

NO.	QUESTION
1	<p>Individuals must perceive laws as protection and not as threats. Laws are crucial for safeguarding the general public's health, safety, and welfare. They are put in place to punish behaviour that endangers others in society and to provide some level of protection to those who have been harmed as a result of that behaviour. The purpose of having a legal system is to work toward the establishment of a society that is just, equal, and fair. People are required to abide by the moral and ethical standards that are imposed by it.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Laws are intended to make criminals cower in fear and make them less likely to commit crimes.</li><li>B. Laws protect the vulnerable sectors of society.</li><li>C. Laws provide punishment for criminals and violators who disturb peace and order.</li><li>D. Laws must be tailor-fitted to the community's needs and wants.</li></ul>
2	<p>The freedom to express oneself is not only a fundamental human right, but it is also the only policy that makes any sense for the government to pursue. Ideas flourish in an environment where they are freely discussed, ridiculous propositions are quickly exposed for what they are, and dangerous ideas are given the opportunity to be countered by rational argument. When citizens are compelled to be silent, the government achieves absolutely nothing positive.</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. Most citizens are willing to accept some restrictions on their right to freedom of speech.</li><li>B. Governments respond irrationally to dangerous ideas with or without free speech.</li><li>C. Freedom of speech reduces the likelihood of government overthrow.</li><li>D. Great ideas have flourished in both societies that repress free speech and those that allow it.</li></ul>
3	<p>The use of money leads to the decline of a civilization. This is demonstrated by the fact that Western civilization's problems began with the invention of money. While real money (gold and silver) is bad enough, counterfeit money (paper money) is terrifying. The decline of Western civilization coincides with an increase in the use of money - both real money and worthless paper money - as a substitute for things of intrinsic value.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. People prefer monetary exchange to bartering equal-value goods.</li><li>B. Eastern societies have always had monetary systems, and their civilizations have not collapsed.</li><li>C. Because paper money has no intrinsic value, it devalues work.</li><li>D. Western civilization's gold-to-paper-money exchange rate has fluctuated greatly.</li></ul>

<p>4</p>	<p>In response to office workers' concerns about the health risks of using video display terminals (VDTs), researchers asked office workers to estimate how much time they had spent using VDTs and how frequently they had suffered headaches in the previous year. The survey found that frequent VDT users experienced headaches more frequently than other office workers, leading researchers to conclude that VDTs cause headaches.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. In their study, researchers didn't ask participants to differentiate between severe and mild headaches.</li><li>B. Previous studies have shown that VDT glare causes eyestrain.</li><li>C. Frequent headache sufferers were more likely to overestimate VDT use.</li><li>D. Regular VDT users experienced the same job-related stress and headaches as non-users.</li></ul>
<p>5</p>	<p>Team-building exercises are important at every stage of life, but the benefits they provide to children can stick with them all the way through childhood and into adulthood. Team-building activities for children provide an opportunity for the children to learn how to communicate and form bonds with the other children in the group. It ensures that individuals don't just focus on themselves but also make sure that the group as a whole functions well.</p> <p><b>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Team-building activities encourage children to be positively competitive with their peers.</li><li>B. Team-building activities provide avenues for children to reflect upon their lives.</li><li>C. Team-building activities foster the importance of friendship, socialisation, and collaboration.</li><li>D. Team-building activities improve one's sense of belongingness and leadership skills.</li></ul>
<p>6</p>	<p>The modern Olympics, unlike the ancient Olympic games on which they are based, include both professional and amateur athletes. However, because amateurs rarely have the financial or material resources that professionals do, it is unlikely that amateurs will ever pose a serious challenge to professionals in Olympic events in which amateurs compete against professionals. As a result, the presence of professional athletes violates the games' essential spirit of fairness.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. In the modern Olympics, amateur athletes outnumber professional athletes in general.</li><li>B. Ancient Greeks, whose games inspired the modern Olympics, didn't have amateur and professional athletes.</li><li>C. In some modern Olympic events, the best competitors are amateurs, while in others are professionals.</li><li>D. Many international amateur athletes receive no government funding.</li></ul>
<p>7</p>	<p>Organisations must invest in improving the integration of qualitative research. One of the most significant advantages of qualitative research is that it takes into account the perspectives and experiences of human participants. It takes into account human instincts and experiences when making its observations, and it pays attention to human emotions. Qualitative research must be integrated for organisations to improve their relations with their stakeholders.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Qualitative research takes a longer time than usual and becomes the period of observation is taken into account.</li><li>B. Qualitative research is biased on a liberal perspective.</li><li>C. Qualitative research provides a powerful insight into the minds and behaviour of stakeholders.</li><li>D. Qualitative research is fluid and can easily adapt to the changes in its research methods.</li></ul>

