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ASVAB Section Eight: Paragraph comprehension

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#### **QUESTION 1**

In Africa, there lives an interesting tribe of people: the Pygmies. They make their home in what used to be called Zaire, but is now the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pygmies are nomadic, wandering around, hunting, and procuring their own food. They have light-colored skin of a yellowish-brown shade and can also be found in rain forests of the Philippines and India.

The word nomadic, as used in the above passage, most nearly means
A. aggressive
B. uneducated
C. wandering
D. barbarian
Correct Answer: C
QUESTION 2
The Tao-te-ching (The Way and Its Power) is the basic text of Taoism, a Chinese religion and philosophy. The Tao-te-ching is composed of 81 short chapters or poems that describe a way of life marked by quiet effortlessness and freedon from desire. Taoism teaches that this can be achieved by following the creative, spontaneous life force of the universe, called the Tao. The book is attributed to Lao-tzu, but it was probably written in the third century B.C.
The Tao-te-ching
A. is the basic text of Chinese poetry
B. describes a life way marked by quiet freedom
C. is made up of 81 chapters and a short poem
D. was probably not written by Lao-tzu, even though it is attributed to him
Correct Answer: D
Explanation:
The passage says that the Tao-te-ching "is attributed to Lao-tzu, but it was probably written in the third
century b. c."
The use of the word "but" clearly implies that Lao-tzu (who actually lived three centuries earlier, during the
sixth century b.c.) did not write the book.

#### **QUESTION 3**



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It is not surprising that John Fitzgerald Kennedy entered public service. He came from a family that valued such commitment, including his father, Joseph P. Kennedy. The elder Kennedy served as ambassador to Great Britain from 1937 to 1940. John served his country in the U.S. Navy after he graduated from Harvard University. During that time, Kennedy escaped death while serving as skipper of a PT boat in the Pacific. He even rescued another Navy man by swimming, with him in tow, to the shore of a safe island.

The word ambassador, as used in the above passage, most nearly means			
A. messenger			
B. diplomat			
C. dispatcher			
D. courier			
Correct Answer: B			
QUESTION 4			
Presidential appointments are an ongoing effort. Some of a president\\'s appointments require Senate confirmation. These appointments are for positions throughout the federal government, for the Cabinet and sub-cabinet, for members of regulatory commissions, for ambassadorships, for judgeships, and for members of numerous advisory boards.			
Which of the following statements isn\\'t true?			
A. Presidential appointments require Senate confirmation.			
B. A position on a regulatory commission is an example of a Presidential appointment.			
C. Presidential appointments happen throughout the President\\'s term in office.			
D. All of the above statements are true.			
Correct Answer: A			
Explanation:			
While many Presidential appointments require Senate confirmation, not all do, so Choice "Presidential			

#### **QUESTION 5**

appointments require Senate confirmation" is an incorrect statement.

For the seventh consecutive year, Intelligence Community employee job satisfaction ranks the IC as one of the "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government," according to an independent analysis of federal workers' job satisfaction and commitment. The IC finished in first place in national security and second overall – up from fourth place in 2014 – among large agencies that employ more than 15,000 full-time permanent employees, a category which includes 19 organizations. Rankings were compiled by the Partnership for Public Service and announced today. Additionally, the IC finished in first place in teamwork, second in pay, effective leadership, employee skills-mission match and third in strategic management.



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The data for this ranking study was gair	lered by	
A. an agency outside the Intelligence Co	ommunity	
B. a large agency within the IC		
C. the Federal Government		
D. the Intelligence Community		
Correct Answer: A		
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