

NO.	ANSWER
1	<p>The main premise of the argument is to challenge the perception of individuals pertaining to law - that it is protective and must be trusted, rather than as a mouthpiece for fear. The best way to strengthen it is to establish how it must be that way.</p> <p>Options A and C would not work since they cling to the premise that the claim wants to dismantle and that is the utilisation of fear. Option D is not necessarily the best answer because it is generally a safe answer to choose and tailor fit laws to the needs of the community. It clings to the creation of the law, itself, and not why laws are important. Option B is the best answer since it caters to the protective capacity of the law to sectors that cannot protect themselves, thereby, imperative to strengthen the main claim of the law as a protective mechanism for individuals.</p> <p><b>Option B is the correct answer.</b></p>
2	<p>The main argument provides all the advantages of a government respecting the freedom to express oneself. It lists down all the scenarios where freedom of expression can be a means to achieve positive things for the people and country. Option C makes the argument stronger by pointing out that freedom of speech makes it less likely that someone will try to overthrow the government because they can talk and share their ideas without worrying or having a fear of being silenced. Options A, B, and D are all incorrect because they attempt to weaken the argument, so they cannot be the answer.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>
3	<p>The argument wants to prove that the decline of Western civilization and the use of money are both interrelated. Option B weakens the argument by presenting an alternative example, which is the Eastern civilization, and pointing out that the Eastern civilization has not collapsed even if they use money. Options A and D are both inconclusive and do not fully weaken the argument, making them incorrect. Lastly, Option C is wrong because it tries to strengthen the argument by making a supporting statement that agrees that the use of money led to the decline of Western civilization.</p> <p><b>Option B is the correct answer.</b></p>
4	<p>The argument aims to prove that video display terminals (VDTs) cause headaches to workers through the conduct of a research survey. Option D weakens the argument by stating the idea that regular VDT users have the same job-related stress and headaches as non-users. This counters the main idea of the argument about the causal relationship between VDTs and headaches. Options A and C make an attempt to weaken the argument, but they are inconclusive because they cannot fully refute the notion that VDTs cause headaches for workers. Lastly, Option B is incorrect because it attempts to strengthen the argument by providing a supporting statement on how VDTs cause eyestrain for workers, which may cause headaches to happen.</p> <p><b>Option D is the correct answer.</b></p>
5	<p>The main passage tackles the importance of team building in enriching the social spaces of children. Options A, B, and D are only discussing the importance of team-building activities on the personal growth of children, as compared to Option C's encompassing explanation of how it empowers the culture for children to enjoy and develop a sense of community and collaboration.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>

6	<p>The main argument talks about the modern Olympic games and their participants, particularly professional and amateur athletes. It was stated that professional athletes have an unfair advantage over amateurs because amateurs rarely have the financial or material resources to support their bid to win games. Option C weakens the argument by pointing out that in modern Olympic events, there are games where the best competitors are amateurs, while in others they are professional athletes. It goes to say that financial or material resources do not guarantee that a professional athlete will win every time. Option D is incorrect because it attempts to strengthen the argument by providing a new supporting statement. Options A and B are both wrong because they have nothing to do with the argument.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>
7	<p>The main claim tackles the importance of qualitative research for organisations to improve their relationships with their stakeholders. The best way to strengthen it is to provide a benefit of the subject to the stakeholders.</p> <p>Options A, B, and D are assertions directed to the mechanism or the methodology of conducting qualitative research. These things are not necessarily targeting the main claim's point of attaining good relations with stakeholders. Option C best strengthens the argument by suggesting that it provides significant results as to how the stakeholders perceive the organisation. Hence, beneficial.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>
8	<p>The argument talks about the flat-footedness of small children and the traditional way of treating it through wearing special shoes to promote the development of the arch. The statement that best weakens the argument is Option B because it highlights the idea that while some children's flat-footedness can be corrected by puberty, some children remain flat-footed for life. It directly counters the idea that flat-footedness can just be corrected by using the traditional means of wearing special shoes.</p> <p><b>Option B is the correct answer.</b></p>
9	<p>The argument aims to prove that early information dissemination on the use of aspirin in preventing heart attacks could have helped a lot of people compared to waiting for an official publication before the information is known to the public. Option D's counterargument is the best way to weaken the case because it says that aspirin can only prevent a heart attack if it is taken regularly for more than two years.</p> <p><b>Option D is the correct answer.</b></p>
10	<p>The passage discusses the role of public health in protecting people and communities.</p> <p>Option A would not work as it is a vague statement about public health, while Option B mentions holistic development which is more of an argument to strengthen the passage. Option D in as much as valid is an extension of the passage's main claim on ensuring public safety is ensured.</p> <p>Option C best concludes the passage as it specifically describes the role of public health which is to protect people and their communities.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>

