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QUESTION 1

DNA, a nucleic acid contained in all living material, orders every cell to reproduce in a certain manner. In feet, 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 feet 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 2

The American Flag began with a flag created in 1777 and used until 1795. Congress then ordered, with passage of an act, that the new flag be composed of 15 alternating red and white stripes and contain a blue field with 15 stars. Another change was made by Congress in 1818. This edition of the flag was to alternate only 13 stripes, but a new star was to be added for each state that joined the Union.

The word alternate, as used in the above passage, most nearly means _____.

- A. rotate
- B. swap
- C. substitute
- D. exchange

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

Travelers should check passport and visa requirements with consular officials of the countries to be visited well in advance of their departure date. Application for a passport may be made at a passport agency, many federal and state courts, probate courts, some county and municipal offices, and some post offices. The 14 major cities with U.S. passport agencies are Boston, Chicago, Denver, Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Norwalk, Connecticut, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington DC. Text quoted from: Passport: US



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According to the above passage, which of these offices is the least likely to issue a passport?

- A. your post office
- B. your public library
- C. your municipal offices
- D. your federal or state court

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 4

About three-fourths of the Earth's surface is covered with water. Of these 336 million cubic miles of water, most (97.2 percent) is found in the oceans and is salty. Glaciers at both poles contain another 2 percent of the total amount. Less than 1 percent (0.8 percent) is available as fresh water for people to use – and much of that is not near the people who need it the most.

The amount of fresh water available for people to use is _____.

- A. 97.2 percent
- B. 0.8 percent
- C. two-tenths
- D. 2.0 percent

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The amount of fresh water available for people to use is, as stated in the passage, 0.8 percent.

QUESTION 5

Cloud seeding is accomplished by dropping particles of dry ice (solid carbon dioxide) from a plane onto super-cooled clouds. This process encourages condensation of water droplets in the clouds, which usually, but not always, results in rain or snow.

From this passage, it's reasonable to assume that _____.

- A. cloud seeding could be used to end a drought
- B. cloud seeding is prohibitively expensive



C. cloud seeding is rarely used

D. cloud seeding can be accomplished by using regular ice

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

One can assume that causing rain or snow would end a drought. Nothing in the passage has to do with expense, so Choice "cloud seeding is prohibitively expensive" is incorrect.

The passage says nothing about how frequently the process is used, so Choice "cloud seeding is rarely used" is incorrect.

The passage specifies that dry ice (solid carbon dioxide) is used; solid water (regular ice) is a different chemical, so Choice "cloud seeding can be accomplished by using regular ice" is wrong.

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