

FUMC ESL 2-15-2018 Advanced Lesson

On the TOEFL, you will be asked to make inferences. You infer something if you look at all the facts, then make a reasoned decision. You come to a conclusion, based on available information. Try your hand at these types of questions. (Try your hand means give it a try.) These questions may have more than one correct answer. TEACHERS: Answers to TOEFL are on the bottom of the lesson.

The first question has the answer and an explanation afterwards.

1. The lesser North American poets are more popular with children than major poets because they are direct and clear.

a-Children may have difficulty understanding major poets

b-Minor poets write poetry for children.

c-There are fewer poets writing for children than writing for adults.

d- Indirect and hidden meanings are used in the poetry of major poets.

The correct answers are A and D because you can infer that major poets poems are difficult for children because they are not direct and clear. Thus children can't understand them. B is wrong because you can't infer that minor poets wrote for children given the information. C is wrong because it says "lesser North American poets" not "fewer North American poets".

2. The Institute of Anthropology plans to computerize archaeological data to help restore the native American villages in Chaco Canyon.

a-The Chaco Canyon Native American villages were destroyed by European people.

b-The Institute of Anthropology collects information about Native American villages that are in ruins.

c-The Native Americans in Chaco Canyon have computers to help them store data.

d- Computers can be helpful in restoring archaeological plans.

3. Some scientists believe that the African bees that have devastated the Latin American beekeeping industry will become gentler as they interbreed with the previously introduced European varieties.

a-European bees will not be advantageous to the Latin American beekeeping industry.

b-African bees are ferocious and destructive.

c- The Latin American beekeeping industry will become gentler as African bees and European bees interbreed.

d- African bees, as well as European bees, live in Latin America.

4. No partner helps the male pheasant-tailed jacana protect and nurture his chicks in their floating nest.

a- The female pheasant-tailed jacana does not take care of her babies.

b- The pheasant-tailed jacana is an aquatic bird.

c-The male pheasant-tailed jacana doesn't help to protect and nurture its partner.

d- The male pheasant-tailed jacana does not mate.

5. Elephants are slowly becoming trapped in isolated forest enclaves completely surrounded by land cleared for agriculture.

a-Hunters are trapping elephants in isolated forest enclaves to get their ivory tusks.

b- People are destroying the elephants' habitat to make farms.

c- Elephants would have to cross over farmland to migrate to different forest areas.

d- People are trapping elephants to use them for clearing land for agriculture.

Check and discuss the answers with your group. Ask about any vocabulary you don't understand.

Discussion

In the past, the private behavior of politicians mattered to most people. If it was known that a presidential candidate had an affair or abused women, most people would not vote for them. That seems to have changed. Now many people in the U. S don't seem to care about the morality or private behavior of elected officials.

1-Do you think this is true in your country as well?

2-Why do you think people have changed?

3-What do you think about this issue? Is it important to you how a politician behaves privately?

4-Is it important how other well known people behave privately?

5-Should there be different standards for political office holders and movie stars or star athletes?

6-Are there some kinds of behavior in politicians which should absolutely never be tolerated?

Some schools are requiring their students to wear uniforms. They believe students behave better when they are dressed better. They say it helps to alleviate bullying. It's also cheaper for the parents who don't have to worry about buying the most fashionable clothing for their kids.

1-Did you wear school uniforms? Is that common in your country?

2-How did you feel about it?

3-Do you think it had any benefits in the behavior of students?

4-Would you be in favor of requiring uniforms in your children's school?

Answers to TOEFL:

2. B (D sounds right, but they are restoring the villages, not the archaeological plans)

3. B and D. (A is the opposite of what is true. C says the industry will become gentler, not the bees)

4. A and B are correct

5. B and C are correct