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QUESTION NO: 1

The Tet Offensive of 1968

- A. produced a painful military defeat for North Vietnam but also gave it an important political victory over America
- B. increased Nixon's popularity with American voters as it became clear that the U.S. could win the war
- C. increased calls for greater American involvement and for the military to be given the resources needed to win the war
- D. motivated the Nixon to order what would be known as the Christmas bombings of North Vietnam
- E. widened the war as American soldiers were sent to neighboring Cambodia and Laos

ANSWER: A**Explanation:**

The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong (communist gorillas fighting in South Vietnam) attacked over 100 cities and American positions in January 1968. They suffered massive casualties in the military defeat that followed. However, the sight of Hue and the American Embassy in Saigon falling to communist troops convinced most Americans that the war could not be won by conventional means.

QUESTION NO: 2

What attachment pattern would you expect in a non-familial perpetrator of sexual child abuse?

- A. Secure
- B. Insecure
- C. Over-secure
- D. Ambivalent
- E. None of the above

ANSWER: B**Explanation:**

Due to the unpredictable nature of behavior in a sexually abusive relationship, attachment would be insecure at best.

QUESTION NO: 3

Jackson's Specie Circular resulted in

- A. a land boom
- B. the federal government's paying off its debt
- C. an economic depression
- D. state banks issuing more and more banknotes not backed by gold or silver
- E. the issuing of charters to banks by the states

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

The Specie Circular was an order issued by President Andrew Jackson that required that all federal lands be paid for in gold or silver (specie). Answers A, B, and D were all causes of Jackson's order, not results. Answer E is a good distracter. It refers to Jackson's fight to end the Second Bank of the United States, but is not related to the Specie Circular.

QUESTION NO: 4

What energy source drives the hydrologic cycle?

- A. Tidal force
- B. Geothermal energy
- C. Solar radiation
- D. Fossil fuels
- E. Chemical energy

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

The hydrologic cycle is powered by the sun. Energy from the sun heats the oceans, lakes, and streams, causing evaporation and temperature and pressure differences produced by the sun's heat, thereby causing precipitation.

QUESTION NO: 5

Which of the following Supreme Court cases refuted the doctrine of "separate but equal"?

- A. Baker v. Carr
- B. McCuHoch v. Maryland
- C. Garcia v. Saw Antonio
- D. Brown v. Board of Education

E. Miranda v. Arizona

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

The 1954 case of Brown v. Board of Education overturned the 1896 ruling of Plessy v. Ferguson, which had approved the standard of "separate but equal." In Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court decided that separate schooling could never be equal and ordered that all schools be desegregated.

QUESTION NO: 6

Which of the following helped to lay out Washington D.C., and was a mathematician and astronomer?

- A. Benjamin Franklin
- B. Benjamin Banneker
- C. Joseph Henry
- D. Charles Wilson Peale
- E. Benjamin Rush

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Answer A, Benjamin Franklin, had died by the time Washington, D.C., was being surveyed and designed. Answer C, Joseph Henry, was a physicist and the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., in the mid 1800s. Answer D, Charles Wilson Peale, was a famous painter of the period. Answer E, Benjamin Rush, was a Philadelphia colleague of Franklin's and a doctor. He was the first to diagnose insanity as an illness.

QUESTION NO: 7

Quantity	Price (per year)
0	\$120
3,000	\$100
6,000	\$80
9,000	\$60
12,000	\$40
15,000	\$20
18,000	\$0

The information in the table above depicts the total demand for premium channel digital cable TV subscriptions in a small urban market. Assume that digital cable TV operators pay a fixed cost of \$100,000 (per year) to provide premium digital channels in their market area and that the marginal cost of providing the premium channel service to a household is zero. If there is only one digital cable TV company in this market, what price would it charge for a premium digital channel subscription to maximize its profit?

- A. \$100
- B. \$80
- C. \$60
- D. \$40
- E. \$20

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

As marginal cost is zero, the firm should maximize revenue to maximize profit. The revenue maximum is \$540,000 with 9,000 subscriptions at a price of \$60 each.

QUESTION NO: 8

The statement "The greater the degree of social harm, the more the offender should be punished" reflects the principle of

- A. retribution
- B. social protection
- C. rehabilitation
- D. deterrence

E. restitution

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Retribution is based on the idea that the punishment should fit the crime. More serious crimes should receive more serious sanctions.

