

Toefl Prep 18

Today we will take the second Reading Diagnostic Test. You will have 20 minutes to complete the test.

HOMEWORK: This homework assignment is based on the types of questions that were most often missed in the first Reading Diagnostic Test you took.

Identifying Inferences

Instructions: Choose the letter of those inferences that can be made from the information given in the statement. More than one inference may be possible.

Sample: 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.

(answer at bottom of back page)

1. Three of the published reports came from official investigations, but the other two came from private individuals.

- a-Private individuals cannot submit reports for publication.
- b-Only the three official reports were considered for publication.
- c-Five reports were published.
- d-Official investigations were made on private individuals.

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- Hungers 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.

6. To safeguard sunken ships from adventurers or thieves, ship salvagers keep the wrecks under constant surveillance by electronic and other means.

- a- Thieves sink ships to steal the cargo.
- b- Sunken ships contain things that are valuable.
- c- Ship salvagers are usually caught before they steal anything because of safeguards.
- d- There are various ways to guard sunken ships from pilferers.

7. A species of weed known as the gopher plant has earned a new name - the gasoline plant - because it yields a milky latex containing hydrocarbons that can be refined into substitutes for crude oil and gasoline.

- a- Some weeds have been renamed "gasoline plants" because their latex can be made into a gasoline substitute.
- b- Gasoline refined from the gasoline plant will soon replace the need for gasoline from other sources.
- c- Substitutes for crude oil and gasoline can come from hydrocarbons.
- d- Milk contains hydrocarbons necessary for crude oil and gasoline substitutes.

8. Not yet profitably synthesized, morphine, a drug unsurpassed for controlling pain, is still being scraped from opium poppy heads as it was at least 5,000 years ago.

- a- Morphine, a drug from the poppy plant, is no longer profitable to cultivate.
- b- Cocaine is not as effective as morphine for stopping pain.
- c- Morphine has been used for pain control for at least 5,000 years.
- d- It is possible to make artificial morphine economically.

*ANSWER: You should choose **A** because it can be inferred that the poetry of major poets is difficult for children because it is not direct and clear. You should not choose B because it cannot be inferred that either minor or major poets write for children. You should not choose C because lesser means minor poets, not fewer poets. You should also choose **D** because it can be inferred that if children like the lesser poets because they write more directly and clearly, the major poets use indirect ways of expressing ideas.*