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1	<p>Janitors and street-sweepers do some of the most important jobs in society. They ensure that the community is clean and free from hygiene-related hazards. Oftentimes, they have to be in contact with substances that could also harm their health, but they do it anyway. With these sacrifices in mind, we should ensure that these workers receive a justified wage and other necessary benefits from employers.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. High wages and decent benefits ensure that workers don't complain about their jobs. B. Harmful chemicals and human waste are some of the substances that janitors deal with. C. Public health is one of the aspects that janitors and street-sweepers protect. D. Proper remuneration allows longevity and a high standard of work from employees.
2	<p>The new medication that has been developed by the pharmaceutical company has shown to be highly effective in treating patients with chronic pain. Clinical trials have shown that the medication reduces pain by an average of 80% in patients who take it. The medication is expected to be available to patients in the next few months.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The medication has only been tested on a small group of patients, and further studies are needed. B. The medication has been found to have serious side effects in some patients. C. The medication is expensive and not covered by most insurance plans. D. The medication has only been tested on patients with chronic pain, and it's not known if it will be effective for other types of pain.
3	<p>Recent studies have shown that people who consume a diet high in fruits and vegetables tend to have a lower risk of developing certain diseases. These studies have also shown that consuming these foods can improve overall health and well-being. Furthermore, consuming fruits and vegetables can also help with weight management, as they are low in calories and high in fibre. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables can also improve mental health, as they contain essential vitamins and minerals that are needed for a healthy brain.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Studies have shown that consuming fruits and vegetables can lower the risk of certain diseases. B. Consuming fruits and vegetables can improve overall health and well-being. C. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables can help with weight management. D. Fruits and vegetables contain essential vitamins and minerals for a healthy brain.
4	<p>The Times Square Ball is a time ball located in New York City's Times Square. Located on the roof of One Times Square, the ball is a prominent part of a New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square commonly referred to as the ball drop, where the ball descends down a specially designed flagpole, beginning at 11:59:00 p.m. ET, and resting at midnight to signal the start of the new year. Security is strictly enforced by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) which makes it the most secured event in the world.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Security was increased further for its 2017–18 edition due to recent incidents such as the truck attack in New York on October 31, and the 2017 Las Vegas shooting. B. Festivities formally begin in the early evening, with an opening ceremony featuring the raising of the ball at 6:00 p.m. ET along with the playing of Fanfare for the Common Man by The New York Philharmonic. C. The drop is activated using a button inside a special control room within One Times Square, synchronised using an National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) time signal received via satellite. D. Public countdowns to New Year's Day are made at large events in major cities, such as Sydney, and are often televised so those at home can join in the celebrations.

