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1	<p>Children should have a balance of play and study. Kids better learn when they are granted recess from time to time. Play also makes them more sociable, and it helps build their emotional strength and self-esteem. By playing, they can also exhibit their skills in problem-solving, critical thinking, and creativity. Furthermore, the balance of study and play also enhances their ability to manage their time properly and develop physical and emotional stability.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Children must be given the opportunity to play and study balance, guided by their parents. B. Play is a significant aspect of children’s growth as well as their performance in their studies. C. Playing makes children happier than focusing on academics alone. They need both play and study. D. Studying should not be divorced from playing, as children should be trained to balance both.
2	<p>Marine protected areas are necessary for the preservation of the remaining marine reef ecosystems. However, despite achieving its conservation and biological goals, sociological factors affect its successes. These factors are governance, power dynamics, stakeholder participation, and gender roles. It is believed that integrating them at a policy level can strengthen the continuous operation of MPAs and MPA networks. Strengthening policies are crucial in enriching MPA benefits.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. MPAs are tools for conservation and they should be established in all remaining coastal areas. B. Local community development and empowerment engage people to take care of the MPA. C. Community-based governance through grassroots empowerment strengthens MPA operations. D. MPAs need more political will to achieve investment from local politicians.
3	<p>Working in a team enhances one’s growth and development. Research shows that most people who are team members develop more confidence and communication skills that are essential in their line of work. Furthermore, the spirit of camaraderie enhances their social responsibility to their fellow team members, fostering a healthy team relationship. With this, team goals are achieved with a harmonious working relationship between the team.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Team leaders should make individuals part of the team so they cooperate and build networks. B. Team members must abide by the team goals for a better working relationship with each other. C. Working in a team provides more opportunities for promotion and increased pay. D. Working in a team enhances self-development and the working environment.
4	<p>Climate change mitigation is always an individual effort. Due to increased human consumption of plastic and non-biodegradable materials, we are doomed to face the consequences of our actions. Climate change and its impacts can be slowed down if people begin to alter their lifestyles. There is nothing that we can do if we do not start changing our excessive lifestyles and build more efforts on zero-waste living. It is not yet too late to switch, as future generations can benefit from this.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Climate change can also be stopped if corporations stop producing plastics. B. Climate change mitigation begins at home when we unite and start as a family. C. Climate change mitigation entails people sacrificing their convenience, it is unlikely. D. Individuals need to consent to altering their lifestyles since it is expensive.

<p>5</p>	<p>COVID-19 is a blessing to the community. Jade believes that it gives them the chance to get to know themselves and spend time with their families. Lockdowns and remote learning encourage increased access to social institutions and local governments. Jade thinks that we need this to rejuvenate and reassess our lives. The time she had during the pandemic gave her an opportunity to reflect upon her life and make necessary changes for it to be better.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, weakens Jade's argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. There was an increase in mental health issues emerging from individuals during lockdowns.B. Lockdowns are bad because they prevent people from going out and enjoying themselves.C. COVID-19 pandemic is a curse, not a blessing.D. Jade can also spend time with her family, even without the pandemic.
<p>6</p>	<p>Agricultural countries should engage in free trade to foster competitive markets and boost their local economies. It leads to higher economic output as the demand for local goods also increases, which results in higher exports. Additionally, it can lead to successful technology transfers and innovations that lead to improved services and eventually high production. However, along with it are potential risks of overexploitation of resources, services, and human capital.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Agricultural countries cannot improve if they do not engage in free trade.B. Free trade offers equitable risks and equitable benefits.C. Free trade employs high risk but offers a high reward.D. Free trade is only beneficial if countries engage in multilateral fair trade agreements.
<p>7</p>	<p>Bullying should be stopped in educational institutions. Twenty-eight percent of young people from grades six through 12 have been victims of bullying. Teachers often underestimate how much bullying is occurring at their schools. Most victims of bullying suffer from emotional distress, lack of self-esteem, and even social anxiety that affects the rest of their lives. Educational institutions should provide more anti-bullying measures and interventions so students can enjoy their lives, without harm, in school.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. It is necessary for schools to adopt anti-bullying policies for their students.B. The teachers must provide a learning opportunity for bullies and victims to forgive each other.C. About 10%-14% of children have been the victims of bullying for more than six months.D. Bullying is frequently practised because of the school's lack of anti-bullying policies and interventions.
