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ASVAB Section Eight : Paragraph comprehension

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### QUESTION 1

To write or not to write – that is the question. If assigned a writing task, there's no option. However, if someone is looking for a specific answer, find out if they need a short answer or a detailed one. Can the requirement be met with a telephone call, e-mail, or short note, or is something more necessary? A former CEO of a major corporation once commented that he had looked at 13,000 pieces of paper in a 5-day period. Think how much easier and more economical it would be if people would use the telephone, send an e-mail, or write a short note.

The main point of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Written records are important as they provide detailed documentation.
- B. More business people should invest time and energy improving their writing skills.
- C. Writing may not be the best way to communicate information.
- D. It's pointless for business people to spend time improving their writing skills.

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Choices "Written records are important as they provide detailed documentation." and "More business people should invest time and energy improving their writing skills." may be true in certain situations, but they're not the point of this particular paragraph.

The passage doesn't say anything about working to improve writing skills being a waste of time, so Choice

"It's pointless for business people to spend time improving their writing skills" is incorrect.

The main point of the paragraph is that writing may not be the most efficient way of communicating, depending on the situation.

### QUESTION 2

Simple machines are devices that make our lives easier. They increase the magnitude or change the direction of a force. Using simple machines makes it easier to do many kinds of work. For example, when trying to get a refrigerator onto the back of a truck, a worker will use a ramp or inclined plane. Instead of lifting something heavy a short distance, we can more easily push it over a longer distance but to the same height. The term inclined plane can be used to describe an escalator, staircase, or slide.

Many shoppers use an inclined plane to get to the second level in a mall. According to the above passage, this would mean that they are most likely traveling by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. access doors on upper parking lots
- B. escalator
- C. tunnel



D. elevator

Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 3

Apparently, two sheriffs in the state of New York are finding fault with Governor Cuomo's recent gun control efforts. The men have gone so far as to state that they will not enforce gun law packages Cuomo has recently signed into law. Public statements to this effect have been made by the two law enforcement officials and Cuomo warned that the precedent they set could be dangerous. The officers' intent does not appear to signify a new practice, however, as records show a general lack of enforcement of felony gun laws among sheriffs since 2010. State and local police have been the ones to file the majority of common gun-related charges (98%) during that time.

Based on the above passage, the reader can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Gov. Cuomo is unaffected by the sheriff reaction to the new gun laws
- B. sheriffs are not going to be the primary group to file felony gun charges
- C. state and local police do not agree with the new gun laws in New York
- D. Gov. Cuomo is going to take legal action against officers who do not comply with new laws

Correct Answer: B

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### QUESTION 4

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.

The data for this ranking study was gathered by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an agency outside the Intelligence Community
- B. a large agency within the IC
- C. the Federal Government
- D. the Intelligence Community

Correct Answer: A

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### QUESTION 5

In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution entitled the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This resolution stresses personal, civil, political, social, cultural, and economic rights of people.

In so doing, the article promotes \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. financial well-being only
- B. fundamental freedoms
- C. social unrest
- D. only one political party

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Answer "fundamental freedoms". Fundamental freedoms, summarizes all the rights listed in the paragraph.

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