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QUESTION 1

What word may be used to replace maintaining without changing the meaning of the paragraph?

Andrew, This year, Mom and Dad will be traveling to Hawaii for Christmas. Dylan and I hoped we could still get together at the house for the sake of maintaining tradition for our kids. If you and Susan don't mind, we'd like to arrive two days before Christmas, as always, and uphold our typical schedules. Because Mom and Dad won't be here, we'll need help making Christmas dinner and desserts, and will also need help decorating the house for Christmas. Could you bring lights and ornaments? We will be providing the tree. Finally, we need help transporting all of our presents and decorations this year. Would you mind storing some of our decorations in your car for the drive to Mom and Dad's? Let me know! -Sarah

- A. preserving
- B. delaying
- C. corresponding
- D. neglecting

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 2

What is the purpose of a thesaurus?

- A. to find rhymes and rhythmic language
- B. to locate a word's definition
- C. to locate synonyms and avoid word overuse
- D. to offer tips and advice to improve one's writing

Correct Answer: C

QUESTION 3

The sententious woman finally relented, allowing Maria to walk to the pharmaceutical aisle.

What is the meaning of the word sententious?

- A. accommodating and readily available to help
- B. short-tempered and prone to random outbursts of anger
- C. kind, courteous
- D. given to moralizing, or exceedingly self-righteous

Correct Answer: D

**QUESTION 4**

Narrowing the eyes when startled by a sudden noise or a noxious stimulus is _____ response, serving to reduce the exposure of sense organs to injury.

- A. an imaginative
- B. a protective
- C. a corrective
- D. a therapeutic
- E. a therapeutic

Correct Answer: E

QUESTION 5

It is impossible for a serious scholar to condone this dismissal of respected theories.

- A. astute
- B. cavalier
- C. sagacious
- D. necessary
- E. commendable

Correct Answer: B

If the theories are respected ones, their dismissal by someone cannot be described as "astute" (meaning very intelligent), or "sagacious" (meaning wise), or "necessary", or "commendable" (meaning praiseworthy).

It can only be described as "cavalier" (meaning arrogant or rash). So, "cavalier" is the answer.

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