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Exercícios de Reading





Question 1

Nowadays, in this country, the foreign-born population stands at 1.1 million, or about 13 percent, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. While the proportion is comparable to the situation of other countries, it is greater in the France and Britain and **nearly** as high as in neighboring Denmark.

The word nearly in this paragraph is closest in meaning to:

- A) NOTHING
- B) SUCCEEDS
- C) ALMOST
- D) FAKES

Question 2

Several kinds of animals add the advantages of family association with those from even larger groups. Ants gather in mounds, bees in hives, fishes in schools, elephants in herds, geese in flocks. Its main purpose is the safety that **it** provides.

The word "it" in line 3 refers to:

- A) PURPOSE
- B) ADVANTAGES
- C) FAMILY ASSOCIATION
- D) GROUPS

Question 3

Questão de inserção de frase, ou seja, você terá que incluir uma frase no lugar certo de um texto. Aparecerão 4 lugares (que eu coloquei em azul) como opção e você terá que clicar no lugar onde acha que é o lugar onde esta frase segue o raciocínio do texto.



WHEN DID PEOPLE BEGIN TO WEAR WIGS?

Did you know that Egyptian mummies more than 4.000 years old have been found with wigs? In Ancient Greece, wigs were used by men and women. ☞ It is believed that they were invented in Persia and then spread throughout Asia. Wigs were also used in theater. In Rome, wigs came into use in the early days of the empire. The fashionable ladies of Rome loved to wear false hair, and the golden hair imported from Germany. ☞ In the 16th century, wigs were worn simply to look like natural hair, but later it became part of the costume. The fashion started in France. In 1624, Louis XIII, who was bald, decided to wear a wig and everybody imitated him. ☞ This fashion was spread through Europe. Later on, certain kinds of wigs were worn by professionals and gradually they gave up. ☞ Wigs are worn as part of the official costume only in England, only by the speaker of the House of Commons and the Clerks of Parliament, the Lord Chancellor, and the judges and attorneys.

Where is the best place for you to include the sentence below?

“Women had wigs of different colors to go with their costumes, and the wife of Marcus Aurelius was said to own several hundred wigs”

Question 4

Do you like tapioca? It is difficult to believe the processes that it goes through before it becomes this so delicious food on your plate. Tapioca is made from the roots of a large shrub which grows in the warm countries around the world. The shrub is called “manioc” or “cassava” in English, but it has other names as “mandioca” and “yuca”. To make tapioca, the grated root is mixed well with clean water for several times. When the starch is really clean, it is spread on a metal plate over a low heat and cooked. It has to be stirred all the time. As the starch grains cook, they stick together to form irregular little balls, which become the tapioca.



Which answer best reflects the idea of the blue bold part of the text?

- A) Tapioca is made from shrubs in several different countries with tropical climate.
- B) Roots of a plant that give origin to tapioca, that grows in warm countries and has different names around the world.
- C) The manioc is produced from the tapioca and it has lots of different names around the world.
- D) Cassava and manioc are names that can be given to tapioca.
- E) Tapioca is the name in English for manioc, cassava, yuca or mandioca.

Question 5

One of the most beautiful natural events is the rainbow. They are caused by sunlight hitting raindrops and bouncing back. It is possible for you to see it when the sun is low in the sky behind you and there is rain ahead of you.

According to this paragraph it is not true that you can see a rainbow when:

- A) THE SUN IS IN FRONT OF YOU
- B) THE RAYS OF THE SUN ARE REFLECTED OFF THE RAINDROPS
- C) THERE ARE RAINDROPS IN FRONT OF YOU
- D) THE SUN IS NOT HIGH IN THE SKY



Answer Key

Question 1

C. Para quem sabia o que nearly significa quase, ótimo! Almost também significa quase e é a resposta! Isto economizou o tempo, pois no meio de um texto com tantas palavras complexas a resposta era clara e simples. Note que o resto do texto nesta questão não faz diferença nenhuma! Por isso é uma questão que testa só o seu vocabulário.

Question 2

C, pois temos que ler toda a frase para entender que o pronome “it” é referente a associação familiar que foi mencionada no início da frase. Vamos checar a tradução! Vários tipos de animais adicionam a vantagem da associação familiar com grupos ainda maiores. Formigas se juntam em formigueiros, abelhas em colmeias, peixes em cardumes, elefantes em bandos e assim por diante. Seu principal objetivo é a segurança que isto fornece. Então é a associação familiar! Não é a letra a, proposta, nem a letra b, vantagens e nem a letra d, grupos.

Question 3

B, este é o local onde a frase se encaixa perfeitamente. Por que?

Porque se lermos o texto este é o único lugar que segue a ideia cronológica do texto. No 1º espaço, ainda se comenta sobre a Pérsia, e no 3º. Espaço já se comenta sobre a França no ano de 1624, o que é bem depois da época que a esposa de Marcus Aurélius viveu. E o 4º espaço já se passa nos dias de hoje na Inglaterra, no Parlamento inglês. De modo que a única opção que condiz é a B, onde podemos incluir a frase que tem a seguinte tradução: “Mulheres tinham perucas com cores diferentes para combinarem com suas roupas, comentava se que a esposa de Marcus Aurélio tinha centenas de perucas.



Question 4

B. São raízes de uma planta que cresce em países de clima quente e possui vários nomes que dão origem a tapioca.

Question 5

A, pois se o sol está baixo e atrás de você, a falsa é a resposta que diz que o sol está na sua frente, como a que a resposta A afirma. Todas as outras são verdadeiras!