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QUESTION 1

Doctors and experts recommend that an aspirin a day may cut the risk of developing colon cancer. However, a smaller dose of baby aspirin may be more effective at this than a full size aspirin.

A full size aspirin _____.

- A. does not cut the risk of developing colon cancer
- B. prevents colon cancer
- C. may cut the risk of colon cancer
- D. is not as effective as a baby aspirin

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Of the following choices only, the only one that is true is that a full size aspirin may cut the risk of colon cancer.

The last choice is not correct, because it does not limit the statement to cutting the risk of colon cancer.

QUESTION 2

To get full value for your energy dollars, first arrange for an energy audit of your home. An audit will reveal such things as energy-sapping drafts, insufficient insulation, improper weather stripping, and a need for storm windows and doors.

Installing storm windows may be energy-saving but should be preceded by _____.

- A. an energy audit
- B. storm doors
- C. insulation
- D. proper weather stripping

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:

The main idea of the paragraph is that an energy audit should be done as a first step toward saving energy dollars.

The details that follow are some of the items an audit concentrates on.

The question, however, asks you to identify what precedes, or comes before, the installation of an energy-saving device.



QUESTION 3

The saying, "It's not over until it's over" certainly applies to football. In spite of a significant lead, a team cannot count on a win until the last whistle sounds. Any team, no matter how skilled, must maintain a sense of purpose throughout all four quarters and should not relax if they want to guarantee a mark in the win column. Double-digit leads have been magically erased during small time spans late in a game. It can happen when an opposing player intercepts the ball and makes a break for the goal line, scoring the decisive points.

Which of these words most nearly means decisive as it is used in the above passage?

- A. earnest
- B. certain
- C. critical
- D. determined

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 4

Many Americans do not exercise at all and this lack of movement may be caused by lack of accurate information. There are those who think that they must be active for a long period of time each day. While more exercise is better, the minimum recommendation is only 30 minutes per day and you can split that into several shorter periods. Others think that they need a gym membership to get "proper" exercise. Actually, various activities can provide the needed movement, including gardening, walking, and dancing, if you move enough while doing them. There is a great deal of misinformation about exercise in magazines and on TV. Even friends can misrepresent what is actually needed to stay in shape.

The author of the above passage would agree that _____.

- A. the cost of gym membership does not matter to most people
- B. Americans may be inactive because they are bored
- C. Americans are not influenced by infomercials, magazines, or videos
- D. Americans may be more likely to exercise 30 minutes a day if they broke it up into several intervals

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 5

Lasers and incandescent lights are different in an important way. Incandescent light from light bulbs emits light of different wavelengths and moves in many directions. On the other hand, laser beams are monochromatic, consisting of a single wavelength. They can travel great distances without spreading.



Any comparison of laser and incandescent lights must include a discussion of _____.

- A. small and large light bulbs
- B. wavelengths
- C. soundwaves
- D. echoes

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The purpose of the paragraph is to make a comparison between laser and incandescent light.

The two are compared in one way, that is, in terms of their different wavelengths.

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