

**NO. QUESTION**

- 1 Many studies demonstrate that students who start school later have better grades, exam scores, have better focus and self-control. Self-control can also lead to fewer interruptions in the classroom. This is especially essential since discipline issues can lead to suspension, which has been linked to a variety of bad health and economic effects as well as being a major source of educational inequalities. As a result, Statefields International School has changed its class hours, starting at 9 a.m. instead of 7 a.m., to allow students to condition their bodies and brains before attending lectures.

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

- A. Students are found to have better grades because they can focus well in class and don't feel sleepy because they were able to sleep well and didn't wake up too early.
- B. If classes would start at exactly 7 AM, it would also be done before 12 noon, allowing kids to have more time to play after class.
- C. Children would have more time to spend with their family and friends if classes would start at an earlier time.
- D. Students are more focused when classes start at 7 AM because their goal is to finish all their classes and be able to get some rest after.

- 2 If the wealthy support the needy, poverty will be eradicated. This will assist individuals in becoming financially stable, socially responsible, and physiologically fit. A perfect combination of all three will result in a clean environment and aid in population management. That is why the government released a new rule which requires the wealthy to give money or financial support to the poor so that they can have money even though they are unemployed.

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

- A. Poor children would no longer have to spend their nights in the cold streets.
- B. This rule should not be implemented because it would not inspire the poor people to work hard and make their lives better, doing this only makes them lazy.
- C. Poor people would no longer have to worry about where they are going to get food to eat so they could get through the day.
- D. Some poor people do not have jobs because they are uneducated, in this way they can also have an access to education.

- 3 Getting a student loan can help students finance their tuition fees and pursue their desired professions. Student loans are also available for postgraduate degrees such as medicine, law, or a master's degree, giving students a wide range of possibilities. But the government of Australia is shutting down companies that offer student loans because it only makes a student drown in debt since the more a person borrows, the more interest will accrue.

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

- A. If a person is struggling to pay his student loan, he can enrol in income-driven repayment plans since it helps to get a lower monthly student loan payment.
- B. Having a diploma opens a lot of opportunity doors that is why a student should strive to get a diploma no matter what.
- C. It is not easy to find a job even after obtaining a diploma, thus making it harder for students to pay their student loans.
- D. Some students find it hard to focus and study while thinking that they still have a student loan that they have to pay after graduating.

- 4 When you learn a new language, your brain is forced to learn new grammar and vocabulary rules. It allows you to practise remembering new terms, making connections between them, and using them in context. It also allows you to communicate effectively with others, which is especially useful while socialising with people from different countries. Maranatha International School is now requiring all of their students to take different language classes every term because they believe that the environment in school will greatly improve if students can communicate well with each other.

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

- A. Learning a new language is difficult and costly.
- B. Enhancing one's vocabulary is important because it makes the person smarter and a better communicator.
- C. Having no language barriers would prevent misunderstandings & misinterpretations among students, allowing them to communicate effectively with one another.
- D. It is hard to communicate well with other people especially when they have nothing in common.

- 5 Teachers are the source of educational power. All that may be attained in life is founded on knowledge and education. Teachers give today's youth the power of education, offering them the opportunity for a better future. Teachers make abstract topics accessible to students by simplifying the complicated. Because of this, the Department of Education has decided to double teachers' salaries because they believe that a world without teachers is a world deprived of learning.

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

- A. School and office cleaners also deserve a raise because they keep places free from viruses which make people sick.
- B. Teachers provide learners with the knowledge and abilities that they'll need to become who they want to be and make significant changes in the future.
- C. Parents also deserve some recognition because it is their love and support that enables children to do their best and become great people in the future.
- D. Parents are also teachers because they teach children the things in life that are also vital but aren't taught in schools.

- 6 It is feared that the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology could make people around the world unemployed. Technological advancements have shown how AI technology could outperform human activities with more precision, speed, and accuracy. This can be manifested in factories and production sites.

Which among the statements, if true, best weakens the passage above?

- A. AI technologies in factories would require frequent maintenance. This specific need brings about new job opportunities on the technical aspect of AI to more people.
- B. The advancement of artificial intelligence would push factories and companies to give monetary compensation to their employees who would lose their jobs
- C. There is a need for AI to take over human activity in order to reassure better productivity in various industries around the world
- D. It is important to deliver quality outputs and products. Thus, it is necessary to leave some people unemployed if it entails a more cost-efficient and quality rate of production for factories.