<p>8</p>	<p>The majority of the children around the world, during their earlier years, are flat-footed. If this failure of the foot to assume its natural arch continues past early childhood, it can cause discomfort and even pain later in life for these kids. Therefore, parents should go the traditional way and have their children wear special shoes that provide extra support to the foot to promote the development of the arch.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Many normal-footed children wear flat-footed shoes.</li><li>B. Most children's flat-footedness is corrected by puberty, but some remain flat-footed for life.</li><li>C. Flat-footed children who don't wear special shoes are just as likely to develop arches.</li><li>D. Some non-flat-footed children have rotated hip and lower leg bones.</li></ul>
<p>9</p>	<p>When researchers discovered that aspirin can help prevent heart attacks in humans, they immediately submitted their findings to a medical journal, which published them six weeks later. Many of the heart attacks that occurred during the delay could have been avoided if the results had been published sooner.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The journal's staff worked overtime to publish the study's results quickly.</li><li>B. Aspirin users have more stomach ulcers than average.</li><li>C. The official policy of the medical journal is to publish articles only after a thorough review process.</li><li>D. Only after two years of regular aspirin use does a person's risk of having a heart attack decrease.</li></ul>
<p>10</p>	<p>Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. In order to accomplish this work, healthy lifestyles are encouraged, disease and injury prevention research are conducted, and infectious disease detection, prevention, and response are studied. Protecting the health of entire populations is the main focus of public health. These populations can range from being as small as a neighbourhood to as large as an entire nation or continent.</p> <p><b>Which of the following best states the main idea of the passage?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Public health is the health of the current environment.</li><li>B. Public health involves the holistic development of people within the community.</li><li>C. Public health protects the population's health and their communities.</li><li>D. Public health is a universal right granted to all individuals across the world.</li></ul>
<p>11</p>	<p>"The Little Mermaid", which is one of the most popular Disney films, is getting a live movie adaptation. However, what divided the internet was Disney's decision to have Halle Bailey, an American singer, to play as Ariel. While many applauded Disney for this, a number of netizens questioned the studio because Halle does not look like the animated version of Ariel. One netizen argued that in order to capture and translate the soul – and not merely the plot – of an animated movie, the actors in its live-action version should look like the characters they are playing.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Halle Bailey's favourite Disney princess is Ariel, which means she can perfectly portray her role.</li><li>B. Regardless of who the actors are, the general storyline of an animated film will still be followed.</li><li>C. It took several years for Disney to find the perfect cast, which means we can trust their decision.</li><li>D. The script and the performances of the actors are what emanate the soul of an animated film.</li></ul>

