

Question 1: The government of a country may restrict the number of immigrants allowed to enter that country.

Answer is 4: This application question requires you to focus on a universal immigration issue that is related to the information but newly introduced by the question, It is a general case of a concrete situation that faces all countries—that is, the regulation of immigration to a country. The concept of scarcity (4) is the only logical reason for restrictions among the alternatives offered.

Question 2: Based on the information, which is an opinion rather than a fact about immigrants to North America?

Answer is 5: (1), (2), (3), and (4) are all facts stated or implied in the passage. (5) is what many immigrants have hoped for, but whether they have found a better life is unknown.

Question 3: Clay soil forms a fairly effective barrier against the movements of water. It also swells and shrinks significantly as its water content changes. Sandy soil, in contrast, allows water to move freely and does not change shape as the water content varies.

In which statement is the appropriate soil selected for its intended site?

Answer is 4: Clay soil absorbs and holds more water than sandy soil. Its ability to swell or shrink as the water content changes should help to maintain the pond by retaining more water. Because of its shifting characteristics, clay soil would not be a good choice for building a stable foundation.

Question 4: A cook decides to recover some table salt that has been completely dissolved in water. Which of the following processes would be the most effective method of extracting salt from the solution?

Answer is 2: In a salt solutions, microscopic particles of salt will pass through either a cloth or paper filter and will be unaffected by bubbling or spinning in a mixer, making (1), (3), (4), and (5) incorrect. Only (2)-boiling in the water-will leave a salty residue on the original container.

Question 5: Based on the information in this excerpt, what would be the company's policy about accepting gifts or entertainment from people representing your competitors?

Accepting gifts or entertainment from people representing competitors would be considered.

Answer is 4: The clear statement in this section of the excerpt—"Gifts for Influence"—is that this kind of business dealing is unacceptable to this company.

Question 6: Based on the information in this excerpt, when is it permissible to give money that might be considered a bribe or a tip to a government official in order to facilitate business?

Answer is 1: This level of comprehension question is slightly more difficult than the previous question because the answer is implied but not stated. Alternatives (2) and (3) are distracters requiring that you read the passage with accuracy and precision.

Question 7: Last month, the balance in Tisha's checkbook was \$1219.17. Since then she has deposited her latest paycheck of \$2425.66 and written checks for \$850.00 (rent), \$235.89 (car payment), and \$418.37 (credit card payment).

What is the current balance in Tisha's checking account?

Answer is 2. The paycheck would be added to the existing balance, and the checks written would be subtracted. The realistic amounts in the question would require considerable time for the arithmetic to be done by hand, but the values can be entered into the calculator in one continuous string as they are presented in the expression.

New balance = Old balance + paycheck deposited - checks written

New balance = $1219.17 + 2425.66 - 850.00 - 235.89 - 418.37$

New balance = \$2140.57

Question 8: Byron purchased a \$5,000 certificate of deposit (CD) at his local bank. The CD will pay him 7% simple interest.

How much INTEREST, in dollars, will Byron have earned from his CD at the end of a 2-year period?

Answer is 700.

simple interest = principal x rate x time

simple interest = $\$5000 \times 0.07 \times 2$

simple interest = \$700

Question 9: Sentence 2: My work experience and education combined with your need for an experienced landscape supervisor have resulted in a relationship that would profit both parties. Which correction should be made to sentence 2?

Answer is 3: The use of the original verb form, "have resulted," implies that the applicant and the employer have already been working together. However, because

the applicant is actually seeking employment, it is clear that he has not worked with this company before. The verb form “would result” effectively conveys the possibility for a profitable future relationship for both if the applicant were to be hired.

Question 10: Sentences 3 and 4: In May, I graduated from Prince William Community College. Graduating with an associate of arts degree in horticulture. Which is the best way to write the italicized portion of these sentences? If the original is the best way, choose option (1).

Answer is 5: This question requires you to identify the sentence fragment and revise it so that the resulting sentence (which combines the first sentence and the fragment) is structured more effectively