11	<p>The main argument tells us that in order for the spirit of an animated film to be successfully conveyed in its live-action version, the live actors should look like the animated characters themselves. This is directly weakened by option D, which forwards the idea that it's not about who the actors are, but how these actors play their roles and how the story is presented that give soul to a film.</p> <p>The rest of the answer options do not do much to weaken the argument. <b>Option D is the correct answer.</b></p>
12	<p>The main argument claims that the results of the survey and how it was conducted give grounds for scepticism. Option B only provides a possibility, not a certainty, that the financial magazine in question is – or will be – one of those whose polls were proven false. Option C failed in relevance, while option D basically reiterated the point of the argument and did not add any value to it. The only option that strengthened the argument is option A as it provided a layer of thought on why the argument is valid. It justifies the reasons for scepticism since even journalism experts questioned the magazine's credibility.</p> <p><b>Option A is the correct answer.</b></p>
13	<p>The argument supposes that there is an incommensurate ratio of jobs to people, and it heavily influences the economic stability of the state. The best way to strengthen this is to pinpoint how the degree of overpopulation is massive and what its potential impacts on the economy are.</p> <p>Option A just shares the same idea with the passage. Options C and D describe what action point must Australia venture into to limit its potential expansion. This, however, is insufficient to prove that the claim is relevant and true. Option B best strengthens the argument by explaining why there are instances of overpopulation as it also provides a likelihood on the picture of Australia's economic standpoint soon.</p> <p><b>Option B is the correct answer.</b></p>
14	<p>The main passage tackles the issue of economic slowdown due to overpopulation growing over the past years which challenges its economic standpoint.</p> <p>Option A only describes the impact of the claim, whereas Options C and D describe what the state must do in response to the problem. Option B summarises the claim linking overpopulation and economic instability together.</p> <p><b>Option B is the correct answer.</b></p>
15	<p>The argument aims to prove the bias present at this year's Metropolitan Art Show, especially toward the photographers, over other artists such as sculptors and painters. The best statement that strengthens the argument is Option D, as it also highlights another supporting statement on the bias toward the photographers. All the other answer options cannot fully strengthen the argument, making them irrelevant.</p> <p><b>Option D is the correct answer.</b></p>
16	<p>The main argument talks about how the fishing industry cannot be relied upon to help the government in investigating the number of seabirds killed in net fishing. To solve it, the government is implementing a new programme to collect tissue samples of dead birds, which requires the fishing industry to turn in bird carcasses. The best statement that strengthens the argument is Option C, because it highlights the utmost importance of the fishing industry's cooperation so that the government will be able to count and have data on seabirds killed by netfishing. Though indirectly, by turning in bird carcasses, the government can start to count the number of seabirds also killed by net fishing.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>

