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QUESTION 1

Doctors and experts recommend that an aspirin a day may cut the risk of developing colon cancer. However, a smaller dose of baby aspirin may be more effective at this than a full size aspirin.

A full size aspirin _____.

- A. does not cut the risk of developing colon cancer
- B. prevents colon cancer
- C. may cut the risk of colon cancer
- D. is not as effective as a baby aspirin

Correct Answer: C

Explanation:

Of the following choices only, the only one that is true is that a full size aspirin may cut the risk of colon cancer.

The last choice is not correct, because it does not limit the statement to cutting the risk of colon cancer.

QUESTION 2

If you want to visit the deepest lake in the United States, you'll need to go to the southwestern part of Oregon. Since its establishment in 1902, Crater Lake has occupied 183,000 acres there and is 1,958 feet deep. This makes it one of the world's deepest lakes. It all began when the Mount Mazama volcano erupted over 7,000 years ago. There were glaciers around the eruption site and clear blue water from them filled the volcano basin, or caldera. When you visit the Crater Lake National Park to see this wonder of nature, you will also find 680 species of plants, 158 types of birds, and 74 different animals.

Based on the above passage, the author would agree that _____.

- A. Crater Lake is considered one of the deepest lakes in both the United States and the world
- B. Crater Lake is a man-made lake
- C. Crater Lake National Park has very few plant species
- D. Crater Lake is the only tourist attraction at Crater Lake National Park

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

A major part of safe driving is driving at the right speed. But what is the "right" speed? Is it 20 miles per hour, or 45, or

60? That question may be hard to answer. On some city streets and in heavy traffic, 20 miles per hour could be too fast, even if it's within the posted speed limit. On an interstate highway, 45 miles per hour could be too slow. Of course, a good driver must follow the speed limit, but he must also use good judgment. The "right speed will vary depending on the number of cars, the road surface and its condition, and the driver's visibility.

The general theme of this passage is that a good driver _____.

- A. drives at 45 miles an hour
- B. adjusts to different driving conditions
- C. always drives at the same speed
- D. always follows the speed limit

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

The general theme of this passage is that a good driver adjusts to different driving conditions.

QUESTION 4

In 1973, when the OPEC nations embargoed oil exports to the United States, their action signaled an unprecedented rise in oil prices. In fact, crude oil prices quadrupled, sending oil-dependent countries into a recession.

One of the results of the oil embargo was that _____.

- A. the United States embargoed oil exports of OPEC nations
- B. the price of crude oil declined
- C. the price of crude oil doubled
- D. oil-dependent countries experienced a recession

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

The embargo caused the price of crude oil to quadruple.

This increase, in turn, caused oil-dependent countries to experience a recession.

Answers "the United States embargoed oil exports of OPEC nations", "the price of crude oil declined" and "the price of crude oil doubled" are all incorrect details.

QUESTION 5

If you are thirsty, most likely you are already dehydrated. Most people underrate the importance of drinking water all day long. They wait until their throats are parched or they eat meals before they drink any fluids – and they usually don't choose water. Since the human body is about two-thirds water, drinking it is essential to maintaining good health. Just a

few of the benefits of staying hydrated are better memory throughout the day, increased energy, and less tiredness.

In this context, parched means _____.

A. hydrated

B. sore

C. dry

D. wet

Correct Answer: C

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