<p>8</p>	<p>One in two (51%) Australian adults said they had been the victim of technology-facilitated abuse at least once. These abuses happen on virtual spaces, i.e., social media platforms, instagram, twitter, etc.. It can be the use of foul language and making someone uncomfortable. The most common was monitoring or controlling behaviours that affected Australian adults, mentally and emotionally. The increased rates of technology-facilitated abuse is a big problem in Australia since most industries have consumers that use the internet.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Technology-facilitated abuse needs to be provided with equitable forms of policy intervention.B. Technology-facilitated abuse is caused by addiction.C. Technology-facilitated abuse is common and affects Australian adults, mentally and emotionally.D. Technology-facilitated abuse should be addressed by encouraging online etiquette.

<p>9</p>	<p>It is important for young children to have ambition. If we teach them to cultivate dreaming and aspiring for what they want, they are more likely to be productive and work on it at a young age. Starting them young and encouraging them to pursue their ambitions make them perform well in class. Additionally, it leads them to have a fixed career path that is likely to make them successful in the end. Hence, teaching children to have an ambition and cultivating it over the course of time prepares them for the outside world.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. School performance and merely having ambition are not mutual benefits.B. Ambitions change over time and we need to tell children, at a young age, to explore who they are.C. Being good at school is a sign of achieving your ambition and gives you a successful future.D. You can only be successful if you study now and achieve your ambitions when you are young.
<p>10</p>	<p>Hyper-collection is deemed one of the significant problems that Australia faces. Hyper-collection is represented by a growing trend of large companies collecting, sorting, analysing, and using more information than they need. It is usually in passive and coveted ways. Data privacy laws need amendment, along with companies' being regulated by what they ask their consumers. The rate of hyper-collection being observed is mostly on applications that ask too much data from the consumer, such as shopping sites.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Hyper-collection invades the privacy of Australians.B. Media companies bring about hyper-collection for profit.C. We don't have much control over our consent to the data collection practices of digital companies.D. Digital companies should provide more regulatory mechanisms to avoid the phenomenon.
<p>11</p>	<p>Post Harvest fisheries are practices that are demonstrated as soon as the fish catch lands on the shore. These involve fish preservation, processing, and value addition. There is a need to establish post-harvest sites for a clean, safe, and biologically secured practice of post-harvest, as these food or fishery products go to the mouths of consumers. Therefore, strengthening and empowering local leaders to invest in post-harvest machines and equipment lead to safer practices and consumption of fish.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Post-harvest fisheries investment empowers local producers to practise biosafety.B. Fish is a highly perishable commodity that spoils at a fast rate.C. Eating fish that is not fresh is detrimental to humans and even to the market economy.D. Post-harvest fisheries provide platforms for women to expand their contribution to the fisheries sector.
<p>12</p>	<p>Believing in astrology makes people feel good about themselves. One of the reasons why is due to its shared characteristics and shared realities that are built under the zodiac's classification. Even though these traits are vague and are widely shared, these beliefs and readings make people find a reason for what they are undergoing. Furthermore, most people believe that astrology gives them mental peace apart from the world that constantly stresses them out.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Astrology is good for people's sense of goodness and existence.B. Astrology makes people kind individuals.C. Astrology compels people to get a reading every month.D. Astrology only fools people into thinking there is good when there is none.

<p>13</p>	<p>Women leaders around the world take up more space than they did before. They are acknowledged for their ability to bring more women into positions of power, prioritising women’s rights through legislation, and redefining leadership to not be based on gender. Women’s leadership also gives spaces for other women to be empowered and be able to participate in the political aspect of their citizenship and subordination to their state.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Women leaders are not equal to their male counterparts.B. Leadership is tantamount to a mother’s love when we have women leaders.C. Gender is not a basis of leadership ability.D. The current crop of female leaders would have influenced a lot of women around the world.
