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ASVAB Section Eight : Paragraph comprehension

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### QUESTION 1

Leukemia is a blood disease in which white blood cells in the blood or bone marrow reproduce rapidly, interfering with the body's ability to produce red blood cells. Red blood cells are needed to perform vital bodily functions.

According to this passage, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. white blood cells perform no vital function in the body
- B. no treatment for leukemia exists
- C. leukemia makes it hard for the body to produce red blood cells
- D. white blood cells are found only in the blood

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage doesn't support Choices "white blood cells perform no vital function in the body" or "no treatment for leukemia exists."

The passage states that white blood cells are found in blood and bone marrow, so Choice "white blood cells are found only in the blood" is wrong.

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### QUESTION 2

High-school and college graduates attempting to find jobs should participate in mock job interviews. These mock interviews help students prepare for the types of questions they'll be asked, make them more comfortable with common interview formats, and help them critique their performance before facing a real interviewer. Because they're such a valuable aid, schools should organize mock job interviews for all of their graduating students.

The above passage states that mock job interviews \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. frighten students
- B. should be offered to the best students
- C. help prepare students for real job interviews
- D. should be organized by students

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage doesn't say anything about mock job interviews being frightening, so Choice "frighten students" is wrong.

The passage says that mock job interviews should be available to all students, so Choice "should be

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offered to the best students" is wrong.

The passage says that schools, not students, should organize mock interviews, so Choice "should be organized by students" is incorrect.

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### QUESTION 3

Genetics is a branch of science dealing with heredity. The field is concerned with how genes operate and the way genes are transmitted to offspring. Subdivisions in the field include cytogenetics, which is the study of the cellular basis of inheritance; microbial genetics, the study of inheritance in microbes; molecular genetics, the study of the biochemical foundation of inheritance; and human genetics, the study of how people inherit traits that are medically and socially important. Genetic counselors are primarily concerned with human genetics. They advise couples and families on the chances of their offspring having specific genetic defects.

According to the passage above, it's reasonable to assume that genetic counseling \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is restricted to the very rich
- B. is used to diagnose diseases
- C. can be used by parents to learn if their offspring are likely to inherit a disease one of the parents has
- D. can be used by parents to prevent their offspring from inheriting a specific genetic defect

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Nothing in the passage supports Choices "is restricted to the very rich", "is used to diagnose diseases", or "can be used by parents to prevent their offspring from inheriting a specific genetic defect."

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### QUESTION 4

Garbage has become an alarming problem – and it won't go away. State landfills, as they are presently designed, are quickly filling up. Consequently, since 30% of trash being dumped can be recycled, it is time for communities to set up recycling programs. Not all trash needs to be dumped.

We know that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a third of what we dump could be recycled
- B. people could start their own landfills
- C. recycling will never take place
- D. 70% of trash can be recycled

Correct Answer: A

Explanation:



The paragraph states that 30% of trash being dumped can be recycled. Another way of stating this detail is to say that a third of what we dump could be recycled.

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### QUESTION 5

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

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