QUESTION NO: 9

The “power of the purse,” colonial legislatures’ ability to influence the actions of royal officials in the colonies, was eliminated by the

- A. Stamp Act
- B. Quartering Act
- C. Intolerable Acts
- D. Townshend Acts
- E. Declaratory Act

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

The revenues raised by the customs duties imposed in the Townshend Act were to be used to pay royal officials in the colonies, thus eliminating the bargaining chip that colonial legislatures held. Answer A refers to the direct tax on documents. Answer B required colonists to provide housing for British troops. Choice C are the laws passed to punish Boston and Massachusetts for the Boston Tea Party. Answer E was passed by Parliament reasserting its authority to make laws for the colonies.

QUESTION NO: 10

If $C = \$4,000 + 0.8(Y)$ and the expected equilibrium level of national income is \$40,000, the intended investment will be

- A. 1,000
- B. 36,000
- C. -1,000
- D. 44,000
- E. 4,000

ANSWER: E**Explanation:**

Consumption will be \$36,000 [= \$4,000 + .8(\$40,000)] so investment will be \$4,000. Noting that autonomous expenditures need to be \$8,000 (Income or \$40,000 divided by the multiplier 5) and autonomous consumption is \$4,000, intended investment must be \$4,000.

QUESTION NO: 11

A cold spell in Florida extensively reduced the orange crop, and, as a result, California oranges commanded a higher price. Which of the following statements best explains the situation?

- A. The supply of Florida oranges fell, causing both the supply and price of California oranges to increase.
- B. The supply of Florida oranges fell, causing the supply of California oranges to decrease and their price to increase.
- C. The supply of Florida oranges fell, causing their price, and the demand for California oranges, to increase.
- D. The demand for Florida oranges was reduced by the cold spell, causing an increase in the price of California oranges and a greater demand for them.
- E. The demand for Florida oranges was reduced by the cold spell, causing a decrease in the price and demand for California oranges.

ANSWER: C**Explanation:**

The cold spell in Florida reduced the size of the crop, decreasing the supply of Florida oranges and causing the price of Florida oranges to increase. The increase in the price of Florida oranges caused an increase in the demand for California oranges, a substitute.

QUESTION NO: 12

Which of the following Amendments to the United States Constitution were repealed?

- I. The 18th Amendment (Prohibition)
 - II. The 4th Amendment (Search and Seizure)
 - III. The 19th Amendment (The Right to Vote)
- A. I only
 - B. II only
 - C. I and II only
 - D. II and 111 only

E. I, II, and III

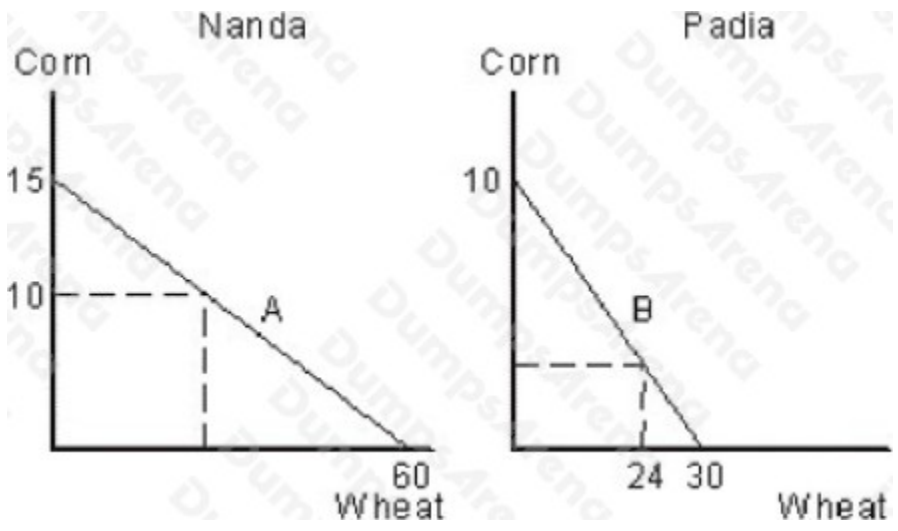
- F. The 18th Amendment (Prohibition)
- II. The 4th Amendment (Search and Seizure)
- III. The 19th Amendment (The Right to Vote)

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The 18th Amendment – prohibiting the production, sale, and transportation of alcoholic beverages – was repealed with the 21th Amendment to the Constitution. It was the only Amendment to the Constitution to be repealed.