<p>14</p>	<p>The responsible use and conservation of water are essential to the well-being of all living things. It is solely our responsibility to ensure that future generations have access to an adequate water supply and to put the maxim "Save water, save a life" into practice before it is too late to do so. This is something that must be done on a consistent basis, given how limited our freshwater supplies are on our planet. It is only our responsibility to make sure that subsequent generations have access to an adequate amount of water.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion from the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Governments must encourage their citizens to conserve water resources and put them to good use.B. Water is in need of efficient conservation practices.C. Individuals should collaborate with each other to conserve water for future generations.D. If one saves water, it can save a million lives that are in need of it.
<p>15</p>	<p>There is a deeper connection between democracy and the climate crisis. Climate action can be hampered by characteristics that are praised as the essence of democracy, such as popular sovereignty, elected officials' accountability and responsiveness, and public discourse and deliberation. Understanding the link between democracy and the climate crisis is one of the major steps in approaching realistic climate action and intervention.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Climate action is affected by the natural flaws of political systems, such as tolerating corruption.B. The essence of democracy makes climate action a global concern.C. Politicians should become environmentally conscious before they run for higher office.D. Climate action can also empower politicians by democratising a zero-waste lifestyle.
<p>16</p>	<p>Socioeconomic status does not directly influence children’s reception of studying and education. If we teach children to view hardship and deprivation as motivation for achievement, then they are more likely to achieve their goals through the application of hard work, patience, and effort. In addition, a child’s socioeconomic status is not a factor in their ability to achieve success; rather, the decisions they make are what prevent them from receiving a good education.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Socioeconomic status can be strengthened by attaining a degree or finishing education.B. Socioeconomic status gives access to resources for learning, such as books, tuition, and supplies.C. Poverty can make people tired and eventually give up.D. Poverty is a systemic problem that needs to be solved, and education is harmed due to it.

<p>17</p>	<p>Marine sanctuaries are an efficient tool for controlling fishing efforts, protecting the breeding of juvenile fish species, preventing overfishing, and ensuring a sustainable supply of fish stock. These objectives can be accomplished by limiting access to certain areas of the ocean. Studies have shown that a reef ecosystem that is protected and measures one square kilometre can produce up to thirty tons of fish on an annual basis. Marine sanctuaries have become a necessary conservation tool.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The establishment of marine reserves is a great way to decrease fishing efforts.B. Marine reserves are effective in achieving sustainable forms of fish capture and production.C. Marine reserves increase the potential for higher fish bycatch due to increased fish production.D. The world needs more marine reserves to combat climate change.
<p>18</p>	<p>Queenie believes in manifestation. Manifestation can take many different forms. This includes written expressions, like journaling, verbal exchanges with others or with ourselves, mental images, and written or visual storyboards. Queenie believes that manifestation increases our faith and hope in the universe, and it allows us to be mentally at peace. Happiness is the driving force behind this process. Only those individuals who make use of manifestation will experience its positive effects.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens Queenie's argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Manifestation allows people to be resilient and to treat each difficulty as a blessing.B. Manifestation allows us to transform the physical ground beneath us and create a more fulfilling life.C. Our growing consciousness toward the higher and supreme universe creates positivity.D. Manifestation can turn disasters into miracles only if we choose to look at the good side of it.
<p>19</p>	<p>People's participation in a democracy is non-essential. Although it's possible that the people voted for their political leaders, it's not necessary to question whether or not they're doing a competent job because the work they're doing is already sufficient. Therefore, people's participation is not an essential component of democracy because supporting your leader is synonymous with safeguarding and respecting your right to vote in elections.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Democracy should thrive on obedience and allegiance.B. Democracy is undermined by the flaws of political systems.C. The democratic right to show dissent to the elected leaders is essential in a democracy.D. In a democracy, everybody is encouraged to take part in the activities of their leaders.
<p>20</p>	<p>Government involvement is crucial for the protection of marine protected areas (MPAs), particularly in situations where the diverse interests of various communities and users may conflict and where the local population may not immediately see the MPAs economic benefits. Public education is one of the primary goals of many government-established MPAs. Enriching people's awareness of MPA also gives them substantial knowledge of its importance to their own resources.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. MPAs are dependent on the success of the political climate and the leaders.B. Sustainable governance lessens areas of conflict through public education and awareness of MPAs.C. By abiding by the rules, community members must embody what it means to live in a protected area.D. MPAs empower people's participation that eventually leads to achieving economic benefits.

