

## Inferences Answers

1. **Correct Answer:** D

**Explanation:** Choice D is correct because it follows logically from the factual claims in the passage. The passage explains that despite the expansion of territory due to the Louisiana Purchase, the challenging conditions of the territory did not initially lead to a population boom. It was the government's intervention through land grants and homesteading laws designed to attract settlers that eventually led to population growth and economic development.

**Distractor Explanations:**

- Choice A is incorrect. The passage mentions that the Louisiana Purchase cultivated a spirit of American expansionism, but it does not imply that this spirit originated from this event.
- Choice B is incorrect. The passage indicates that the government played a significant role not just in the acquisition of new territories, but also in their development by initiating measures to attract settlers.
- Choice C is incorrect. The passage does mention the inhospitable land, isolated locations, and a lack of infrastructure as challenges, but it does not directly implicate settlers' preparedness.

2. **Correct Answer:** B

**Explanation:** Choice B logically completes the text. The passage suggests that automated technology has increased efficiency but has not rendered skilled human labor obsolete due to the unique capabilities humans possess, such as creativity and problem-solving abilities.

**Distractor Explanations:**

- Choice A is incorrect. The passage states the contrary: despite technological advancements, skilled human labor still holds value in manufacturing.
- Choice C is incorrect. The passage does not suggest that automated technology specifically benefits the unskilled labor force.
- Choice D is incorrect. The passage argues the opposite: creativity and problem-solving abilities, unique to humans, have a significant role in manufacturing.

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3. **Correct Answer:** A

**Explanation:** Choice A is correct. The passage discusses the chain of ecological impacts following the reintroduction of grey wolves into Yellowstone National Park, ultimately leading to a revitalized ecosystem.

**Distractor Explanations:**

- Choice B is incorrect. The passage does not suggest and cannot be inferred that fewer elk are always beneficial for an ecosystem.
- Choice C is incorrect. While the reintroduction of grey wolves had a positive cascading effect on the park's ecosystem in this instance, the passage does not generalize it as the only solution to overgrazing.
- Choice D is incorrect. The passage discusses the role beavers played in reshaping the park's ecosystem but does not assert they brought about the most significant changes; rather, it was the combined effects of different species and factors.

4. **Correct Answer:** D

**Explanation:** Choice D is correct because the text suggests that the businesses where data collection was an inherent part of their business model were the ones that were most impacted by the adoption of data analytic tools.

**Distractor Explanations:**

- Choice A is incorrect. The text differentiates between businesses across industries in their adoption and impact of data analytic tools.
- Choice B is incorrect. The passage does not provide information about consumer awareness or resistance to data collection strategies.
- Choice C is incorrect. The text does not discuss the cost of data analytic tools or their widespread adoption across all businesses.

5. **Correct Answer:** C

**Explanation:** Choice C is correct because it aligns with the implication of the text that the U.S Constitution, as initially ratified, was designed with a focus on internal stability and power balance which required adjustments with evolving external threats.

**Distractor Explanations:**

- Choice A is incorrect. The passage does not suggest that the U.S. Constitution was created without any consideration for external threats, only that it was less focused on them.

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- Choice B is incorrect. The passage explicitly states that the Constitution had to adapt over time to deal with external threats.
- Choice D is incorrect. While the passage notes the need for adaptation in handling external threats, it does not specifically say the Constitution was inadequate at dealing with early territorial conflicts.

6. **Correct Answer:** B

**Explanation:** Choice B is correct because it follows logically from the contention presented in the text that artists of the period would have faced difficulties in reconciling their new focus on humanistic themes with the traditional demands of their patrons.

**Distractor Explanations:**

- Choice A is incorrect. The text does not provide sufficient information to suggest that most Renaissance artists refrained from using humanistic themes due to fear of the Church's disapproval.
- Choice C is incorrect. There is no evidence in the passage suggesting that the standard for art or art themes was lowered during the Renaissance.
- Choice D is incorrect. The text does not suggest that Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo significantly influenced the Church's acceptance of humanistic themes.