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1	<p>Australian engineers and builders cannot find timber all around the country due to the scarcity of supply. Although it's overblown that these shortages may bankrupt builders, workers and customers nonetheless feel the agony of delays and higher expenses. To build more homes and allow for environmental research on sustainable wood production, the government must loosen lumber collection laws.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Lesser regulations on wood allow more lumber to be harvested quickly.</li><li>B. Training lumber workers is an excellent strategy to prepare them if the lumber business closes.</li><li>C. Loose policies on lumber farming may cause environmental abuse.</li><li>D. Loss of habitat is the source of ecosystem imbalance caused by loose lumber policies.</li></ul>
2	<p>In order to make significant progress in reversing the effects of climate change, it is critical to get all people to stop using products made of plastic, such as plastic straws and shopping bags. It is via this form of a collective effort that we can most effectively address the rising pace of the carbon footprint that is being produced by huge enterprises all over the world.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. People who consume most of the world's plastics should adopt a zero-waste lifestyle.</li><li>B. Mega corporations must create environmental programmes to fight climate change.</li><li>C. Nobody will follow environmental groups' trend of buying less plastic.</li><li>D. When factories emit enormous amounts of carbon, reducing plastic straws is insignificant.</li></ul>
3	<p>It is imperative that parents take an active role in their children's intellectual development so that their children can form their own unique perspectives. Children that have strong opinions are typically more intelligent and articulate than their contemporaries. Being strongly opinionated allows for more intellectual growth and learning.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. A child's likelihood of being successful in school is increased when they have strong opinions.</li><li>B. Kids with strong opinions participate in arguments that encourage rivalry between peers.</li><li>C. Children with strong opinions often refuse to learn from others who contradict them.</li><li>D. It is best to understand other people's perspectives in order to develop critical thinking.</li></ul>
4	<p>Nap periods should be incorporated in educational institutions during their class schedules to aid students' brain and behavioural development. According to research, students who nap frequently have higher rates of memory, critical thinking, and creativity in the classroom.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Nap periods tempt students to rest longer than needed, hindering their ability to study more.</li><li>B. Students may take advantage of nap times and even sleep in class with the more nap periods.</li><li>C. Students can get ample rest at home and do not require nap time at school.</li><li>D. Forcing children to sleep has no proven benefits scientifically.</li></ul>

<p>5</p>	<p>Because vegetables provide children with the vital nutrients, energy, and fibre that their bodies require, parents should encourage their children to eat a greater quantity of vegetables than they do meat for better nutritional health. People who enjoy eating their vegetables also tend to have skin that is more radiant and a mood that is positive from day to day.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Meat is higher in protein than veggies, which is crucial for children's health.</li><li>B. Meat and vegetables have their own essential nutrients necessary for a balanced diet.</li><li>C. Meat has parasites, however, they can be eradicated by carefully washing the meat.</li><li>D. Meat is one of the diet's most crucial sources of vitamin B12.</li></ul>
<p>6</p>	<p>The term "performance arts" refers to artistic endeavours like music, dance, and theatre that are carried out in front of an audience. Parents should encourage their children to participate in performing arts so that their children can develop their self-confidence. Kids can build their confidence and learn to venture outside of their comfort zone through theatre on stage.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Children in theatre or stage play are encouraged to engage with others on set.</li><li>B. Children who take part in performing arts have a better level of perseverance.</li><li>C. Kids are challenged to improve not only their own performances but also those of their peers.</li><li>D. Children develop their ability to empathise with others through acting in a role alone.</li></ul>
<p>7</p>	<p>Students who disobey school rules, such as throwing trash on the ground or littering, should face consequences such as reprimands or suspensions imposed by the school's disciplinary committee. This will help to ensure that the school is kept clean and orderly. Students who maintain their discipline are much easier to instruct intellectually.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The threat of punishment motivates students to behave in the best possible ways.</li><li>B. The severity of the student's transgressions determines the punishment.</li><li>C. Schools have the legal authority to impose justifiable sanctions on misbehaving students.</li><li>D. Students will be given the opportunity to reflect on their mistakes through punishments.</li></ul>
<p>8</p>	<p>People are moving into tropical wilderness areas to feed their animals and hunt wild animals, which puts the whole world at risk for diseases that start in wildlife. HIV/AIDS and COVID-19, which are all very dangerous diseases, are likely to have come from animals. This is a good reminder of how diseases, climate change, and the loss of biodiversity are all linked to the way people treat the environment.</p> <p><b>Which of the following best states the main conclusion of the passage?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. How people handle the environment indicates how life-threatening circumstances occur.</li><li>B. Major deadly and mortal diseases in world history likely came from animals.</li><li>C. Wild animals are seen as the main problem in the prevalence of epidemics and pandemics.</li><li>D. Diseases tend to spread whenever people lack awareness.</li></ul>