- 7 The Department of Health announced that starting on May 15th, all Australian citizens are eligible to have access to healthcare for free. For all Australians, having access to comprehensive, high-quality health care services is critical for promoting and maintaining health, preventing and managing disease, decreasing avoidable disability and premature death, and attaining health equity. Early detection and treatment of diseases and other health disorders are possible with access to health care. It improves the quality of life and lowers the chances of dying prematurely and removes the need of worrying about fees.

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

- A. Because of all these, people are expected to live longer and healthier without having to worry about the bills and other fees since they will all be covered by the government.
- B. Taxes would be higher because the government would need more money to sustain the needs of the hospital.
- C. High-quality pieces of equipment can only be found in high-end hospitals so the chances of being treated are still slim.
- D. If a hospital would be open to the public, they would need to hire more people meaning, more healthcare professionals would be employed.

- 8 Curfew hours are a crucial tool for managing children and keeping them out of dangerous circumstances. The reality is that most parents have gone home and even to bed as the night progresses. There are fewer grownups on the streets. Curfew hours keep your children safe while simultaneously teaching them responsibility, self-control, and time management. Some parents are setting a curfew for their kids to make sure that they are safe.

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

- A. Some kids tend to think that their parents are setting a curfew because they do not trust them.
- B. Because they spend less time on the streets, curfews minimise the opportunity for young people to commit crimes and be victims of crimes and other accidents.
- C. Because of curfew hours, children have less time to spend with their friends to have fun.
- D. Parents do not have to set a curfew time for their children, especially when they can pick them up in case of an emergency.

- 9 **Honey:** "Chia seeds are a good source of fibre and protein, so that's why I decided to add some in my yoghurt for breakfast. However, I noticed a slightly sour taste when I tried it. This must mean that adding chia seeds in yoghurt will make it taste sour."

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

- A. Honey depends on her desire to become healthier.
- B. The information about chia seeds is not enough to conclude anything regarding a person's health.
- C. Honey made a faulty conclusion implying a causal link between the addition of chia seeds in yoghurt and its sour taste.
- D. The argument doesn't hold up because Honey has distorted taste buds.

- 10 **Rowena:** "There is evidence of large decreases in the number and health of shellfish reefs in Australia, and it has become a major issue. However, environmentalist Rob Jacobs declared that shellfish reefs are not "functionally dead" and are still thriving in the ecosystem. I don't think that's true, though. He must already own half the population of corals judging from the display in his living room."

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

- A. Shellfish are essential members of the ecosystem, and we need a lot more data on them to make sure they don't get left out of restoration projects.
- B. Rowena's argument implies that environmentalist Rob Jacob is not a credible source due to his ownership of corals.
- C. The argument assumes a significant threat to shellfish habitats and high demand for restoration projects.
- D. Rowena confidently assumes that poor restoration initiatives by the government cause the extinction of shellfish.

- 11 Sergei stutters a lot. Unfortunately, his stuttering has started to affect his ability to form relationships with new people. His parents have been thinking about getting him into speech therapy, but Dr. Chris Yi stated on his recent podcast that speech therapy isn't as effective as surgery. Of course, his parents were scared to let Sergei go through a surgical operation, but Dr. Yi has advised it is the better option, so it must be true.

**Which of the following best expresses the flaw in the argument above?**

- A. Sergei cannot make his own decisions, so his parents must decide for him.
- B. Sergei's argument is based on incorrect data about the most appropriate methods to treat speech disorders.
- C. Sergei asserts the wrong solutions to treat the cause of his problem.
- D. Dr. Chris Yi's opinion is used to come to a conclusion with no real evidence about surgery as the best option to treat stuttering ultimately.

- 12 Ellen's friend, Tom, advised her to live separately from her parents since she was already 25 years old. He said that if she continued to live with her parents, she would keep asking for things from them. He believes that she will not be able to fend for herself in the future.

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

- A. The argument conflates the causes of a problem with the proper solutions.
- B. The available information displays inconsistent results with regard to the argument.
- C. The conclusion contradicts the initial assertion.
- D. Tom's argument asserts that living with parents when you're 25 can lead to being dependent, which in turn will reach a conclusion with no logical basis.

- 13 **Dan:** "You should think before you speak, Nima, or else you will hurt other people's feelings. You will not be able to have friends, people will hate you, you will be lonely, and you will not be successful in life."

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

- A. Dan claims that not being cautious of what you say leads to you not having any friends, which, in turn, sets a cycle of unlikely events in motion.
- B. The conclusion directly contradicts the idea that not being mindful of what you say will cause you to fail in life.
- C. The argument may not necessarily reflect most people's views about being direct from a small sample.
- D. Nima has trouble considering other people's feelings, which causes discomfort in his circle of friends and acquaintances.

