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QUESTION 1

In the military, as in all professions, the issue of competence is directly relevant to professional integrity. Because human life, national security, and expenditures from the national treasury are so frequently at issue when the military acts, the obligation to be competent isn't merely prudential. That obligation is a moral one, and culpable incompetence here is clearly a violation of professional integrity. Part of the social aspect of professional integrity involves the joint responsibility for conduct and competence shared by all members of the profession. Only fellow professionals are capable of evaluating competence in some instances; hence, fellow professionals must accept the responsibility of upholding the standards of the profession. Fellow military members can spot derelictions of duty, failures of leadership, failures of competence, and the venalities of conduct that interfere with the goals of the military mission. Often, the obligations of professional integrity may be pitted against personal loyalties or friendships; and, where the stakes for society are so high, professional integrity should win out.

One word that best describes the primary theme of the above passage would be _____.

- A. proficiency
- B. equality
- C. evaluations D. relationships

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

The primary theme of the passage is stated in the first sentence.

Proficiency is closest in meaning to the word competence, which is the primary theme of the passage.

QUESTION 2

DNA, a nucleic acid contained in all living material, orders every cell to reproduce in a certain manner. In fact, DNA molecules determine both the form and function of all living cells.

DNA is _____.

- A. found only in animals
- B. one kind of cell
- C. a nucleic acid
- D. a nuclear device

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The fact that DNA is a nucleic acid is stated in the first sentence. Answers "found only in animals", "one kind of cell", and "a nuclear device" are all incorrect details.



QUESTION 3

There was once a dog who used to snap at people and bite them without any provocation, and who was a great nuisance to everyone who came to his master's house. So his master fastened a bell round his neck to warn people of his presence. The dog was very proud of the bell, and strutted about tinkling it with immense satisfaction. But an old dog came up to him and said, "The fewer airs you give yourself the better, my friend. You don't think, do you, that your bell was given to you as a reward of merit? On the contrary, it is a badge of disgrace."

Aesop's Fable "The Mischievous Dog". William Caxton, 1484.

From the above passage, the reader can infer that the Aesop fable is teaching that _____.

- A. being noticed does not always mean you are famous
- B. the old dog did not understand why the master had put a bell on the dog
- C. the dog was cleverer than he was given credit for
- D. the master put the bell around the dog's neck so if he got lost he would be returned

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the State of Alaska to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the area affected by a severe storm on August 27, 2015. The President's action makes federal funding available to state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by a severe storm in the North Slope Borough.

Based on the above passage, which of these statements is true?

- A. States may not receive this aid.
- B. Aid recipients do not have to pay anything to receive funds.
- C. The funding for this aid will come from the states.
- D. A Native American tribal council may receive this aid.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 5

Electricity is the most inefficient and costly way to heat a home. One kilowatt-hour of electricity creates about 3,400 British thermal units (BTUs). (BTUs are a standard heat measurement.) The price of electricity per kilowatt-hour is between \$0.10 and \$0.25 or between \$29.35 and \$73.13 per million BTUs. In contrast, fuel oil, which produces 140,000 BTUs per gallon, costs about \$8.33 to \$13.89 per million BTUs. Natural gas, which produces 100,000 BTUs per therm, can be purchased for \$5.00 to \$22.50 per million BTUs. Oak firewood, which produces 26,000,000 BTUs per cord, costs



\$5.77 to \$13.46 per million BTUs. Choosing the right heating method for your home, based on the cost of fuel, may be more expensive at installation but will be cheaper in the long run.

The title of this passage should be _____.

- A. Choosing the Right Heating Method
- B. Heating Methods for Houses
- C. Know Your BTUs
- D. Price List for Fuel

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

The main point of this passage deals with choosing the right fuel based on price; only Choice "Choosing the Right Heating Method" summarizes this point.

The remaining are less important points.

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