<p>9</p>	<p>One of the causes of the endangerment of Australian species is the destruction and clearing of habitats. The expansion of our roadways, particularly the improvement and duplication of our state highways, is also a factor. Our main roadways are expanding so that drivers can travel fast and safely. However, large highways make it difficult for these animals to move and where many of them may be killed by vehicles.</p> <p><b>Which of the following best states the main conclusion of the passage?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Australian wildlife is progressively being known to be endangered in recent years.</li><li>B. Highways and roads make it much more difficult for animals to scout for food.</li><li>C. Large roadways have become prone to animal deaths.</li><li>D. Cities are developing wider roads for animals to cross over.</li></ul>
<p>10</p>	<p>It is advisable for children to go out camping in the woods or mountains with their parents or an adult in order to learn the fundamentals of survival at a young age. As much as this can be a wonderful way for bonding and fun, this is also an avenue for kids to have an immersive experience outdoors and improve their abilities in basic life skills.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Camping is an excellent way to save money because it doesn't require electricity.</li><li>B. Camping teaches kids that not all issues can be solved by technology.</li><li>C. When we go camping, we feel more at one with nature.</li><li>D. Children are instructed on how to pitch a tent and build a fire from scratch.</li></ul>
<p>11</p>	<p>LeBron James has always loved playing basketball since his early childhood. Now that he plays in a professional basketball league, he has become more athletic than ever. He has such a high jump that he could always dunk a basketball to the rim. One day, his wife, Savannah, tries to ban him from playing basketball again because of safety concerns. She argues that LeBron's high vertical jump during basketball games is likely to cause him serious ankle injury.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. LeBron James consumes supplements that increase physical strength and endurance.</li><li>B. Savannah is a well-versed expert when it comes to the physical conditioning of athletes.</li><li>C. LeBron James perfectly lands with both of his feet, thus preventing awkward landings.</li><li>D. Besides basketball, LeBron James has skills in other sports as well.</li></ul>
<p>12</p>	<p>As a professional athlete and bodybuilder who consistently does his insanely high-intensity workouts in the gym, The Rock has often eaten tons of food with a huge number of calories after exercising. He makes this a habit every time he goes to the gym. The Rock's best friend, John Cena, has always criticised him for what he eats, claiming that he would get fat or, even worse, get diabetes if he ate that much.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The Rock burns all the calories he intakes with his frequent exercises.</li><li>B. John Cena knows what is best for The Rock as his close friend.</li><li>C. Eating lots of calories has tons of healthy benefits.</li><li>D. When exercising, consuming calories after is important to prevent injury.</li></ul>

