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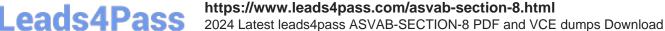
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QUESTION 1

You can put up to \$3,000 a year into an individual retirement account (IRA) on a tax deductible basis if your spouse isn\\'t covered by a retirement plan at work or as long as your combined incomes aren\\'t too high. You also can put the same amount tax-deferred into an IRA for a nonworking spouse if you file your income tax return jointly.

The maximum amount that a married couple could possibly save in a tax-deferred IRA during a year is ___ A. \$3,000 B. \$6,000 C. \$9,000 D. The guestion can\\'t be answered based on the information contained in the passage. Correct Answer: B **Explanation:** The paragraph states that the maximum amount one can place into a tax-deferred IRA is \$3,000, plus an additional \$3,000 if the spouse isn\\'t employed.

QUESTION 2

After a series of well-publicized failures by various inventors, Orville and Wilbur Wright succeeded in flying and controlling a heavier than-air craft on December 17, 1903. The War Department, stung by its investment in a failed effort by Samuel Langley and compounded by the Wright\\'s own secretiveness, initially rejected the brothers' overtures toward the government to buy the aircraft. Prevailing sentiments held that the immediate future still belonged to the balloon. In August 1908, the two brothers delivered the first Army aircraft to the U.S. Government. That the U.S. government managed to purchase an airplane was a minor miracle. For more than four years after the Wright brothers' successful flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the government refused to accept the fact that man had flown in a heavier than air machine.

Which of the following statements is not supported by the above passage?

- A. The U.S. Government felt that balloons were more practical than airplanes.
- B. The Wright Brother\\'s own secretiveness contributed to their problems in getting the government interested in their aircraft.
- C. The historic flight took place on the East Coast.
- D. It took more than six years for the Wright Brothers to interest the U.S. Government in their airplane.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

According to the passage it took over four years for the Government to believe that anyone had flown a

heavier-than-air craft.



Correct Answer: A

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The historic flight was in December 1903, and the Wright Brothers delivered the first aircraft to the government in August 1908, 41?2 years later. All of the other statements are supported by the passage. **QUESTION 3** To get full value for your energy dollars, first arrange for an energy audit of your home. An audit will reveal such things as energy-sapping drafts, insufficient insulation, improper weather stripping, and a need for storm windows and doors. Installing storm windows may be energy-saving but should be preceded by ____ A. an energy audit B. storm doors C. insulation D. proper weather stripping Correct Answer: A **Explanation:** The main idea of the paragraph is that an energy audit should be done as a first step toward saving energy dollars. The details that follow are some of the items an audit concentrates on. The question, however, asks you to identify what precedes, or comes before, the installation of an energysaving device. **QUESTION 4** Cloud seeding is accomplished by dropping particles of dry ice (solid carbon dioxide) from a plane onto super-cooled clouds. This process encourages condensation of water droplets in the clouds, which usually, but not always, results in rain or snow. From this passage, it\\'s reasonable to assume that _____. A. cloud seeding could be used to end a drought B. cloud seeding is prohibitively expensive C. cloud seeding is rarely used D. cloud seeding can be accomplished by using regular ice



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Explanation:

One can assume that causing rain or snow would end a drought. Nothing in the passage has to do with expense, so Choice "cloud seeding is prohibitively expensive" is incorrect.

The passage says nothing about how frequently the process is used, so Choice "cloud seeding is rarely used" is incorrect.

The passage specifies that dry ice (solid carbon dioxide) is used; solid water (regular ice) is a different chemical, so Choice "cloud seeding can be accomplished by using regular ice" is wrong.

QUESTION 5

There are several differences between reptiles and birds. One key difference involves the skeletal structure between the two and the fact that birds have wings. Reptiles have solid bones that are dense and they travel on land or in the water. Birds have hollow or pneumatic bones filled with air that are lighter and allow them to fly. In addition, birds have a lightweight beak instead of teeth, or a heavy jaw.

Birds
A. can travel faster than reptiles
B. may have a heavy jaw
C. do not have teeth
D. have a solid bone structure

Correct Answer: C

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