5	<p>Recent studies have shown that drinking green tea can have a significant impact on weight loss. The studies found that green tea contains high levels of antioxidants called catechins, which can boost metabolism and aid in fat burning. Additionally, drinking green tea has been linked to decreased appetite and reduced calorie intake.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Green tea is also a good source of caffeine, which can increase energy levels and physical activity.B. Green tea is a natural and safe alternative to weight loss supplements.C. The studies were conducted on a small sample size of participants.D. Green tea is only effective in weight loss when combined with regular exercise and a healthy diet.
6	<p>Clothes are an essential part of our daily lives, they provide us with protection and comfort, and also serve as a form of self-expression. It is important to invest in quality clothes that are made of high-quality materials, as they last longer, look better, and also have a lower environmental impact. On the other hand, fast fashion, which is the production of cheap, trendy clothing, is not only bad for our wallets but also has a significant environmental impact. It is crucial to be mindful of our consumption and to invest in clothes that are sustainable and ethically made.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. It is important to invest in quality clothes.B. Fast fashion is bad for the environment.C. Clothes serve as a form of self-expression.D. Mindful consumption is crucial when it comes to clothing.
7	<p>A Claddagh ring is a traditional Irish ring in which a heart represents love, the crown stands for loyalty, and two clasped hands symbolise friendship. Its distinctive design features two hands clasping a heart and usually surmounted by a crown. These elements symbolise the qualities of love (the heart), friendship (the hands), and loyalty (the crown). Thus, a Claddagh ring from your partner is worth more than a dozen roses.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Mothers sometimes give these rings to their daughters when they come of age. There are several mottos and wishes associated with the ring, such as: "Let love and friendship reign."B. A "Fenian" Claddagh ring, without a crown, is a slightly different take on the design but has not achieved the level of popularity of the crowned version.C. The Claddagh ring originated from a silversmith who was imprisoned by Algerians. He made the ring while inside the prison and gave it to his sweetheart after being released.D. Roses have a special connection to love, despite many other flowers having the same meaning. Red roses, for example, account for nearly 69 percent of all Valentine's Day flowers.
8	<p>Drawers are an essential piece of furniture in any household. They are used to store a wide range of items, from clothing to paperwork. They come in various sizes and styles, including chest of drawers, dressers, and nightstands. The drawers can be made of different materials like wood, metal, or plastic. One of the main benefits of drawers is that they provide a neat and organised way of keeping items, making it easy to find what you need.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Drawers are essential furniture in any household.B. Drawers come in various sizes and styles.C. Drawers can be made of different materials.D. Drawers provide a neat and organised way of keeping items.

9 Race car drivers are known for their incredible skill and bravery on the track. They have to have quick reflexes, the ability to make split-second decisions, and the stamina to handle the high speeds and intense pressure. They also have to be physically fit and mentally tough. Many drivers have a background in go-karting or other forms of motorsports before they make it to the professional level. Despite the challenges and risks, many drivers find the thrill of racing to be worth it.

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- A. Race car drivers have to be skilled, brave, and physically fit.
- B. Many drivers have a background in go-karting or other forms of motorsports.
- C. Racing is thrilling and worth it despite the challenges and risks.
- D. Race car drivers have quick reflexes, the ability to make split-second decisions, and the stamina to handle the high speeds and intense pressure.

10 Deliberately burning Savannahs in Australia is one of the country's means of clearing land areas and giving way for industrialisation. In some areas, these cleared Savannahs also allow first nation communities to establish their farmlands and other means of livelihood. Moreso, burning these Savannahs deals little to no damage to other entities. Therefore, we should keep burning Savannahs with the current methods and rates.

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

- A. Most Savannahs don't have arable land, making it unsuitable to establish farmlands.
- B. Industrialisation can still happen even without burning Savannahs.
- C. The current rate of burning creates toxic clouds of smoke that spread to residential areas.
- D. Savannahs play an important role in the environmental tourism sector of the country.

11 The new technology developed by the company has been receiving rave reviews from industry experts. The software is able to process large amounts of data at a much faster rate than previous technologies. This has resulted in significant cost savings for companies that have implemented the software.

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

- A. The software is only compatible with certain types of computer systems.
- B. The software is difficult to use and requires extensive training to operate.
- C. The company has only been in business for a short period of time.
- D. The software is still in the testing phase and has not yet been fully released to the market.

12 Doctors' offices are essential for providing healthcare to patients. They are staffed by highly trained medical professionals who are able to diagnose and treat a wide range of illnesses and injuries. The offices are equipped with the latest medical technology, including diagnostic equipment and lab facilities. Patients can visit a doctor's office for regular check-ups or to receive treatment for specific conditions. In addition, many doctors' offices offer additional services such as physical therapy and counselling.