<b>13</b>	<p>For most of her life, Rosè has trained herself to become a great stage performer. With her hard work and dedication over the years, she has built a well-known career and a huge fanbase in the K-pop industry. One day, she received a sponsorship email from a brand. Although most of the brand’s constituents did not like the sponsorship offer because of the costs it entails, the CEO of the brand believed that Rosè could help boost their sales with her as an endorser and ambassadress of the company.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Rosé can motivate many aspiring artists to be like her in the near future.</li><li>B. Rosé’s popularity can entice people to buy the company’s products.</li><li>C. Rosé’s singing and performing skills can attract many people to be her fans.</li><li>D. Rosé’s great career in the K-Pop industry serves as an inspiration to the company’s members.</li></ul>
<b>14</b>	<p>Gordon Ramsay got his first job as a service crew at McDonald's. During his midnight shift, a customer complained about the food served to them, claiming that it was undercooked. Not knowing who to go to with this complaint, he left the customer ignored for the night. He believed that the best course of action in situations at the workplace that you have no answers to is to leave it as it is.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Gordon Ramsay is negatively affecting McDonald's customer service ratings.</li><li>B. Gordon Ramsay is offending the customer for his rude behaviour and bad etiquette.</li><li>C. There should be a general manager that facilitates the complaints of their customers.</li><li>D. Service crews are obligated to respond to customer concerns as best they can.</li></ul>
<b>15</b>	<p>Last August, Nicki Minaj accused Taylor Swift of stealing strawberries from her backyard. When facing trial in the local county courtroom, Nicki Minaj’s lawyer presented an audio file of Taylor Swift loudly singing along the lines of: “It’s me, hi. I’m the problem, it’s me.” to the judge as evidence. Nicki Minaj’s lawyer claims that this is a form of concession from Taylor Swift that she did in fact steal from Nicki’s backyard.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. There are other stronger proofs that Nicki Minaj’s lawyer can make use of other than the audio.</li><li>B. Nicki Minaj’s lawyer is falsely assuming that this piece of evidence is from Taylor herself.</li><li>C. The evidence was picked up a long time ago, and it is not on par with the stealing accusation.</li><li>D. Taylor’s audio is a self-derogatory statement, and not a concession of stealing at all.</li></ul>
<b>16</b>	<p>Messi and his wife have recently been having financial troubles. Over the weekend, they both went to the grocery store to buy their household supplies for the week. When it came to buying their toiletries, Messi found a stall for toilet paper boxes that were sold individually, while his wife found toilet paper sets that were wrapped in bulk that could be used up for a month. Messi’s wife insisted that they should buy the bulk wrap toilet paper because it is at a discount.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. It would be more convenient for them to buy many toiletries at once than buying one weekly.</li><li>B. The bulk wrap toilet paper can be used by their children at home.</li><li>C. Messi and his wife can save money from their toiletries expenses with the bulk wrap promo.</li><li>D. There are no other promos in the upcoming weeks, and this is the only chance they have.</li></ul>

