

NO.	ANSWER
1	<p>Option A may seem related to sleep, but it does not directly address the argument that maintaining a consistent sleep schedule promotes good health. Option B is a potential weakness to the argument, as individuals who work night shifts may not have control over their sleep schedule. Option D provides information that is not directly relevant to the argument. Option C, on the other hand, directly supports the argument by indicating that studies have shown a link between consistent sleep schedules and a lower risk of chronic diseases. This provides evidence that consistent sleep patterns promote good health, and therefore strengthens the argument. Therefore, option C is the correct answer.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
2	<p>The statement in option B best strengthens the argument by providing evidence that the use of GMOs can significantly increase crop yields and reduce the use of pesticides. This supports the argument that GMOs can have positive impacts on farmers and the environment, and can help to address issues of food scarcity. The statement suggests that the benefits of GMOs outweigh the potential negative impacts, and provides a strong argument in favour of their use in agriculture. Option A is not relevant to the argument, as it pertains to human health rather than the environmental impacts of GMOs. Option C weakens the argument by highlighting a potential negative impact of GMOs, and option D is an assertion without evidence to back it up.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
3	<p>The statement in option A best strengthens the argument by providing evidence that a single-payer healthcare system would reduce administrative costs and increase efficiency. This supports the argument that a single-payer healthcare system would reduce healthcare costs for both individuals and the government. By eliminating the need for private insurance companies, a single-payer system would reduce the administrative costs associated with managing multiple insurance plans and processing claims. This would also increase efficiency by allowing healthcare providers to focus on providing care rather than navigating complex insurance requirements.</p> <p>Option B is already part of the argument and does not add any new information. Option C weakens the argument by highlighting a potential negative impact of a single-payer system, and option D is also a potential negative impact that weakens the argument.</p> <p>Option A is the correct answer.</p>
4	<p>The proposed tax increase on tobacco products aims to reduce the number of smokers and save lives while raising funds for healthcare initiatives. Option C most strongly supports this proposal by stating that studies have shown that increasing taxes on tobacco products can lead to a reduction in smoking rates. This means that if the tax increase is implemented, it could effectively discourage people from smoking and ultimately lead to better health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs. Options A and B do not support the proposal, while option D suggests a potential drawback or limitation to the proposal. Option C is the best answer as it directly supports the proposal by citing evidence of its effectiveness in reducing smoking rates.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>

5	<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>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
6	<p>The statement in option A weakens the argument that automation can lead to increased productivity and economic growth, as well as the creation of new jobs in industries related to automation, because it shows that the reality of automation is not always positive. This statement challenges the idea that automation will have positive outcomes, as stated in the passage, and raises the question of whether the negative effects of automation, such as job loss, outweigh the positive effects.</p> <p>In comparison to the other answer options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option B supports the argument and does not weaken it. • Option C also supports the argument and does not weaken it. • Option D does not address the concerns about job loss, so it does not weaken the argument either. <p>Option A is the correct answer.</p>
7	<p>The statement that best strengthens the argument is in option B as it directly supports the argument that 5G technology could pose a threat to national security by increasing the risk of cyber attacks and hacking. With 5G technology offering faster speeds and increased connectivity, it also brings an increased risk of vulnerabilities and security breaches. This can be a threat to not only individuals' privacy, but also to national security as critical infrastructure systems, such as power grids and transportation networks, are increasingly being connected to the internet. The other statements may support the idea that 5G technology is beneficial or efficient, but they do not address the potential negative impacts on national security or public health.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
8	<p>The argument in the passage is about the use of social media in the workplace. On one hand, there is criticism of social media's potential negative effects on employee productivity and morale. On the other hand, there are arguments that social media can be used effectively for communication, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing among employees. The passage is essentially a weighing of the potential benefits and drawbacks of using social media in the workplace. However, note that each answer option is specified to only one side, thus making it difficult to determine which argument the passage is talking about. To know which one we should reference as the argument, shift your focus on the last sentence of the passage as this serves as the point in which the passage takes its final stand.</p> <p>The statement in option D best weakens the argument in the passage that social media usage in the workplace has positive effects, such as improved communication and collaboration. This statement provides evidence to the opposite effect and thus undermines the positive argument made in the conclusion of the passage. The statement in option A, if true, would directly contradict the criticism made in the passage about the potential positive effects of social media usage in the workplace, and thus strengthens the argument made in the passage. The statement in option B is a mere reiteration of the argument made in the passage, and does not weaken it. The statement in option C does not directly address the criticism made in the passage about the potential negative effects of social media usage, and therefore does not weaken the argument.</p> <p>Option D is the correct answer.</p>