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13	<p>Acupuncturists living downtown have been providing a vital service to the community for many years. These practitioners have been treating a wide range of conditions, including chronic pain, stress, and infertility. They have been known to be patient-centred and have a holistic approach to healing. The downtown area is home to many clinics and practitioners, making it easy for residents to access this type of care. The community has been benefitting from the services of acupuncturists living downtown for a long time.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Acupuncturists living downtown are patient-centred and have a holistic approach to healing.B. The downtown area is home to many clinics and practitioners.C. The community has been benefitting from the services of acupuncturists living downtown for a long time.D. Acupuncturists living downtown have been treating a wide range of conditions.
14	<p>According to a recent study, organic food is healthier and more nutritious than conventionally grown food. The study found that organic food contains higher levels of vitamins and minerals, and is free from harmful chemicals and pesticides. Consumers should choose organic food whenever possible to improve their overall health and well-being.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The study was conducted by a well-respected university research team.B. The study was funded by a major organic food company.C. Many experts disagree with the findings of the study.D. The study only looked at a small sample of foods.
15	<p>In today's world, phones have become an essential part of our daily lives. They keep us connected to our loved ones, our work, and the world around us. Whether it's checking emails, making a call, or just browsing the internet, phones have made our lives more efficient and convenient. With the rapid advancements in technology, phones have also become more powerful and can be used for a variety of tasks, such as photography, navigation, and even shopping. In fact, many people now rely on their phones for almost everything they do, making them an integral part of our daily routines.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Phones have become more advanced and powerful.B. Phones have made our lives more convenient and efficient.C. People rely on phones for almost everything they do.D. Phones are essential to our daily lives.
16	<p>The new medical device developed by XYZ Inc. has been found to be highly effective in reducing symptoms of chronic pain. The device is a small, wearable device that sends electrical impulses to the affected area, providing relief from pain. Clinical trials have shown that the device is safe and effective for use in patients with a variety of chronic pain conditions.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The device is non-invasive and does not require any surgery.B. The device has been approved for use by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration).C. The device is affordable and accessible for patients.D. The device has been tested on a large number of patients in various locations.

17	<p>Recently, schools in our district have been implementing new technology in the classroom, such as interactive whiteboards and tablets for students. This new technology has been shown to increase student engagement and improve learning outcomes. Teachers have received training to use this technology effectively, and students have been given the opportunity to learn new skills through the use of this technology.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Research has shown that students who use technology in the classroom have better test scores than those who do not.B. The school district has received positive feedback from parents about the new technology.C. Not all schools in the district have the financial resources to implement this new technology.D. The school district has not conducted any evaluations on the effectiveness of the new technology.
18	<p>Samantha is a true cowgirl at heart. She grew up on a ranch, riding horses and helping with the cattle. But what sets her apart from other cowgirls is her love for skirts. She believes that a skirt can be just as functional as a pair of jeans and is always looking for ways to incorporate them into her daily work on the ranch. Samantha often wears long skirts with boots and a hat, and she even has a custom made skirt that she wears while riding her horse. Her love for skirts has led her to create a line of functional skirts for other cowgirls, which are quickly gaining popularity among the ranching community.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Samantha grew up on a ranch and helps with the cattle.B. Samantha believes that a skirt can be just as functional as a pair of jeans.C. Samantha has created a line of functional skirts for other cowgirls.D. Samantha's love for skirts has led her to create a line of functional skirts for other cowgirls, which are quickly gaining popularity among the ranching community.
19	<p>The new medical research suggests that the consumption of red wine in moderation can have a positive effect on heart health. Studies have shown that a compound found in red wine, called resveratrol, helps to lower cholesterol and blood pressure levels. However, it is important to note that excessive consumption of alcohol can have negative effects on overall health.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Red wine is the only type of alcohol that has positive effects on heart health.B. Moderate consumption of red wine is beneficial for overall health, not just heart health.C. Resveratrol supplements are just as effective as drinking red wine for heart health benefits.D. The positive effects of red wine consumption have been found in all studies conducted on the topic.
20	<p>The mayor of the city loves to go on picnics in the park. He often invites members of the community to join him and his family for a day of fun and relaxation. The mayor believes that picnics are a great way to bring people together and foster a sense of community. He also enjoys the opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The mayor believes that picnics are a great way to bring people together and foster a sense of community.B. The mayor often invites members of the community to join him and his family for a day of fun and relaxation.C. The mayor likes to go on picnics in the park.D. The mayor enjoys the opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature.