<p>21</p>	<p>Women should learn how to cook. It prepares them for their responsibilities when they get older. As a direct consequence of this, they will be better equipped to handle the responsibilities that come along with getting married. It would be in their best interest to provide nutritious and appetising meals for their future offspring if they decide to start a family. In addition to this, the capability is critical to the process of bringing their families even closer together.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Everyone who wants to bear a child or get married should learn how to cook, not just women.B. Women are entitled to decide which household chores to focus on and not confine themselves to cooking.C. Learning how to cook is not a prerequisite to a better family relationship and a strong marriage.D. The value of women is not dependent on the service they give, but rather on their value as women.
<p>22</p>	<p>The desire for more privacy is a natural part of growing up. For teenagers to develop their independence and uniqueness, privacy is actually crucial. In fact, privacy is essential for teens to gain autonomy and individuality. It can be challenging for parents to relinquish control over every aspect of their child's life. Giving children more freedom, however, is essential for helping them mature and acquire the abilities they need to be productive adults.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Learning to be private is a prerequisite to maturity.B. Privacy is essential for the identity formation and development of young children.C. Parents need to also practise privacy in their households.D. Parents and children do not have to talk every day about what is happening in their own lives.
<p>23</p>	<p>Rainforests once covered more than 14 percent of the land surface of the Earth before industrialisation, but today they only cover about 6 percent of the land surface. In Australia, much less than that—just 0.2 percent—survive only in safe havens, also known as refugia, that most closely resemble the ancient climates in which they first began. Despite its small size, this vast and ancient land is home to more than half of its species only in this one specific region.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. There is a large amount of rainforest cover in Australia, but it is gradually disappearing.B. Australia's rainforest cover is capable of providing homes for a lot of organisms.C. Although damaged and small, Australia's rainforest is rich in species and diversity.D. Massive industrialisation has reduced the size of Australia's rainforest.
<p>24</p>	<p>Peer pressure is a well-discussed topic that receives mixed feedback due to its possible negative cognitive and social pressures. If one wants to be successful in a certain social setting, one should think of the pressure from their peers as an opportunity to test and develop their social and decision-making abilities. One can most definitely profit from the pressure, and doing so may even be beneficial to them in the long run. Peer pressure can be beneficial at some point.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Peer pressure is beneficial for children to socialise and make friends.B. Peer pressure allows young individuals to choose who their friends should be.C. Peer pressure allows reflection that hones social skills and could result in social competence.D. Peer pressure is not necessarily bad since the actions are not direct consequences of the individual.

<p>25</p>	<p>For young children, everyday pain and injuries, like minor bumps, cuts, and grazes, are crucial learning opportunities that can affect how they interpret and react to pain or injury experiences in the future. Hence, It is important for them to be guided on how they respond to these circumstances. Furthermore, it also gives them a learning opportunity to look at learning that is guided by pain. Young children will be able to adapt better if they become familiar with the pain.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Children need to be hurt all the time so they can learn lifelong skills.B. Everyday pain and injuries make a child’s childhood fun and memorable.C. Children need to learn that pain is our bodies' alarm system, designed to keep us safe from harm.D. The pain and the injuries lead to beautiful life realisations, such as rising from the fall.
<p>26</p>	<p>A staggering 93.9% of the 120.4 million people who currently work in the value chains of capture fisheries do so in small-scale fisheries. Small-scale fisheries account for the majority of these jobs. Declining fish stocks, competition from other industries and the tourism sector, inadequate representation, and a lack of a voice in resource management are some of the difficulties small-scale fisheries face. Addressing these issues requires increased awareness on the root issues.</p> <p>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The small-scale fisheries sector faces overwhelming biological, economic, and sociopolitical threats.B. Small-scale fishers make up most of the fishing efforts on our resources and ecosystems.C. We need to address the declining support for small-scale fisheries to pursue sustainable growth.D. The world needs to listen to the issues faced by small-scale fishers and be part of the solution.