9	<p>The statement in option B weakens the argument by highlighting that telemedicine may not be as effective as in-person consultations, as it lacks the personal touch and the ability to examine patients in person. This contradicts the idea that telemedicine can improve access to medical care and reduce costs because it implies that the lack of physical examination may not be adequate enough for certain conditions.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
10	<p>The statement in option C weakens the argument as it suggests that <u>resiliency</u> may not be as <u>beneficial</u> for mental and emotional well-being as the argument proposes. If being resilient can actually lead to <u>increased stress</u> and <u>anxiety</u>, it could be argued that it is not as vital for mental and emotional well-being as the <u>argument suggests</u>. Additionally, if being resilient causes more harm than good, it may not be as beneficial for personal and professional success as the argument proposes.</p> <p>In comparison, the other answer options either support or do not address the argument. The statement in option A does not provide any relevance in attacking the argument presented. The statement in option D is too absolute and does not acknowledge the fact that even resilient individuals can <u>face barriers</u> to success. The statement in option D, although it directly contradicts the argument, does not provide any nuance as to why it is so, therefore it is not a strong answer.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
11	<p>The statement in option C makes the argument stronger. This statement reinforces the idea that laws play a crucial role in holding individuals accountable for their actions <u>and discouraging</u> them from engaging in harmful behaviour again. By highlighting the punitive aspect of laws, it further emphasises the importance of following the rules to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
12	<p>The statement in option B makes the argument stronger. This statement highlights a potential flaw in the argument that merely allowing people to speak freely is sufficient for better decision-making. It suggests that governments may not effectively handle <u>dangerous ideas</u>, even if they are allowed to be expressed. By acknowledging this limitation, it strengthens the argument for the importance of not only having the right to free speech but also ensuring that governments are capable of appropriately handling and addressing the ideas being shared.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
13	<p>The statement in option B makes the argument weaker. This statement presents a counterexample that weakens the argument's claim that <u>using money</u> inherently causes problems. By highlighting the existence of Eastern countries where the <u>use of money</u> has not led to significant issues, it challenges the generalisation made about the <u>negative consequences</u> of <u>using money</u>. It suggests that there may be other factors at play, beyond the mere use of money, that contribute to the problems faced by Western countries according to the argument.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
14	<p>The statement in option D makes the argument weaker. This statement suggests that the correlation observed between screen usage and headaches may not be directly caused by the screens themselves but could be influenced by other factors such as stress. By highlighting that people who use screens a lot have similar levels of stress and headaches as those who don't use screens, it weakens the argument's claim that screens are the sole cause of the headaches. It suggests that there might be confounding variables or alternative explanations that need to be considered to fully understand the relationship between screen usage and headaches.</p> <p>Option D is the correct answer.</p>