<p>21</p>	<p>The debate between iPhone and Android users has been ongoing for many years. Both smartphones have their own set of features and advantages, making it difficult to choose one over the other. iPhone users argue that the device is more user-friendly and has a more streamlined interface. On the other hand, Android users argue that the device has more customization options and is more affordable. Both devices also have their own app stores, with the Apple App Store having stricter guidelines for app developers and the Google Play Store having a wider range of apps available. Ultimately, the decision between an iPhone and Android device comes down to personal preference and individual needs.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. iPhone users argue that the device is more user-friendly and has a more streamlined interface. B. Both devices also have their own app stores, with the Apple App Store having stricter guidelines for app developers and the Google Play Store having a wider range of apps available. C. The decision between an iPhone and Android device comes down to personal preference and individual needs. D. Android users argue that the device has more customization options and is more affordable.
<p>22</p>	<p>Over the past few years, there has been an increase in the number of people who are choosing to bike to work instead of driving. This trend is likely due to the growing awareness of the environmental benefits of cycling, as well as the health benefits for individuals. Additionally, many cities have invested in building better bike lanes and infrastructure to support this mode of transportation.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Studies have shown that biking to work can decrease stress levels in individuals. B. The cost of gasoline has gone up significantly in recent years. C. The majority of people who bike to work are under the age of 30. D. Biking to work is only possible in urban areas where bike lanes are available.
<p>23</p>	<p>Recent studies have shown that regular exercise can significantly improve mental health and reduce the risk of depression and anxiety. Exercise releases endorphins, which are chemicals in the brain that improve mood and reduce stress. Additionally, exercise has been shown to increase the growth of new brain cells, which can improve cognitive function and memory.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Exercise has no impact on mental health and well-being. B. The studies conducted on the relationship between exercise and mental health were based on a small sample size. C. The majority of people suffering from depression and anxiety are not helped by regular exercise. D. The relationship between exercise and mental health has not been studied long-term.
<p>24</p>	<p>Dr. Smith, a well-known veterinarian in the community, has been caught selling counterfeit dog medicines to his clients. The medicines, which were advertised as being effective for treating various conditions such as skin allergies and arthritis, were found to contain harmful ingredients and were not approved by the FDA. Many of the dogs that were given the medicines suffered serious health complications as a result. Many clients are now questioning Dr. Smith's integrity and questioning if they can trust him with their pet's health.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Dr. Smith is a trustworthy veterinarian. B. Dr. Smith sold counterfeit dog medicines leading to health complications of dog patients. C. Dr. Smith's clients are questioning his integrity. D. Many of the dogs that were given the medicines suffered serious health complications.

<p>25</p>	<p>Recent studies have shown that regular exercise can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity at least five days a week. This can include activities such as walking, cycling, or swimming.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The studies only looked at a small sample of participants.B. The studies only looked at individuals who were over the age of 60.C. The studies found that only certain types of exercise, such as running, had a significant impact on reducing heart disease risk.D. The studies were conducted over a period of only six months.
<p>26</p>	<p>Glen was driving home from work when he suddenly swerved to avoid hitting a deer that had run out in front of his car. Unfortunately, this caused him to lose control of his vehicle and he ended up crashing into a tree. He sustained minor injuries but was able to walk away from the accident. His car, however, was a total loss. The police arrived on the scene and determined that the accident was caused by the deer running into the road. They issued Glen a citation for reckless driving.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Glen was injured in the accident.B. Glen's car was a total loss.C. Glen received consequences even though the accident was caused by a deer running into the road.D. Glen was cited for reckless driving.
<p>27</p>	<p>Cucumber has long been known for its many benefits as a beauty regimen. Its high water content makes it a great hydrator for the skin, while its vitamin C and caffeic acid content can help reduce puffiness and dark circles around the eyes. Additionally, cucumber's antiinflammatory properties can help soothe sunburns, and its silica content can help strengthen the connective tissue in the skin, giving it a more youthful appearance.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Cucumber has high water content that makes it a great hydrator for the skin.B. Cucumber's vitamin C and caffeic acid content can help to reduce puffiness and dark circles around the eyes.C. Cucumber's anti-inflammatory properties can help to soothe sunburns.D. Cucumber's silica content can help to strengthen the connective tissue in the skin, giving it a more youthful appearance.
<p>28</p>	<p>The new drug being developed by pharmaceutical company Shinen has been proven to be highly effective in treating cancer. Clinical trials have shown that the drug has a success rate of over 90% in shrinking tumors and prolonging the lives of patients. This new drug has the potential to revolutionise cancer treatment and save countless lives.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument above?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The drug has been found to cause severe side effects in some patients.B. The drug is only effective in treating a specific type of cancer.C. The drug is much more expensive than current treatments.D. The drug has only been used by one medical facility.

