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QUESTION 1

"As a young child, I followed the same routine every Saturday morning. First, I would awaken early, before anyone else in my family had gotten up. I wanted to make sure I had the living room all to myself as I ate my cereal and watched cartoons. After my favorite shows were over, I would read the cartoons in Saturday's local paper, making sure to cut out my favorite ones and tack them to my bulletin board. Next, I would get dressed for the day and head outside. My neighborhood friends and I would grab our bikes and spend the afternoon exploring the park near our houses. By the time we got tired of riding our bikes, it would be time for my family to go out to dinner together. We always went out for a nice meal on Saturday evenings. Finally, after dinner, my whole family would watch a movie together, while eating popcorn and ice cream. Saturdays were always my favorite day of the week!"

Which key word does the author use to signify the last action of the day?

- A. lastly
- B. finally
- C. next
- D. by the time

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

Although the colonist resented the new British laws, they _____ them as long as England did not _____ them too strenuously.

- A. rejected; define
- B. amended; follow
- C. tolerated; enforce
- D. defied; interpret
- E. welcomed; observe

Correct Answer: C

The use of the conjunction "although" indicates that there is a contradiction in means between the first and the second parts in the sentence. If the colonists resented (meaning hated) the new British laws, they must normally be expected to have protested against it. But because of the use of the conjunction "although" in the sentence, we must understand that their action was the opposite of protested. The only choices for the first missing word which are the opposite of protested are "tolerated" and "welcomed." The pair word of "welcomed; observe" is not appropriate for the second mark because it was not British, but the colonists, who were expected to observe the new laws, while the role of the British, as the superior power, was to enforce the new laws. If the British did not enforce the new laws too strenuously, the colonists would not have minded tolerating them. So, it is "tolerated; enforce" the answer.

QUESTION 3

Precipitation (inches)			
Date	Albany	Coral Bay	Bunbury
6/1	0.01	0.02	0.02
6/2	0.25	0.35	0.00
6/3	0.55	0.75	0.20
6/4	0.00	0.45	0.10
6/5	0.90	1.01	0.50
6/6	2.00	2.15	1.90
6/7	0.95	1.05	1.15

Based on the data in the table, which city has the driest climate?

- A. Bunbury
- B. Coral Bay
- C. Albany
- D. They all have the same climate.

Correct Answer: A

By summing the total amount of precipitation received over the week, Bunbury received less than Albany and Coral Bay.

QUESTION 4

People, being prisoners of _____, have made failing a basic metaphor for failure, from the fall of the stock market to the fall of government.

- A. politics
- B. gravity
- C. greed
- D. turbulence
- E. emotion

Correct Answer: B

The author says that the use of the word "fall", as a metaphor to represent "failure", arises out of the people being prisoners of something. Among the given choices, it is "gravity" that is the best choice, because it is gravity that brings every physical object from a higher (success) to a lower (failure) level. So, "gravity" is the answer.

QUESTION 5

As a people, the Aztecs were full of contradictions; _____ and yet prizing humility, _____ and yet obliging and kind.

- A. arrogant; benevolent
- B. pious; gallant
- C. provincial; sullen
- D. tolerant; competitive
- E. proud; implacable

Correct Answer: E

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