17	<p>The passage talks about the discovery of the fifth universal force and how present science enthusiasts reject its proposition under the justification that there should be in-depth research on the subject prior to its acknowledgement. The statement that best weakens the argument is Option A because it describes the timeline of when the fifth force was discovered. A time of great theoretical physics innovation must mean a time where people conduct more studies and have access to more information and equipment. Options B, C, and D are all incorrect as they do not do enough to directly weaken the argument.</p> <p><b>Option A is the correct answer.</b></p>
18	<p>The main point of the argument is that supervised training breeds successful talents. The argument placed emphasis on training supervision as a necessary factor to reach global stardom. The only statement that directly targeted that is the one in option D. Option D contradicts the argument by providing an example of K-pop idols who became famous globally even without help from training agencies. This then debunks the necessity of supervised training.</p> <p><b>Option D is the correct answer.</b></p>
19	<p>The only statement that best encapsulated the key points of the argument is option B. It mentioned how foreign product patronage caused lower support for local ones and how this can be tied back to better product quality and variety.</p> <p><b>Option B is the correct answer.</b></p>
20	<p>The argument discusses the importance of quality patient care as it affects the recovery of the patient, and improves their trust in the doctor. The best way to strengthen it is to suggest that the benefits of quality patient care are achieving such a goal, or claim.</p> <p>Options A and C only cater to the mechanism of the display of trust or the ways to achieve it, and not necessarily to what is provided by quality patient care. Furthermore, they share the same idea with the main passage. Option B is conditional and speculative, as the analogy is irrelevant to the main claim of proving how it is beneficial for patients.</p> <p>Option D best strengthens the argument by indicating that there is increased emotional stability through an increased level of trust in quality patient care, therefore, indicating that quality patient care is necessary, following the main claim above.</p> <p><b>Option D is the correct answer.</b></p>
21	<p>The main passage interlinks the role of professionals, their debts, and how it affects the state economy. Option A only proposes an alternative solution, while Options B and D only capitalise on the role of the professionals and they must be taken care of. These options do not quite encapsulate the main claim of the passage. Option C best concludes the main claim as it describes the role of professionals, their debts, and its impact to state economy.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>
22	<p>The main point of the argument is that students do not have the control over the physical abilities that Physical Education classes demand from them, and therefore must not be graded for it. Option D best strengthens this argument because it explains how the means of getting good grades in PE is different from other subjects. It emphasises how, even if students with medical conditions or physical limitations wanted to improve in the subject, there is only so much they can do.</p> <p>Options A and B primarily talk about sports participation, while option C is about teachers' qualifications.</p> <p><b>Therefore, D is the correct answer.</b></p>

<p><b>23</b></p>	<p>The main point of the argument is that extinction is a natural process that signifies how an animal has become unnecessary to the rest of nature. Option A best weakens this argument because it directly counters the premise that extinction is a natural process. It states how humans have the responsibility to help them because people’s behaviour has itself disturbed the natural processes.</p> <p>The other options also make the case for helping the endangered animals, but they do not address the main point of letting ecosystems continue their process.</p> <p><b>Therefore, A is the correct answer.</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p>The main point of the argument is to help government officials serve the public. Thus, they should not be hindered by inefficient systems of transportation. Option B best weakens this claim by stating how the use of public transportation, and subsequently understanding it, can also lead to the goal of helping them serve the public better.</p> <p><b>Therefore, B is the correct answer.</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p>The main point of the argument is that the way comic books are written will help students understand and appreciate stories better. Option D best strengthens this argument because it explains how the illustrations, aside from shorter texts, also aid students’ understanding of the material.</p> <p><b>Therefore, D is the correct answer.</b></p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p>The main point of the argument states that a new speed record in DNA sequencing could help families more swiftly find answers to challenging and life-altering issues in the future, as proven by a team of researchers. The statement in option C best concludes the argument by reinstating the idea that the swiftness of DNA sequencing could assist families in having a speedy and accurate diagnosis, which is precisely the main point of the argument.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p>The main point of the argument talks about how immersing children in farmlands would bring them experiences that would lead them to learn how to appreciate, acknowledge, and even protect nature as they grow up. The statement in option A best strengthens this argument by stating that environmental awareness is also another benefit that children would get if they are immersed on farms. This is directly correlating to the premise that the activity itself affects how children would perceive and act upon nature.</p> <p><b>Option A is the correct answer.</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p>	<p>The main premise of the argument circles around the idea that fashion trends have empowered individuals to feel good about themselves when following the clothing choices of influencers. The statement in option B refutes the idea of empowerment by claiming that these trends have caused people to compare themselves with others. This has led to them having insecurities for not looking as good as other influencers.</p> <p><b>Option B is the correct answer.</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p>The main point of the argument says that minimalist designs are used to help audiences easily understand the messaging that is intended by the art. Option A may be true, but the argument does not focus on impact. The statement in Option D best strengthens this argument by stating that minimalist art does not include a lot of elements that may be distracting for the audience. Because of its minimalist nature, people easily digest the messaging of the art.</p> <p><b>Option D is the correct answer.</b></p>