<b>12</b>	<p>The results of a survey conducted by a financial magazine that the magazine's subscribers participated in show that Australians are more concerned about their personal finances than they are about politics. One of the questions revolved around a topic that was obviously designed to elicit a particular answer: "Which do you think about more, politics or the joy of earning money?" In addition to this, the people who read the magazine represent a self-selected sample. Because of this, there are good reasons to be sceptical about the survey's conclusion.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The magazine's credibility has been called into question by journalism experts.</li><li>B. The findings of most magazine polls were eventually proven to be false.</li><li>C. According to other polls, Australians are just as concerned about politics as they are about money.</li><li>D. There is reason to be sceptical of the results of biased surveys.</li></ul>
<b>13</b>	<p>Despite the increase in the number of jobs available, the unemployment rate in Australia has increased. This is a direct result of the sharp rise in the number of people looking for work. Hence, even though 330,000 jobs were added, another 350,000 workers were also added during the same period. Consequently, even though there was an increase of 330,000 jobs during the same time period, there was also an increase of 350,000 workers.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Since there are more workers than jobs, unemployment has worsened during the period.</li><li>B. Migration has led to a rise in the workforce, which will likely keep unemployment rates high.</li><li>C. Australia's economic strategy must improve in order to alleviate these threatening numbers of unemployment.</li><li>D. Providing more work can ensure solvency and give an economic boost to Australia.</li></ul>
<b>14</b>	<p>The rate at which the Australian economy is growing has slowed significantly in recent years. The issue is that the number of people living in Australia is expanding at an alarming rate. The number of people living in the area increased by 1.6% in the preceding year. Consequently, despite the fact that the growth of the GDP is satisfactory, the growth of the GDP per capita is demonstrating a precipitous decline.</p> <p><b>What is the main conclusion of the passage?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Australia's economy can less likely hold quality care with the rising population.</li><li>B. Australia's economy is challenged by rising human populations.</li><li>C. Australia's economy must be given priority to be replenished before it is too late.</li><li>D. Australia's economy is dependent on accessible services provided by the state through people's taxes.</li></ul>
<b>15</b>	<p>The group of works on display at this year's Metropolitan Art Show reveals a bias toward photographers. Despite the fact that an equal number of photographers, sculptors, and painters submitted works that met the traditional criteria for the show, more photographs were displayed than sculptures or paintings. As you may be aware, each artist was only permitted to submit work in one medium.</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. An artist with a Metropolitan Art Show piece has an advantage in commissions and sales.</li><li>B. The entry fee for photographs was \$50, while paintings and sculptures cost \$75.</li><li>C. This year's Metropolitan Art Show committee included a photographer, sculptor, painter, and all-around artist.</li><li>D. Reviews of this year's Metropolitan Art Show gave photographs more coverage than sculptures and paintings.</li></ul>

<b>16</b>	<p>The fishing industry cannot currently be relied on to assist the government in counting seabirds killed by net fishing because an accurate count could result in net fishing restrictions. To deal with the problem, the government should implement a programme in which tissue samples from dead birds are examined to determine the amount of toxins in the fish eaten by the birds. The industry would then have a reason to turn in the bird carcasses because it needs to know if the fish it catches is contaminated with toxins.</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. Seabirds killed by net fishing don't eat all caught fish.</li><li>B. The government hasn't previously examined seabird tissue samples for toxins in fish.</li><li>C. Without industry cooperation, the government can't count seabirds killed by net fishing.</li><li>D. If the government knew that net-caught fish were contaminated, it would restrict net fishing.</li></ul>
<b>17</b>	<p>Prior to 1986, physicists thought they could describe the universe using four universal forces. Later on, it was suggested that a fifth universal force of mutual repulsion between matter particles exists. This fifth force would explain why there was a smaller measurement of gravitational attraction between bodies in the experiments than the established theory predicted. Currently, some science enthusiasts argue that the proposition of the fifth force should have no merit because extensive and rigorous study should be conducted before the proposition itself can be acknowledged.</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. The fifth universal force was proposed during a time of great theoretical physics innovation.</li><li>B. Advanced equipment was already available in the 1970s.</li><li>C. No established scientific results contradict a fifth universal force.</li><li>D. Some scientists suggest that the alleged fifth universal force is an aspect of gravity.</li></ul>
<b>18</b>	<p>Korean popular music, also known as K-pop, has already gained a massive global reach. This genre is even rendered as the powerhouse of creativity due to its genius combination of powerful vocals, zestful choreographies, lavish productions, and more. These can mostly be credited to the years of "idol preparation" before training agencies finally debut their trainees as artists. Most idols train for years under strict supervision to improve their singing and dancing skills. These idols, after debuting, become extremely successful in their careers. Therefore, years of supervised training is necessary to become a global superstar.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Numerous K-pop idols have shifted careers, with the majority pursuing acting.</li><li>B. Some K-pop groups hold concerts with few attendees.</li><li>C. A lot of K-pop idols have been bashed online due to their poor singing and dancing.</li><li>D. A handful of K-pop idols with no training agencies have cemented a positive global influence in music.</li></ul>