QUESTION NO: 13



These graphs depict the production possibilities curves of wheat and corn for Nanda and Padia. In Nanda, the opportunity cost of producing a unit of wheat is

- A. 4 units of corn.
- B. 4 units of wheat.
- C. 1/4 unit of corn.
- D. 15 units of corn.
- E. 60 units of corn.

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Nanda's opportunity cost is determined by the production relationship between its corn and wheat. Nanda gives up 4 units of wheat for every unit of corn it produces. Therefore, Nanda's opportunity cost of 1 unit of wheat is 1/4 units of corn.

QUESTION NO: 14

Which of the following changes in the exchange rate represents an appreciation of the dollar?

- A. 100 yen = \$1 to 90 yen = \$1
- B. 1 yen = \$.10 to 1 yen = \$.08
- C. 1 lira = \$3 to 1 lira = \$4
- D. \$1 = 25 marks to \$1 = 20 marks
- E. 200 francs = \$10 to 190 francs = \$10

ANSWER: B**Explanation:**

If the dollar purchases less of a currency, then the dollar has depreciated. Choices A, C, D, and E show the dollar buying less of each of the national currencies of Japan, Italy, Germany, and France. In the case of buying a yen for 8 cents now instead of 10 cents, the dollar buys more yen.

QUESTION NO: 15

A sacred account of the origin and evolution of the world in its present form is known as a

- A. myth
- B. folklore
- C. legend
- D. epic
- E. motif

ANSWER: A**Explanation:**

Myths attempt to explain the origins of the world or natural phenomena such as lightning and earthquakes. Unlike legends or folklore, myths are not told as “true” but have a spiritual importance to the cultures that create them.

QUESTION NO: 16

Which of the following is TRUE about the relationship between frustration and aggression?

- A. Frustration always causes aggression.
- B. Biological factors are more important than social factors in aggressive behavior.

- C. Whether or not frustration will result in aggression depends on cognitive appraisal.
- D. Frustration is likely to cause aggression in children but depression in adults.
- E. Aggression is always a sign that frustration and depression are present in an individual.

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Cognitive factors include, for example, perception of intent, controllability, and magnitude.

QUESTION NO: 17

For Piaget, a pattern of organization of similar thoughts and actions would be considered

- A. a schema
- B. a neuralnet
- C. accommodation
- D. a gestalt
- E. a scan

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

A schema, for Piaget, was a mental network for organizing concepts and information.

QUESTION NO: 18

Which of the following theorists would be most interested in how children perceive and mentally represent the world?

- A. Bandura
- B. Skinner
- C. Erikson
- D. Piaget
- E. Gardner

ANSWER: D

Explanation:

Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget, through observations involving his own and other children, became interested in children's active perceptions and mental representations of the world.

QUESTION NO: 19

Which of the following were weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

- I. The government lacked the power to compel states to honor national obligations.
 - II. The government had no powers of taxation.
 - III. It failed to provide the authority to negotiate peace with England.
- A.** I only
- B.** I and II
- C.** I, II, and III
- D.** II and III
- E.** III only
- F.** The government lacked the power to compel states to honor national obligations.
II. The government had no powers of taxation.
III. It failed to provide the authority to negotiate peace with England.

ANSWER: B**Explanation:**

The Articles of Confederation provided for a weak national government without powers of taxation or the ability to force reluctant states to live up to their obligations. However, it did provide for a unified foreign policy and the negotiation of the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

QUESTION NO: 20

Because the CPI is based on a fixed basket of goods, the substitution bias causes the index to

- A.** overstate the increase in the cost of living from one year to the next.
- B.** ignore any increase in the cost of living from one year to the next.
- C.** understate the increase in the cost of living from one year to the next.
- D.** sometimes understate, and sometimes overstate the increase in the cost of living from one year to the next.
- E.** The substitution bias affects output and the GDP deflator but not the CPI.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

The substitution bias in the CPI overstates the increase in the cost of living from one year to the next. The CPI uses a fixed basket of goods, which does not allow the index to switch to cheaper goods. Consumers will switch to cheaper goods and services when prices rise. Thus, the CPI overstates the cost of living.