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QUESTION 1

In the passage below, businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie describes an interaction with business partners, which would influence their future relationship.

1 The sale of the bonds had not gone very 21 your credit, and the additional ten makes
2 far when the panic of 1873 was upon us. One of 22 seventy."
3 the sources of revenue which I then had was 23 The payments were in two checks, one
4 Mr. Pierpont Morgan. He said to me one day: 24 for sixty thousand dollars and the other for the
5 "My father has cabled to ask whether you 25 additional ten thousand. I handed him back the
6 wish to sell out your interest in that idea you 26 ten-thousand-dollar check, saying:
7 gave him." 27 "Well, that is something worthy of you.
8 I said: "Yes, I do. In these days I will sell 28 Will you please accept these ten thousand with
9 anything for money." 29 my best wishes?"
10 "Well," he said, "what would you take?" 30 "No, thank you," he said, "I cannot do
11 I said I believed that a statement recently 31 that."
12 rendered to me showed that there were 32 Such acts, showing a nice sense of
13 already fifty thousand dollars to my credit, and 33 honorable understanding as against mere legal
14 I would take sixty thousand. Next morning 34 rights, are not so uncommon in business as the
15 when I called Mr. Morgan handed me checks 35 uninitiated might believe. And, after that, it is
16 for seventy thousand dollars. 36 not to be wondered at if I determined that so
17 "Mr. Carnegie," he said, "you were 37 far as lay in my power neither Morgan, father
18 mistaken. You sold out for ten thousand dollars 38 or son, nor their house, should suffer through
19 less than the statement showed to your credit. 39 me. They had in me henceforth a firm friend.
20 It now shows not fifty but sixty thousand to

Which best explains why Mr. Carnegie said to Mr. Pierpont Morgan "In these days I will sell anything for money" (lines 8-9)?

- A. Mr. Morgan had always dealt honorably with Mr. Carnegie in the past, so he knew that he would get a good deal.
- B. Mr. Carnegie was eager to make whatever money he could during the financial panic.
- C. Mr. Carnegie was very new to business at that time, and eager to make any deal that he could.
- D. Mr. Pierpont Morgan was Mr. Carnegie's main source of revenue, so he wanted to keep him happy.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

Select the word that best completes the sentence.

When the city decided to expand the subway system in order to _____ more passengers, workers were hired to _____ underground tunnels.

- A. document ... legislate
- B. coerce ... decode
- C. apply ... wane
- D. accommodate ... excavate

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 3

Which best states the main point of the second paragraph (lines 24-42)?

1 The Great Library of Alexandria was a
2 marvel of ancient Egypt and of human
3 achievement. Established during the Hellenistic
4 period sometime between 324 and 246 BCE,
5 under Ptolemy I or perhaps Ptolemy II, the
6 Library was reputedly an architectural wonder.
7 More importantly, the Library housed a vast
8 collection of works from all across the ancient
9 world and was a major center of scholarship.
10 The Library was charged with the ambitious
11 mission of collecting all of the world's books,
12 and it employed numerous methods to acquire
13 new works. A well-funded acquisitions
14 department scoured the book fairs of Rhodes
15 and Athens, purchasing individual texts or even
16 whole libraries. Ships that landed at the harbor
17 of Alexandria were searched for books, and the
18 books were confiscated and copied. The copies
19 were returned to the owners of the originals,
20 but the originals were kept in the library. The
21 Library also employed a number of scholars
22 who produced original works on Astronomy,
23 Mathematics, Physics, and many other subjects.
24 The scribes and scholars of the Great
25 Library not only collected books and conducted
26 research; they also assembled collections and
27 translated texts from around the world into
28 Greek. Many of the works translated or
29 assembled at Alexandria survive to this day:
30 some of the first translations of Biblical texts
31 into Greek may have occurred in the time of
32 Ptolemy I at the Library of Alexandria, although
33 the canonical versions would not be created for
34 some hundreds of years more. In addition,
35 much work was done to compile and edit
36 authoritative versions of the Homeric myths
37 for which the Greeks are so well known today.
38 These texts have played a fundamental role in
39 shaping our culture for hundreds of years, and
40 were only a few of the great works of
41 translation and editing that took place in
42 Alexandria in the Hellenistic period.
43 It is ironic that the fate of the Great
44 Library – an institution dedicated to the
45 collection and preservation of knowledge – is
46 shrouded in myth and mystery. Many sources
47 say it burned down, but they cannot agree
48 upon a date. It may have been burned more
49 than once, either by accident or intentionally.
50 Smaller sister institutions may have survived
51 the original library, only to be destroyed later.
52 The Great Library, or some version of it, could
53 have survived for anywhere from 300 to 1,000
54 years. Though the Library no longer stands,
55 there is little doubt that the scholarship of the
56 Great Library has had a great and lasting
57 impact on history. The works that were kept,
58 translated, or created there have had a
59 profound influence on our culture even to the
60 present day

- A. Ancient books were usually based on oral history.
- B. Even historically important texts are only useful once they've been translated into a familiar language.
- C. The scholars of the Great Library were more interested in editing existing works than in creating new ones.
- D. In addition to their other activities, the scholars of the Great Library translated and edited many important texts.

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

Select the word that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word in capital letters.

EXTERIOR

- A. protected
- B. outside
- C. relevant
- D. mysterious

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 5

Compare the quantity in column A to the quantity in Column B.

Column A

$$a^2 - b^2$$

Column B

$$(a - b)^2$$

- A. The quantity in Column A is greater.
- B. The quantity in Column B is greater.
- C. The two quantities are equal.
- D. The relationship cannot be determined from the information given.

Correct Answer: D

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