<b>17</b>	<p>Eminem loves his mom's spaghetti. It is his favourite dish of all time. He has been indulging in spaghetti frequently every week. Eminem would have his mom's spaghetti for lunch at school all the time. This habit of his has drawn the attention of his teacher, who advised him to stop eating so much spaghetti if he doesn't want to get ill.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The pasta in spaghetti can cause high blood pressure and heart disease when overeating.</li><li>B. Spaghetti is an unusual food to be eaten at the school premises.</li><li>C. The risk of getting your taste buds bland increases when you eat the same spaghetti too much.</li><li>D. Your body mass could increase and make you fat when frequently eating spaghetti.</li></ul>
<b>18</b>	<p>Metallica, a world-famous rock band, is set to perform live on stage in Sydney this coming December on Christmas Day as organised by the event coordinator of Australia Christmas Day 2022. However, the coordinator's colleagues are not happy with the decision to have Metallica. They say that having them play at the event will make them unimportant and unrelatable because their band's genre doesn't fit the jingle and carol vibe of Christmas.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The band can always adjust their song setlist to perform Christmas songs instead of rock songs.</li><li>B. Audiences would love Metallica's rock songs regardless of the occasion.</li><li>C. The event coordinator's colleagues are biased with their take against Metallica.</li><li>D. It is not needed to play jingle songs during the event since other genres can be played too.</li></ul>
<b>19</b>	<p>John Wick wants to eat ice cream during their high school batch reunion. He came across Bruce Lee, with whom he later shared a conversation. While in the middle of the talk, John invites Bruce to get ice cream in the food catering section. Bruce then confronts John, saying that it wouldn't be wise for him to get one since he would perform a song performance on stage later in the event.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Eating ice cream can sharpen a person's voice when singing.</li><li>B. Ice cream can cause a sugar rush, which could have John act hyperactively on stage.</li><li>C. There is a risk of a sore throat when eating cold food like ice cream.</li><li>D. Ice cream servings can risk staining your clothes, which would be an embarrassing sight.</li></ul>
<b>20</b>	<p>Snoop Dogg opens up a new clothing business in Florida. This state is known for its extremely hot weather. One afternoon, one of his closest friends, Dr. Dre, visited his shop. Dr. Dre noticed loads of dark-coloured clothing items in the store. He then went to Snoop Dogg to advise him that he would not get many sales with those types of clothes because people in their area would not buy them.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Residents of Florida are not into dark clothing items because it is not their usual fashion style.</li><li>B. Dark-coloured shirts absorb more heat, making its wearer uncomfortable on a sunny day.</li><li>C. Wearing dark colours will make someone look unappealing and unattractive at sight.</li><li>D. There are various other colours that Snoop Dogg can sell that are more profitable.</li></ul>

<p>21</p>	<p>The top forty percent of the Australian economy is responsible for paying nearly two-thirds of the total debt. This indicates that the people who are in the most debt are professionals from the middle class, such as lawyers, bankers, doctors, and other similar occupations. These individuals are the pillars upon which any economy is built. They will simply reduce their discretionary spending if they find themselves in a difficult financial situation in the near future, which will have a negative impact on the economy as a whole.</p> <p><b>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The top forty percent of Australia's population must avoid debt at all costs to safeguard the economy.</li><li>B. To protect the economy, Australia needs to care for its top 40% of earners.</li><li>C. Most debts come from professionals, and increased rates can make the economy suffer.</li><li>D. The Australian population influences its economy, thus, serving as a pillar of its stability and development.</li></ul>
<p>22</p>	<p>Many of the graded activities in Physical Education classes cannot be performed well by students with disabilities or medical issues. Since neither disability nor medical limitations can be controlled by students, having poor performance in PE classes is not their fault. Therefore, PE classes or sports performance should not affect students' overall grades.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Students do better in sports when they don't bear the pressure that comes with being judged and graded.</li><li>B. Sport rules are too strict and rigid, thus forcing student-athletes to their physical limits.</li><li>C. Physical Education teachers aren't qualified to teach students how to overcome medical issues.</li><li>D. Unlike other subjects where improving study habits can get students good grades, students with physical limitations cannot keep training to get rid of a medical condition.</li></ul>
<p>23</p>	<p>Every creature has a role to play in the ecosystem. It is nature's way of keeping populations in sustainable numbers. Therefore, if an animal is becoming endangered or extinct, people should not help save them because it means they no longer have a role to play in the ecosystem.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Humans are responsible to mitigate extinction since their behaviours affect the ecosystem.</li><li>B. People should help endangered animals since animals help the economy.</li><li>C. It would be sad if future generations could no longer see pandas, which are endangered species.</li><li>D. People have access to environmental science and technology that might help animals survive.</li></ul>
<p>24</p>	<p>Government officials should not be using public transportation. The public transportation system is slow and inefficient, and it will only hinder officials from serving the public. They must instead use private cars and be able to zip through traffic like ambulances.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Self-driving cars are available to help roads become less congested so government officials can arrive at their destinations faster.</li><li>B. Using public transportation can help public officials better understand how to fix inefficient transportation systems.</li><li>C. Prioritising the vehicles of public officials on the road will only lead to more traffic.</li><li>D. Using public transportation can help government officials meet more people who they can convince to vote for them in the next election.</li></ul>