29 Dr. Emma is a renowned biologist who has spent the past decade studying the behaviour and ecology of animals in captivity. Her research has focused on the effects of captivity on the physical and mental well-being of animals, and she has made several groundbreaking discoveries in this field. Dr. Emma has also been an advocate for the welfare of animals in zoos and has been working to improve the living conditions and treatment of animals in captivity. Her conclusion is that keeping wild animals in zoos is not in their best interest and that it is essential to stop this practice.

Which of the following statements, if true, best states the main conclusion of the passage?

- A. Dr. Emma has made several groundbreaking discoveries in the field of animal behaviour and ecology.
- B. Dr. Emma has been working to improve the living conditions and treatment of animals in captivity.
- C. Dr. Emma's conclusion is that keeping wild animals in zoos is not in their best interest.
- D. Dr. Emma has spent the past decade studying the behaviour and ecology of animals in captivity.

30 The new technology has been developed to improve the efficiency of solar panels. The technology uses a special coating that increases the amount of sunlight that is absorbed by the panels, resulting in a higher energy output. The company that developed the technology claims that it can increase the efficiency of solar panels by up to 20%.

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

- A. The company has been researching the technology for over a decade.
- B. The technology has been tested and proven to be effective in real-world scenarios.
- C. The technology is more expensive than traditional solar panel technology.
- D. The technology is easy to install and maintain.

31 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.

Which of the following best expresses the main conclusion of the argument?

- A. It may take a while for diagnosis with this new method and may be time-consuming.
- B. The new DNA sequencing has become financially helpful for patients and their families.
- C. DNA sequencing's new speed could assist families in getting speedy and accurate diagnoses.
- D. New DNA technologies have resulted in an unprecedented turnaround over the years.

32 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.

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

- A. Farmland immersion allows for environmental awareness amongst children
- B. Bringing children to farms helps them learn more about planting and crop preservation.
- C. It is best for children to experience mother nature through farms.
- D. Children become knowledgeable of the different types of animals when brought to a farm.

