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A	are popular in many cultures around the world
B	have traditionally been very expensive to make
C	are now composed primarily of plastic and metal
D	have been made from many different materials

Question 1 of 15

The main idea of the passage is that dentures

If you are committed to healthy, green living and want to reduce your environmental footprint, you might consider expanding your daily diet to include bugs. Supporters of the edible insect initiative rightfully argue that farming insects has a much lower environmental impact than does raising livestock since bugs are easier to harvest and require a fraction of the water and land space that cattle need. Indeed, the high-protein, low-fat health benefits of bug-eating have long been known. For hundreds of years, crickets, silkworms and even tarantulas have been served roasted, stewed and fried at the dinner tables of many cultures.

A	Why many cultures incorporate insects into their cuisine
B	The environmental and health benefits of eating insects
C	How raising livestock results in wasted natural resources
D	The natural energy communities conserve by farming insects

Question 2 of 15

The passage is mainly discussing

Swarms of locusts causing deadly plagues are usually thought of as the stuff of myths. However, the desert locust *Schistocerca gregaria* has been responsible for damage to populations across three continents. The desert locust does its damage by consuming its body weight in food each day, devouring virtually any type of vegetation it encounters. When millions of locusts swarm into an area, their effect on the food supply in that area and surrounding areas can be catastrophic. Fortunately, it takes a big, sustained rainstorm (a rare event in desert areas) to create the conditions in which desert locusts thrive.

A	the damage done by swarms of desert locusts
B	the consumption behavior of the desert locust
C	comparing real plagues to mythical ones
D	protecting vulnerable areas from desert locusts

Question 3 of 15

The passage is primarily about

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A	resembled real human teeth
B	included some real human teeth
C	contained animal teeth rather than artificial substances
D	were made of materials found in nature

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The author uses the term “natural” to indicate that the dentures of the 18th and 19th centuries

In 2008, members of the “Public Space Movement,” a worldwide effort to foster community enjoyment of public spaces, planned a day of “public pillow fights.” These pillow fights were organized to occur worldwide, in civic centers, town squares, playgrounds, and other public spaces. New York City’s 2008 pillow fight was the largest that year, with over 5,000 participants. The tradition has continued, and on April 2, 2011, citizens of more than 130 cities and towns around the world participated in what is now known as International Pillow Fight Day.

A	took place on the same day
B	lasted for exactly twenty-four hours
C	occurred once a month
D	happened on every continent

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According to the passage, the 2011 pillow fights

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A	They dispensed chewing gum in exchange for coins.
B	They were the first of their kind in the country.
C	They were utilized by train passengers.
D	They were originally designed to entertain customers.

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All of the following statements about the vending machines are true EXCEPT

The food sold in the office cafeteria lacks both taste and freshness. According to a recent study, less than 15% of company employees have purchased food in our office cafeteria.

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Which statement best describes the two sentences?

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| A | The second states a fact while the first offers an opinion. |
| B | The first refutes the point made in the second. |
| C | The second notes a problem that the first dismisses. |
| D | They express contrasting views of a similar problem. |

A number of factors, including melting ice caps and climate change, have contributed to rising sea levels which, in turn, are causing significant beach erosion. Some parts of coastal Louisiana are losing up to fifty feet of beach every year.

Question 8 of 15

How are the two sentences related?

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| A | The second provides background information that helps explain the data given in the first. |
| B | The second provides evidence that contradicts the theory posited in the first. |
| C | The first describes a phenomenon, while the second provides a specific example of that phenomenon. |
| D | The first tells what happened after the events described in the second. |

A recent study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA links childhood self-control to health and well-being in adulthood. The study claims that children with less self-control are more likely than other children to be unemployed and to engage in unhealthy behaviors as adults.

Question 9 of 15

How are the two sentences related?

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| A | The first states a claim that the second refutes. |
| B | The second gives an exception to the rule stated in the first. |
| C | They make the same point but use different sources. |
| D | The second expands on information given in the first. |

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A	spend more time outdoors
B	engage in safe recreation activities
C	make greater use of public areas
D	get to know their neighbors

Question 10 of 15

The passage suggests that the main goal of the pillow fights was to encourage people to

In 2010, talk show host Oprah Winfrey and novelist Jonathan Franzen kissed and made up after a nine-year feud. In 2001, Franzen was disinvited from appearing on Winfrey's TV show to pitch his novel *The Corrections* after he made it clear that he was unhappy about the book's being chosen for the Oprah Book Club. Describing his work as "in the high-art literary tradition," Franzen said he didn't want to be associated with the Club, which he accused of occasionally choosing "schmaltzy, one-dimensional" novels. But Winfrey is apparently able to forgive and forget: she chose Franzen's next novel, *Freedom*, for her book club and said of it, "Now you haven't heard me say this word often, but this book is a masterpiece."

A	pride
B	anger
C	insensitivity
D	ignorance

Question 11 of 15

The passages implies that Franzen's criticism of the Oprah Book Club was motivated primarily by

Thomas Edison is not primarily known as a film producer, but his 1910 *Frankenstein* is the earliest known film version of Mary Shelley's novel. Tame by today's standards, the film was considered shocking in 1910: it did not receive wide circulation in theaters, and only a small number of prints were struck for sale. It was considered "lost" for decades, but one surviving print was discovered in the 1970's in the private collection of Wisconsin collector Alois Detleff.

A	has been very sought after by collectors
B	was considered lost for many years
C	was shocking to readers when it was first published
D	has been repeatedly adapted for the screen

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The passage implies that Mary Shelley's novel *Frankenstein*

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A	awe and amazement
B	interest and support
C	disgust and distaste
D	fear and apprehension

Question 13 of 15

Which words best describe the author's attitude toward the "edible insect initiative"?

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A	insistent
B	informative
C	disdainful
D	amused

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The author's tone can best be described as

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A	understatement
B	figurative language
C	personification
D	direct address

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"Kissed and made up" is an example of