

16. What myth has been told to generations of American schoolchildren?
- (A) That many people lost their lives and many were left homeless
 - (B) That the Great Fire of Chicago was started by a cow kicking over a lamp
 - (C) How much the property damage caused by the Great Fire of Chicago cost
 - (D) How fast the Great Fire of Chicago spread and how much of the Chicago area was destroyed
17. What did "Peg Leg" Sullivan do?
- (A) He set the barn on fire while smoking.
 - (B) He accused some local boys.
 - (C) He gave a suspicious account.
 - (D) He came up with some believable alternatives.
18. Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.
- (A) The number of fires in the surrounding states on the same night as the Chicago fire supports the asteroid theory.
 - (B) There were a number of fires throughout the city of Chicago, and this supports the asteroid theory.
 - (C) The numerous fires on the same night as the Chicago fire means that asteroids were to blame.
 - (D) Asteroids may have caused the unusually high number of fires in Chicago on the same night.
19. All of the following are mentioned as possible reasons that the fire was so devastating EXCEPT
- (A) the lack of rain
 - (B) fire-prone building materials
 - (C) too few firefighters
 - (D) a riotous populace
20. According to the passage, Mrs. O'Leary's cow
- (A) is a myth
 - (B) is folklore
 - (C) was a scapegoat
 - (D) did not exist