<p>25</p>	<p>Comic books are a good way to help young students get interested in reading more. Novels and long stories often intimidate young students. They get scared by the number of words, and a wall of text would not help them fully process any information. Meanwhile, the texts in comic books are limited – presented only either as dialogues or brief expositions. This makes the stories easier to understand and appreciate.</p> <p><b>Which of the following, if true, best strengthens the above argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Comic book series are often adapted as popular movies since their stories are good.</li><li>B. Some comic books also deal with mature themes, so some censorship is necessary.</li><li>C. When students read comic books, they also gain more appreciation and interest in visual arts.</li><li>D. The illustrations in comic books also help improve students' understanding of the information.</li></ul>
<p>26</p>	<p>A team of Stanford Medicine researchers went from collecting a blood sample to diagnosing an illness in under 7 hours and 18 minutes. Some rare genetic diseases have a rapid and debilitating onset. This new speed record in DNA sequencing could help families find answers to challenging and life-altering issues more swiftly in the future.</p> <p><b>Which of the following best expresses the main conclusion of the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. It may take a while for diagnosis with this new method and may be time-consuming.</li><li>B. The new DNA sequencing has become financially helpful for patients and their families.</li><li>C. DNA sequencing's new speed could assist families in getting speedy and accurate diagnoses.</li><li>D. New DNA technologies have resulted in an unprecedented turnaround over the years.</li></ul>
<p>27</p>	<p>A lot of parents are bringing their children with them to farmlands. They immerse them into the wide greenfields. Doing so would enable children to interact with animals, learn how to plant crops, have a view of the beautiful sceneries, and so much more. This is how children could best learn how to appreciate, acknowledge, and even protect nature as they grow up.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Farmland immersion allows for environmental awareness amongst children</li><li>B. Bringing children to farms helps them learn more about planting and crop preservation.</li><li>C. It is best for children to experience mother nature through farms.</li><li>D. Children become knowledgeable of the different types of animals when brought to a farm.</li></ul>
<p>28</p>	<p>Social media has become a platform for fashion trends to flourish. Most people follow influencers who show off aesthetic clothing. It gives people an idea on what kind of clothing they would want to wear for themselves. These trends have set standards in the fashion world and have empowered many people to feel good about themselves when they follow the clothing choices of influencers.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Fashion is only accessible to wealthy people, making empowerment only exclusive to them.</li><li>B. Fashion trends often breed insecurities when people compare their fashion styles with others.</li><li>C. Fashion has become too complex and complicated for most people to even follow.</li><li>D. Fashion designers are manipulating people into thinking that their products are good-looking.</li></ul>

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Designers and graphic artists are now slowly jumping on the trend of minimalist designs where they only use minimal colours and shapes. This trend is now heavily used in social media advertisements and web designs. It is believed that this art style best helps audiences to easily understand the messaging that is intended by the art.

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

- A. Minimalist designs make the messaging of art more impactful with few elements.
- B. Minimalist designs are more aesthetic and beautiful in the eyes of the audience.
- C. Minimalist designs create an illusion that their messages are good even if they may not be.
- D. Minimalist designs provide less distracting elements for viewers to easily digest the art.

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Social media filters show users highly edited versions of themselves. Filters are often used to aesthetically alter facial features, like the size and colour of one's lips or eyes. Contrary to their aesthetic connotation, filters can also be fun, like those that show users what Disney characters they are. However, the trend of using filters for aesthetic purposes has gone way too overboard as these filters are used to lie about certain representations in the media, especially on the business side.

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

- A. Compared to the ones we see now, photos in ads decades ago were more heavily edited.
- B. Customers are already aware that the businesses they are buying from use filters in their materials.
- C. Skincare companies discreetly apply facial-enhancing filters to their promotional videos that show results.
- D. Companies that do not make use of any filters in their promotional materials have products that are proven to be more effective.

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