

Reading Comprehension Activity Three

For the questions that follow, two underlined sentences are followed by a question or statement. Read the sentences, then choose the best answer to the question or the best completion of the statement.

1. Many young adults are seeking jobs that offer benefits such as health insurance.

Some studies of people under twenty-eight show that these young adults value a high salary over health and retirement benefits.

What does the second sentence do?

- A. It makes a contrast.
- B. It expands on the first sentence.
- C. It states an effect.
- D. It reinforces the first.

2. Yoga is a proven means of stress relief.

In fact, it has been shown in scientific studies to reduce rates of heartburn, high blood pressure, and depression.

What does the second sentence do?

- A. It makes a contrast.
- B. It proposes a solution.
- C. It gives an example.
- D. It analyzes the statement made in the first.

3. A poor credit report can make it difficult to get a reasonable mortgage or car loan.

Fortunately, there are many options for credit repair, and it is possible to work with financial advisors to develop a plan to pay off loans and debts in order to improve your credit score.

What does the second sentence do?

- A. It reinforces the first.
- B. It proposes a solution.
- C. It analyzes a statement made in the first.
- D. It makes a contrast.

4. Before the westward expansion of the United States, multitudes of buffalo – an important natural resource – roamed the Great Plains.

Enormous herds of buffalo migrated throughout the North American continent and supported the Native American tribes that dominated the terrain for centuries.

What does the second sentence do?

- A. It states an effect.
- B. It provides an example.
- C. It proposes a solution.
- D. It expands on the first sentence.

5. Many teachers recommend that students study together in groups in order to practice quizzing each other on concepts and to discuss ideas and theories about which they may have questions.

Some students prefer to study alone because they find it difficult to focus on academic work in a group context, becoming distracted by discussion about social issues like sports and school events.

How do the two sentences relate?

- A. They contradict each other.
- B. They present a contrast.
- C. They present a problem and a solution.
- D. They present an argument and a supporting example.