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QUESTION 1

The most disadvantaged type in both countries was the single-parent, female-headed household, of which 38% in Canada and 61% in the United States were in need. Moreover, 44% of single females living alone in Canada and 51% in the United States were in housing need. By contrast, male single parents experienced about half the housing need of their female equivalents.

You can conclude from the paragraph that needy male single parents in housing need in the United States numbered approximately _____.

- A. 61%
- B. 30%
- C. 44%
- D. 22%

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The paragraph states that 61% of single female parents were in housing need and that single male parents experienced half that housing need. Half of 61% is approximately 30%.

QUESTION 2

Many criminal-law statutes permit more severe punishment of a person convicted of a crime if he or she intended to harm another person. For example, voluntary manslaughter carries a heavier penalty than involuntary manslaughter in most states. Planned crimes are also punished more severely than spur-of-the-moment crimes. The problem is that juries find it difficult to know what the intent of a person was at the time he or she committed a crime. Many defendants will deny that they intended to harm the other person and claim that any harm that occurred was "accidental." The law asks too much of juries when it expects them to determine what a person was thinking. Juries should only be asked to weigh objective evidence.

According to this passage, _____.

- A. most states don't distinguish between voluntary and involuntary manslaughter
- B. punishing people more severely for voluntary manslaughter is unconstitutional
- C. it's difficult for juries to determine a defendant's intentions at the time a crime was committed
- D. prosecutors can, through careful questioning, show a defendant's intention at the time a crime was committed

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage says that most states punish voluntary manslaughter more severely than involuntary manslaughter, so Choice "most states don't distinguish between voluntary and involuntary manslaughter"



is incorrect.

The argument that punishing people more severely for voluntary manslaughter is unconstitutional isn't made in the passage, so Choice "punishing people more severely for voluntary manslaughter is unconstitutional" is incorrect.

The passage doesn't support Choice "prosecutors can, through careful questioning, show a defendant's intention at the time a crime was committed".

QUESTION 3

What is the best title for this passage?

Geologists in Rome have a new venture. Underneath the city's streets and architecture lies a system of quarries and tunnels. It is believed that these passages were formed in the early days of the ancient city. The main concern for geologists is that the city may sink into the below-ground areas. These professionals hope their studies of the tunnels will help prevent that occurrence.

- A. "Geologists Use Tunnels"
- B. "Studying Tunnels to Avoid Disasters"
- C. "Rome's Ancient Tunnels"
- D. "Mapping Rome's Tunnels"

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 4

We are focused so much on requiring diversity that we have lost sight of why diversity is a good thing. The good part about having different kinds of people working together is that they bring their various abilities and insights to help the organization accomplish their shared goals. The different parts of the whole are important because, when joined together, they make a stronger, more capable whole. It is the strengthened unity resulting from diversity that is important, not just diversity for its own sake.

What does the writer say about different kinds of people working together?

- A. Working together is important for its own sake.
- B. Working together is too difficult to be important.
- C. Having different types of people working together is important because it strengthens the entire organization or group.
- D. Working together makes people lose their focus on their individual goals.

Correct Answer: C



Explanation:

Having different types of people working together is important because it strengthens the entire organization or group.

The writer of this passage is trying to get across the idea that the advantage of diversity is the increased strength and capability that the diverse group has over the non-diverse group, not that diversity itself is the only goal.

QUESTION 5

Too much exposure to the sun can damage not only your skin, but also other parts of your body. Everyone is exposed to some sunlight during daily activities. Being in the sun too much can burn the skin and cause skin cancer and premature aging. Many people do not know, however, that overexposure to the sun can also contribute to cataract formation, allergies, and immune system damage. Young people are the most at risk since 50% of one's sun exposure is accomplished by age 18. Older folks also need to be careful and monitor their sun exposure.

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

- A. circulatory
- B. resistance
- C. nerve
- D. danger

Correct Answer: B

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