting to you.

What is the main conclusion of the passage?

- A. Passion is relative to one's future life and their own sense of purpose.
- B. Passion needs to be given all its value, despite the difficulties.
- C. Passion must be prioritised over any form of societal pressure.
- D. Passion must meet with our future careers to avoid questioning our direction in life.

Humans cannot continuously rely on robots to do all the tasks needed to be done in their workplaces. Robots are limited only to how they are programmed and will not operate further beyond their purpose. Due to this, they also do not have emotions, unlike humans. Thus, they could never feel any emotion that would allow them to empathise with, or relate to other people since human emotions are difficult to program.

Assuming the above argument is true, which among the statements below best strengthens the argument?

- A. Robots are more accurate than humans, making them commit fewer mistakes compared to humans.
- B. What makes humans more valuable than robots is their ability to create emotional connections with people.
- C. Continuous development of robots provides more jobs, especially in coding and engineering industries, which create these robots.
- D. Even with the efficiency you gain from robots, the lack of understanding of human emotions deters connection.

39

Andrew was studying his science subject and learned about storms and their creation. Turns out that heavy humidity is sometimes felt before and after the arrival of strong storms. These are known as "pop-up" storms or "Air-Mass" thunderstorms. Strange enough, a recent storm passed by their city, but it was not humid at all.



Andrew: "The weather forecast station referred to the recent weather condition as a 'storm', but it wasn't humid before and after its wake. They were wrong and shouldn't have called it a storm."

Which among the options best describes the flaw in Andrew's statement?

- A. Andrew assumed that 'storm' had another meaning in the conversation.
- B. Andrew thought all storms are supposed to cause heavy humidity in their wake.
- C. Andrew could not provide evidence that the weather forecast station was wrong.
- D. Andrew based his claim on his personal understanding of storms.

Solar panels collect energy from the sun for human consumption. Solar panels are divided into two types: those that gather heat (thermal) and those that generate power (electrical) (photovoltaic). In regions of Asia, solar panels have become far less expensive to use than oil, petrol, and liquefied natural gas. Solar energy will soon overtake fossil fuels as the primary source of energy, which is a good thing because solar electricity is a far more efficient resource.

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

- A. Solar panels have been utilised in space exploration and are currently being developed to sustainably power automobiles.
- B. Money that would be spent on electricity bills can be allotted for other necessities.
- C. People should prefer gas over solar energy because gas emits fewer amounts of toxic chemicals such as nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide.
- D. Gas-powered cars are better than electric powered cars because gas-powered engines are designed for efficiency.