15	<p>The main idea of the passage is the statement in option C. The passage emphasises the significance of team activities in helping children develop social skills, such as learning to work well with others, communicating effectively, and building friendships within a group. It highlights the idea that participating in team activities encourages children to consider the collective well-being of the group, rather than solely focusing on themselves.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
16	<p>The statement in option C best weakens the passage as it shows that amateurs can still excel and compete fairly in some Olympic events despite the resource difference. This contradicts the claim that the presence of professional athletes violates the spirit of fairness in the games. The other answer options do not directly address the fairness issue raised in the passage.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
17	<p>The statement in option C best strengthens the argument by emphasising the benefits of qualitative research in understanding stakeholders' perspectives, which supports the argument that organisations should use more of it. The other answer options do not directly address the benefits of qualitative research or its importance for organisations.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
18	<p>The statement in option C best weakens the argument by suggesting that special shoes may not be necessary for flat-footed children to develop arches, as they are just as likely to develop arches without them. The other answer options do not directly address the effectiveness of special shoes in promoting arch development.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
19	<p>The statement in option D best weakens the argument by suggesting that doctors were already aware of the aspirin-heart attack connection before the study was published, which means that heart attacks may have been prevented during the six-week period. The other answer options do not directly address the potential impact of the publication delay.</p> <p>Option D is the correct answer.</p>
20	<p>The statement in option D best weakens the argument by suggesting that the machine's ability to "read minds" is limited, which implies that it may not be as advanced or capable as the passage claims. The other answer options do not directly address the effectiveness or limitations of the machine.</p> <p>Option D is the correct answer.</p>
21	<p>The statement in option C best weakens the argument by addressing the concern that videos move too quickly, suggesting that people can easily control the pace of a video by pausing and rewinding. This counters the claim that books are a better way to learn new information. The other answer options do not directly address the comparison between books and videos.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
22	<p>The statement in option B best strengthens the argument by providing evidence that supports the claim that fast food is bad for your health, as regular consumption is linked to health problems. The other answer options do not directly address the health risks associated with fast food.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>

23	<p>The statement in option A best strengthens the argument by providing evidence that supports the claim that watching TV can be good for children when the content is educational. It demonstrates that there are shows intentionally designed for this purpose. The other answer options do not directly address the potential educational benefits of watching TV for children.</p> <p>Option A is the correct answer.</p>
24	<p>The statement in option B best strengthens the argument by providing evidence that supports the claim that art classes have benefits beyond just developing creativity and problem-solving skills. It demonstrates that students who take art classes also perform better in other subjects. The other answer options do not directly address the benefits of mandatory art classes in schools.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
25	<p>The statement that best weakens the argument is in option D as it weakens the argument by suggesting that there are alternative activities besides playing video games that can help improve hand-eye coordination. It implies that video games are not the only or necessarily the best method for developing this skill.</p> <p>Option D is the correct answer.</p>
26	<p>The statement in option C best strengthens the argument by providing evidence that supports the claim that plastic bags are harmful to the environment, as seen by the actions taken by various countries and cities to reduce their use. This reinforces the idea that people should not use plastic bags and should choose reusable bags instead. The other answer options do not directly address the environmental impact of plastic bags.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
27	<p>The statement in option B best weakens the argument by providing a positive aspect of homework, stating that it helps students practise and reinforce their learning. This counters the claim that homework is not beneficial for students. The other answer options do not directly address the overall benefits or drawbacks of homework.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
28	<p>The statement in option B best strengthens the argument by providing evidence that supports the claim that social media can be harmful to mental health. It shows that there is a connection between excessive social media use and negative mental health outcomes. The other answer options do not directly address the impact of social media on mental health.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>
29	<p>The statement in option C best weakens the argument by suggesting that the widespread use of English reduces the need for people to learn a foreign language. This counters the claim that learning a foreign language is an essential skill for everyone. The other answer options do not directly address the necessity of learning a foreign language.</p> <p>Option C is the correct answer.</p>
30	<p>The statement in option B best strengthens the argument by providing additional evidence that supports the claim that coffee can be good for your health. It shows that coffee has been linked to a lower risk of heart disease, adding to the health benefits mentioned in the passage. The other answer options do not directly address the health benefits of drinking coffee.</p> <p>Option B is the correct answer.</p>