<p>27</p>	<p>Sepsis is a syndrome or collection of symptoms that are primarily brought on by a bacterial infection. It happens when the body begins to harm its own tissues while fighting an infection. This may result in organ damage and a sharp drop in blood pressure. These complications become more dangerous when women who are pregnant or who have recently given birth are at risk of having sepsis. Therefore, hospitals should be equipped with proper facilities to address the risk of sepsis as quickly and efficiently as possible.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Only 12% of people diagnosed with sepsis actually die from the said syndrome.B. Historically, sepsis was one of the leading causes of postpartum mortality in women.C. Even in Australia, sepsis still ranks among the causes of neonatal mortality in women.D. Sepsis treatment relies on early identification of symptoms and receipt of treatment.
<p>28</p>	<p>Vaccines are made to help the immune system of people become stronger as they allow the body to develop antibodies that will fight off the actual virus or diseases once it infects them. Despite this noble goal, some vaccines cause side effects which can bring varying degrees of complications or discomfort to people, especially children. In order to prevent this problem, vaccines should not be used on children but only on adults.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Discomfort is part of the human experience and without it, life is not complete.B. Children have weaker immune systems making them at risk of even more diseases.C. Children who were not used to seeing needles are less likely to accept vaccines as adults.D. Some viruses only attack adults making them the main stakeholder in vaccinations.

<p>29</p>	<p>One Sydney high school made headlines for prohibiting cell phones during class hours. This follows the global trend of banning cell phones to prevent bullying and disengagement from class. However, studies suggest that outlawing doesn't make these issues go away. Instead, we must teach students how to manage such problems. We must therefore fix the issues of bullying from the root and not by blaming cell phones.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument about prohibition of cell phones during class?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Students can still use cell phones secretly during class and continue the act of bullying.B. Guidance counsellors need video evidence of the act of bullying to generate a response.C. Bullying and disengagement often happen in physical contexts and not just virtually.D. Banter and casual fights are important in strengthening the social identity of students.
<p>30</p>	<p>Australia currently lacks nurses engaged in the care of the elderly. To address this issue, legislators have proposed the use of virtual nurses or artificial intelligence to interact with and monitor the conditions of the elderly. These nurses, though programmed, can act as substitutes for the dwindling population of nurses in aged care. Since the overall health of our older citizens is of utmost importance, we should definitely switch to these virtual nurses.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Virtual nurses require millions of dollars to be fully developed and functional.B. Robots cannot provide the same approach that real nurses use with their patients.C. Using virtual nurses could automate the profession and make thousands unemployed.D. Isolation and neglect affect elderly health which becomes more evident with AI nurses.
<p>31</p>	<p>Peer review is a crucial component of contemporary study. Experts carefully examine the facts, research, and arguments before new work is published in an academic journal to make sure they are credible. However, the current peer review method is flawed in the eyes of many writers, reviewers, and editors. It can be cumbersome, opaque, and cliquish, and it relies on the volunteer labour of academics who are already overburdened.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Peer-reviewed papers are often locked within subscription websites which is unfair.B. Peer reviews are elitist as it is biased toward well-off institutions while exploiting others.C. Peer reviews consume the time of academic professionals which makes them inefficient.D. Peer review ensures that journals and academic papers are legitimate and credible.
<p>32</p>	<p>Depositing money in banks is often advertised as a good way of keeping your money safe and how it could also act as a means of passive income. Unfortunately, this type of advertising conveniently leaves out a lot of very important information such as the fact that banks could declare bankruptcy at some point in time. This means that the money you've deposited could possibly be lost forever. We should therefore not deposit money in banks.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Banks employ well-trained tellers and staff which ensure depositors are well-guided.B. Some banks are not likely to go bankrupt because their portfolio managers are skilled.C. Bank deposits are insured by the government up to a threshold to protect the public.D. Some banks offer higher interest than others though they usually have high risks.

33	<p>Broccoli is a nutritious vegetable that provides a lot of health benefits for those who consume it such as Vitamin C, Vitamin K, Potassium, and other minerals. This vegetable is grown all over Australia but it often lacks supply. To augment this problem, broccoli should be heavily planted on farmlands over and over again to increase supply and meet demand.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Broccoli is not the only vegetable that provides Vitamin C, Vitamin K, and Potassium.B. Consuming too much Potassium can lead to Hyperkalemia and cause health issues.C. Repetitive growth of leafy vegetables can deplete the nutrients and ruin arable soil.D. Storms can bring floods and heavy rain which might destroy planted crops.