<p>33</p>	<p>Students can gain a variety of essential abilities via playing video games. These abilities include critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and sportsmanship. It provides the foundation for developing self-assurance, coping skills, adaptability, and healthy relationships with others. Students can learn a lot of significant skills through playing games which is why they should be allowed to play video games for more than 5 hours a day.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Playing video games are good for kids as they stimulate creativity, focus, and visual memory.B. Spending lots of hours playing video games is better than spending lots of hours in the streets, especially at night.C. Games assist students in solving issues by building transferable abilities, such as recognizing cause and effect, reasoning, and decision making.D. Kids will learn through games but they should not be allowed to play long hours as it may cause sleep disturbances, media addiction, and aggressive behaviour.
<p>34</p>	<p>Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is a safer and more reliable method of prevention than just merely wearing facemasks. Immunisation against COVID-19 contains RNA and other antibodies that protect people by eliciting an antibody response without requiring them to suffer disease, potentially including severe illness, or post-COVID problems; hence, vaccination is vital.</p> <p>Which of the following statements expresses the main conclusion of the argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Getting a vaccine is vital and safer than just wearing a facemask because vaccines contain antibodies that teach the body how to fight COVID to avoid illnesses.B. Wearing a facemask and getting a vaccine are both important and beneficial methods mainly for eligibility purposes, like being eligible to travel abroad.C. Illnesses and other post-COVID problems can be avoided if people will choose to get the vaccine.D. Wearing a facemask is an effective way of prevention as it protects and prevents people from experiencing COVID related illnesses.
<p>35</p>	<p>The objective of yoga is to develop mental and physical strength, awareness, and harmony. Yoga has become an increasingly popular form of exercise, but it may not be suitable for everyone. If you are seeking a high-energy, fast-paced cardiovascular workout, yoga may not be the ideal option.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Yoga benefits a person's mind and body which is why people are being encouraged to do yoga.B. Yoga is becoming famous but a lot of people still think that yoga isn't a rigorous form of exercise.C. Yoga is indeed effective, but before embarking on a new exercise regimen, people should think about their needs and desires thoroughly.D. Yoga is changing the world of fitness in major ways as it both improves a person's mind and body.
<p>36</p>	<p>The excavations that have been carried out on the island of Pompeii, which is no longer inhabited, have revealed a scenario that is characteristic of settlements that have been obliterated by volcanic ash. Archaeologists have put out a theory suggesting that the devastation was caused by volcanic activity that was known to have taken place in the region of the island in the year 79 B.C.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. No coins made after 79 B.C. were recovered in Pompeii, but early coins were widespread.B. Several island tombs had gold and pearl jewellery from before and after 79 B.C.C. In 79 B.C., multiple volcanoes erupted near the island, according to most contemporary historians.D. In Pompeii, drawings of styles that were definitely used in the region after 79 B.C. were discovered.

<p>37</p>	<p>Human workers are increasingly being replaced by automated equipment in the performance of monitoring duties in many hospitals. Previously, the work was done by human beings. This is done in an effort to reduce the hospital's costs. However, many workers who lose their jobs due to automation will require government assistance to make ends meet, and the businesses that are currently laying off workers will eventually be the ones to pay for that assistance through increased taxes and unemployment insurance payments.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Most new employment brought about by automation pays less than the old ones.B. Many hospitals' profits have declined as a result of their failure to automate.C. Corporations that do not automate also pay unemployment insurance and taxes.D. Many workers who lost their jobs to automation are unemployed.
<p>38</p>	<p>The Burmese ferret badger makes its home underground in a tunnel system. The fact that different geographical populations of the same species of Burmese ferret badgers dig homes of varied styles has led zoologists to the conclusion that the badgers' architectural styles are a culturally acquired trait rather than a genetically transmitted trait.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. The most widely researched Burmese ferret badger population has more similarities than differences.B. Young Burmese ferret badgers started as inept but spent years learning from their elders.C. One badger species' dwellings are different from most others.D. Burmese ferret badgers live only in Burma and India, where they rarely interact.
<p>39</p>	<p>At this time, the cartilage of a specific subspecies of shark, a subspecies that is relatively rare in the wild, is the only source of a medicine that is particularly successful in treating certain kinds of malignant growths. This substance can only be obtained from sharks of this subspecies. In order to produce one pound of the medicine, one must first kill fifty sharks. Therefore, it follows that the ongoing production of the drug will definitely result in the extinction of this particular subspecies of shark.</p> <p>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. A centralised authority distributes the shark cartilage drug to doctors.B. It is very expensive to manufacture the medicine that is created from shark cartilage.C. There are other parts of the shark that can be used to make medicines.D. If the right conditions are present, the subspecies of shark will reproduce successfully in captivity.
<p>40</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>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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.