<p>19</p>	<p>Foreign product patronage in certain countries is said to have reduced people's interest and support for their own local products. In these countries, the support is evidently given more to foreign brands, music, and films. Factors affecting such include quality and variety. Foreign products are deemed to deliver those factors better.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Local products in certain countries have been overshadowed by foreign products.</li><li>B. Foreign products are deemed better, thereby causing a reduction in patronage for local ones.</li><li>C. Foreign brands, music, and films have been given more regard than local ones.</li><li>D. Foreign products are better in quality and variety.</li></ul>
<p>20</p>	<p>There is no doubt that providing high-quality medical care to patients can influence the results obtained in terms of their health. It makes the patient's recovery experience more positive and has the potential to improve both the patient's physical and mental quality of life for those who are afflicted with serious illnesses such as cancer. Quality patient care enriches the trust between the patient and the medical institution.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Patient care must be built through proper communication and explanation of the disease.</li><li>B. Patient care implores deeper relationship formation, as opposed to just being a patient and a healthcare professional.</li><li>C. Quality patient care ensures clear communication is established between the doctor and the patient.</li><li>D. The emotional stability of patients is improved through quality patient care.</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>
<p>29</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Minimalist designs make the messaging of art more impactful with few elements.</li><li>B. Minimalist designs are more aesthetic and beautiful in the eyes of the audience.</li><li>C. Minimalist designs create an illusion that their messages are good even if they may not be.</li><li>D. Minimalist designs provide less distracting elements for viewers to easily digest the art.</li></ul>
<p>30</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Compared to the ones we see now, photos in ads decades ago were more heavily edited.</li><li>B. Customers are already aware that the businesses they are buying from use filters in their materials.</li><li>C. Skincare companies discreetly apply facial-enhancing filters to their promotional videos that show results.</li><li>D. Companies that do not make use of any filters in their promotional materials have products that are proven to be more effective.</li></ul>



<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Discussions on sustainable energy have become increasingly popular amongst policymakers from across the world. Many people argue that using renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, is necessary to address climate change and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Moreover, there are also statements that suggest that renewable energy sources may be more cost-effective than traditional energy sources.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Traditional energy sources are able to provide a consistent and reliable source of energy.</li><li>B. The cost of renewable energy technology has decreased significantly in recent years.</li><li>C. Fossil fuels are a finite resource and will eventually run out.</li><li>D. Renewable energy sources are a major contributor to air and water pollution.</li></ul>
<p><b>32</b></p>	<p>Nations mandate the collection of taxes from its constituent residents for the financial use of its government in its public services. Economists believe that increasing taxes on the wealthy would be an effective way to reduce income inequality and fund social programs. However, there are also arguments that increasing taxes on the wealthy would discourage investment and lead to economic growth.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Countries with higher taxes on the wealthy have higher rates of economic growth.</li><li>B. Increasing taxes on the wealthy would disproportionately affect small businesses.</li><li>C. Progressive taxation systems, where the wealthy pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes, have been shown to reduce income inequality.</li><li>D. The majority of wealthy individuals would rather pay higher taxes than have the government invest in social programs.</li></ul>
<p><b>33</b></p>	<p>The justice system is a fundamental part of society that addresses criminal incidents and how they handle the perpetrators of crime to compensate for the damages they impose against their victims. It has been a common belief that criminal justice reform is necessary to address racial disparities and improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system. However, there are arguments that the criminal justice reform would lead to an increase in crime and threaten public safety.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Criminal justice reforms result in a reduction in funding for law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies.</li><li>B. Criminal justice reform would lead to a significant reduction in the number of people incarcerated in the United States.</li><li>C. Many people who are incarcerated are serving time for non-violent offences and would be better served by alternative forms of punishment.</li><li>D. Increasing the number of police officers and harsher sentencing policies have been shown to be effective in reducing crime.</li></ul>