- 14 Daniel Hardman has been feeling lucky the past week, so he decided to play monopoly this Sunday. He asked his friends for any advice and tips that could help. He learned that Steven Canedo, a famed professional board game player, advises everyone to aggressively buy as many properties in the game to win. Canedo's a professional at it, so he must be right.

**Which of the following best expresses the flaw in the argument above?**

- A. From a single sample about monopoly strategies, the argument may not reflect the majority of people's views.
- B. The actions of professional board game player Steven does not potentially mean that his strategy guarantees Daniel a win.
- C. Gambling is not good and causes people to lose a lot of money, which means that playing monopoly will do more harm than good.
- D. In this line, there is no proof to back up the claim on Steven Canedo's monopoly strategy guaranteeing high profits.

- 15 Alex, Val, and Jason went fishing together. They were overjoyed because they knew they would catch fish using explosives.

**Dan:** "Hey! Stop what you're doing. Dynamite fishing is not allowed, and you're destroying both marine creatures and corals. You should stop, or else people will imitate you, more corals and fish will die, the waters will become toxic, and we won't be able to get fresh fish from bodies of water anymore," Dan said.

**Which of the following best describes the flaw in Dan's argument?**

- A. Dynamite fishing causes the destruction of coral reefs and exposes marine creatures to great harm.
- B. It draws from a sample that does not necessarily represent most opinions.
- C. There was no logical corroborating evidence to back up this assertion, which claims that dynamite fishing will kill fish and corals, setting off a cascade of events.
- D. Dan assumes that fishing with explosives will not only endanger Alex, Val, and Jason but also the marine creatures surrounding them.

- 16 One of the most essential skills pupils learn in school is how to read and write for communication purposes. If parents want their children to read and write well, they should supervise and assist them with their academic work. In doing so, errors in reading and writing can be immediately corrected. Additionally, children can polish their skills faster with a capable guide at arm's length.

**Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?**

- A. Keeping in touch with children is effective in improving their communications skills.
- B. Pupils are able to identify their mistakes in writing when they are called out.
- C. With the help of a hands-on approach, students get to learn literature faster.
- D. Being friendly with young learners helps them in learning faster at school.

- 17 Foot and mouth disease, or FMD as it is commonly known, causes a great deal of animal suffering, aggravates food poverty, and wipes out farmer enterprises which consequently endangers Australia's trade on imported and exported crops. Additionally, it may linger in animal feed and byproducts, like meat and hides.

**Which among the statements best concludes the passage?**

- A. FMD is a feared disease in the whole consumer market, causing a national emergency.
- B. FMD downgrades the agricultural industry of Australia.
- C. FMD is now feared globally for its adverse effects on animals' health.
- D. FMD kills crops, causing shortages of food products.

- 18 As prices on food materially rise, the prospect of human suffering is slowly becoming a clear menace for the whole population. Lowering trade barriers is one way to address the issue, but most people concur that the way to deal with this is to focus on preserving low costs on food. However, this possible measure disregards additional concerns, such as the promotion of sustainable livelihoods.

**Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?**

- A. We can mitigate human suffering from high prices by making food cheap.
- B. Keeping low food costs makes such resources accessible.
- C. Cheap food products have been criticised for its adverse effects.
- D. The global drive to keep food cheap is unsustainable for the community.

- 19 Australians with disabilities have limited access to various places, such as buildings that lack railings for wheelchairs. The last ten years have seen a decline in design diversity, innovation, and choice in Australia due to market-driven approaches to disability housing that prioritise cost effectiveness and replication rather than comfort and inclusion of the disabled.

**Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?**

- A. There is a decline in innovation over the past ten years.
- B. Australian infrastructures have been a disservice to those with disabilities.
- C. The Australian market has enforced cost efficient housing for people with disabilities.
- D. People without disabilities have access to various services.

- 20 It has been 15 years since Apple unveiled the iPhone, which is arguably its most revolutionary product. Over its 15-year lifespan, the iPhone family has developed gadgets with unrivalled speed and storage, allowing consumers to quickly connect wherever they are. Apple has also provided seamless entertainment and health features in its iPhone products which improved the lives of many people.

**Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?**

- A. The iPhone has become the most influential cellular device for years.
- B. The iPhone has changed and improved how we communicate and live our lives.
- C. The iPhone has provided features that no other brands have successfully done.
- D. The iPhone has paved the way for greater Apple products.