34	<p>Social Media companies should be made accountable for the existence of troll farms which certain entities use to spread disinformation. These troll farms prevent factual information from reaching the public by creating fake articles and engaging in such fake news to give it a sense of validity. In worst cases, these troll farms could bring tangible harm to individuals by causing confusion regarding vaccines, diseases, and other matters concerning health and safety.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. These companies have been proven to allow troll farms since they profit from the clicks.B. Fake news is used to cast a shadow of doubt on credible news and dilute its followers.C. Troll farms have increased in numbers when the elections draw nearer and nearer.D. Troll farms provide large sums of compensation for their employees and managers.
35	<p>Governments should develop a system that would create an abundance of food for birds in the wild. This is done since, in recent years, migration has become more challenging for animals due to worsening weather conditions and the industrialization of forests. In doing so, we can hope that birds no longer have to migrate and endure the harsh conditions of travelling long distances.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Governments have other projects that it needs to focus on aside from bird welfare.B. Birds in captivity deserve the same rights (sponsored food) as their wild counterparts.C. Migration is done not just for food but for breeding and escaping harsh seasons.D. Increasing the food supply for birds also means healthier vegetation and forestry.
36	<p>Protecting specific species plays a major role in the preservation of biodiversity. There are some predators that limit the consumption of other predators which, in turn, prevents the population of other species from decreasing. Unfortunately, human activities have affected the population of these 'apex' predators and have caused the disruption of this sensitive balance. Society should address this by creating projects that help the environment.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Sanctuaries built by humans have ensured that Pandas continue to consume bamboo.B. Tigers, known for attacking humans in the wild, have dwindled in population.C. Sea turtles have dwindled in population so the parasitic starfishes have greatly flourished.D. The decrease in the population of bees has led to a lower rate of pollination.

<p>37</p>	<p>The trade of fake art is a major problem in Australia, particularly those artworks related to indigenous people. These ‘fake art’ are crafted bearing similar features or having resemblance to those artworks made by real first nation people, marketed to the public, and sold without the artistic integrity or consent of the first nation people. Due to these exploitative business models, we need to develop a system where fake art is no longer prevalent.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Selling fake art steals from the intellectual property of the first nation people.B. No money is remitted to the communities of first nations from the sale of fake art.C. A system that provides legal advice about contracts and property lessens exploitation.D. Art should be accessible to everyone since it is a form of expression and it unites all of us.
<p>38</p>	<p>Coffee is a drink that is consumed for its caffeinating properties. In recent years, coffee has all the more been propelled into the mainstream market due to the rise of trends that glorify coffee consumption. This has even led to an increase in adolescents that consume coffee. Upon conducting interviews, these adolescents enjoy drinking coffee because it makes them feel energised. They should therefore be allowed to consume coffee as much as they want.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The trend of consuming coffee is fleeting and it is not worth spending money on such.B. Some coffee has been farmed using unethical means which makes it unfit for drinking.C. Coffee can cause an increase in bad cholesterol which is risky when reaching old age.D. Excess caffeine can cause anxiety, palpitations, and disorders that affect daily lives.
<p>39</p>	<p>Janitors and street-sweepers do some of the most important jobs in society. They ensure that the community is clean and free from hygiene-related hazards. Oftentimes, they have to be in contact with substances that could also harm their health, but they do it anyway. With these sacrifices in mind, we should ensure that these workers receive a justified wage and other necessary benefits from employers.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. High wages and decent benefits ensure that workers don’t complain about their jobs.B. Harmful chemicals and human waste are some of the substances that janitors deal with.C. Public health is one of the aspects that janitors and street-sweepers protect.D. Proper remuneration allows longevity and a high standard of work from employees.
<p>40</p>	<p>Deliberately burning Savannahs in Australia is one of the country’s means of clearing land areas and giving way for industrialisation. In some areas, these cleared Savannahs also allow first nation communities to establish their farmlands and other means of livelihood. Moreso, burning these Savannahs deals little to no damage to other entities. Therefore, we should keep burning Savannahs with the current methods and rates.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Most Savannahs don’t have arable land, making it unsuitable to establish farmlands.B. Industrialisation can still happen even without burning Savannahs.C. The current rate of burning creates toxic clouds of smoke that spread to residential areas.D. Savannahs play an important role in the environmental tourism sector of the country.