<p>34</p>	<p>Many people argue that the use of genetically modified crops (GMOs) in agriculture is beneficial for increasing crop yields and reducing the use of pesticides. GMOs are created by introducing a new trait, such as resistance to pests or herbicides, into a plant's genetic makeup. This can lead to increased crop yields and reduced pesticide use, which can have positive impacts on farmers and the environment. However, there are also arguments that GMOs can have negative impacts on the environment and human health. For example, the use of GMOs can lead to the development of superweeds and superbugs, which are resistant to the pesticides and herbicides that are used on GMO crops. Additionally, there are concerns that GMOs can cross-breed with non-GMO crops, leading to the spread of genetic traits that may be harmful or undesirable.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. GMOs have been extensively tested and have been proven to be safe for human consumption</li><li>B. GMOs have been shown to significantly increase crop yields and reduce the use of pesticides</li><li>C. The use of GMOs can lead to the development of superweeds and superbugs</li><li>D. The use of GMOs is a sustainable solution for food security</li></ul>
<p>35</p>	<p>It is believed that a single-payer healthcare system would increase access to healthcare and reduce costs. A single-payer healthcare system, also known as "Medicare for All," would be a government-run healthcare program that would provide healthcare coverage for all citizens. This would be funded by taxes and would eliminate the need for private health insurance companies. The elimination of private insurance companies would reduce administrative costs and increase efficiency, thereby reducing healthcare costs for both individuals and the government. However, there are also arguments that a single-payer healthcare system would lead to increased government spending and longer wait times for healthcare services.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. A single-payer healthcare system would reduce administrative costs and increase efficiency</li><li>B. A single-payer healthcare system would ensure that all citizens have access to healthcare</li><li>C. A single-payer healthcare system would lead to longer wait times for healthcare services</li><li>D. A single-payer healthcare system would increase government spending</li></ul>
<p>36</p>	<p>Many medical professionals believe that the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in agriculture is harmful to human health and the environment. One concern is that GMOs may cross-breed with non-GMO crops, leading to the spread of genetic traits that may be harmful or undesirable. However, there are also arguments that GMOs offer a number of benefits, such as increased crop yields and resistance to pests and diseases.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. GMOs have been extensively tested and have been found to be safe for human consumption.</li><li>B. The spread of genetic traits from GMOs to non-GMO crops has been observed in a number of cases.</li><li>C. The use of GMOs has been shown to significantly increase crop yields and reduce the need for pesticides.</li><li>D. There are alternative methods of increasing crop yields and resistance to pests and diseases that do not involve the use of GMOs.</li></ul>

<p><b>37</b></p>	<p>The use of nuclear energy as a source of electricity has been controversial, with some arguing that it is a clean and reliable source of energy, while others argue that it poses risks to human health and the environment. One concern is the potential for nuclear accidents, such as the Fukushima disaster in Japan, which released radiation into the environment and caused widespread contamination.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The use of nuclear energy has been shown to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.</li><li>B. The risks of nuclear accidents can be mitigated through the use of advanced safety systems and emergency planning.</li><li>C. The cost of nuclear energy is significantly higher than other sources of electricity.</li><li>D. The radiation released in nuclear accidents can have long-term health effects on humans and the environment.</li></ul>
<p><b>38</b></p>	<p>The use of artificial intelligence in healthcare has become controversial over the past few years, especially for those who work in the health sector. Some are arguing that it can improve patient outcomes and reduce costs, while others argue that it poses risks to patient privacy and may lead to job loss for healthcare professionals.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Artificial intelligence has been shown to have the same level of accuracy in diagnosing conditions as humans.</li><li>B. The use of artificial intelligence in healthcare has been shown to significantly reduce medical errors made by patients.</li><li>C. The use of artificial intelligence in healthcare poses significant risks to their mental well-being.</li><li>D. The use of artificial intelligence is intended to augment and support their work, rather than replace it.</li></ul>
<p><b>39</b></p>	<p>Autonomous vehicles, or self-driving cars, have become popularised with recent advancements in technology. It has been widely discussed on social media in recent times. Most people are arguing that these vehicles can improve safety and reduce traffic congestion because of the technology's innate ability to drive on the road without being affected by factors that lead to human driving errors.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Autonomous vehicles have been shown to be less safe than human-driven vehicles in certain conditions.</li><li>B. The use of autonomous vehicles has been shown to significantly reduce traffic congestion and improve overall traffic flow.</li><li>C. The use of autonomous vehicles may not be able to detect and respond to certain situations as well as human drivers.</li><li>D. The use of autonomous vehicles does not pose a significant threat to job loss for human drivers.</li></ul>

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The use of virtual reality technology in education has been the subject of rigorous discussions among educators around the world. It has been claimed that these technologies can improve student engagement and outcomes within school learning spaces. However, a significant number of others argue that they pose risks to student privacy and may lead to job loss for traditional educators in the field.

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

- A. Virtual reality technology in education has been found to be effective in enhancing student learning outcomes in several studies conducted worldwide.
- B. Research has found that virtual reality technology in education poses minimal risks to student privacy, as the data collected is securely stored and not accessible to unauthorised individuals.
- C. Virtual reality technology in education has been found to be an ineffective tool in reducing the workload of educators and streamlining their teaching methods.
- D. Virtual reality technology in education has been found to be cost-effective and accessible to schools and educational institutions of all sizes and budgets, making it a feasible option for all.

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