30	<p>The passage tells us that social media filters can be used for both aesthetic and fun purposes. However, aesthetic filters have been, in immense levels, negatively used for media deception, especially on the business side. Option C best strengthens this argument by providing a concrete example of how aesthetic filters are used to lie in the media, especially during product promotions.</p> <p><b>Option C is the correct answer.</b></p>
31	<p>Answer: B. The cost of renewable energy technology has decreased significantly in recent years. This statement supports the argument that renewable energy sources may be more cost-effective than traditional energy sources. Options A and D both oppose the main argument and Option C is incorrect since the supply of fossil fuels is irrelevant to the main argument.</p>
32	<p>Answer: C. Progressive taxation systems, where the wealthy pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes, have been shown to reduce income inequality. This statement supports the argument that increasing taxes on the wealthy would be an effective way to reduce income inequality.</p>
33	<p>While it is true that criminal justice reform would likely lead to a reduction in the number of people incarcerated in the United States, and that many people who are incarcerated are serving time for non-violent offences and would be better served by alternative forms of punishment, these statements do not necessarily support the argument that criminal justice reform would threaten public safety or increase crime.</p> <p>In contrast, the statement in option A specifically addresses the argument that criminal justice reform could potentially impact public safety. This argument suggests that if criminal justice reform were to reduce funding for law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies, it could potentially impact the ability of these agencies to prevent and respond to crime, which could in turn threaten public safety.</p> <p>While it is important to consider other approaches to criminal justice reform, the statement in question directly strengthens the argument that criminal justice reform could potentially threaten public safety and increase crime, by focusing on a potential negative consequence of certain reforms.</p> <p><b>Option A is the correct answer.</b></p>
34	<p>Answer: B. GMOs have been shown to significantly increase crop yields and reduce the use of pesticides. This statement supports the argument that GMOs are beneficial for increasing crop yields and reducing the use of pesticides.</p>
35	<p>Answer: A. A single-payer healthcare system would reduce administrative costs and increase efficiency. This statement supports the argument that a single-payer healthcare system would increase access to healthcare and reduce costs.</p>
36	<p>Answer: D. There are alternative methods of increasing crop yields and resistance to pests and diseases that do not involve the use of GMOs. This statement weakens the argument by suggesting that there are other ways to achieve the benefits of GMOs without using GMOs, making the concerns about their negative impacts less significant.</p>
37	<p>Answer: B. This statement weakens the argument above because it suggests that there are ways to prevent or minimise the potential risks of nuclear accidents, which are a major concern in the use of nuclear energy. If the risks of nuclear accidents can be mitigated through the use of advanced safety systems and emergency planning, it would mean that the potential negative effects of nuclear accidents can be lessened, making the overall argument for the risks of nuclear energy less strong.</p>

38	<p>Answer: D. This statement weakens the argument above because it suggests that the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare is not likely to lead to job loss for healthcare professionals, which is one of the major concerns raised in the argument. If the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare is intended to augment and support the work of healthcare professionals, rather than replace it, it would mean that healthcare professionals would still be needed and the concern of job loss is not as significant as mentioned in the argument.</p>
39	<p>Answer: C. This statement weakens the argument that autonomous vehicles can improve safety and reduce traffic congestion because it suggests that autonomous vehicles may not be able to detect and respond to certain situations as well as human drivers. This brings the necessity for humans to take the wheel rather than let self-driving cars move on their own.</p>
40	<p>The statement in option B best weakens the argument that virtual reality technology in education poses significant risks to student privacy. If it can be demonstrated that the technology has minimal privacy risks, this could reduce concerns and support the argument that virtual reality technology can improve student engagement and outcomes in the classroom.</p> <p>The statements in options A and C are consistent with the argument made in the passage and do not weaken it. The statement in option D raises the issue of cost and could potentially weaken the argument made in the passage, but it is not as directly related to student privacy, which is the main concern raised in the argument.</p> <p><b>The statement in option B provides a stronger counterargument and therefore is the best fit as the correct answer.</b></p>

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