

Solutions for Rumack's Preparation Workbook Language Section: 3.4

History Passage 1

1. The correct answer is (D) compare her smile to da Vinci's inquisitiveness. The author states, "This curious smile might well express da Vinci's own curiosity about the world and the way things work." This excerpt suggests that the author is comparing the curious nature of the Mona Lisa and da Vinci's own curiosity.
2. The correct answer is (A) captivated. The terms "captivated" and "enthralled" can both be defined as, "filled with wonder and delight." The following lines mention he studied birds "relentlessly" and began inventing his own flying machine. Relentless pursuit of something indicates an intense interest or passion.
3. The correct answer is (B) far ahead of his time. The passage states, "da Vinci was indeed a man with deep reserves of talent, and scientific ideas far ahead of his time."
4. The correct answer is (C) da Vinci was passionate about discovering things. This is clearly the case as the entire passage focuses on da Vinci's inquiries, processes, and outcomes of his research and creations. There is not support for the other statements.
5. The correct answer is (A) the year da Vinci sketched the scythed chariot. Although the chariot sketches are mentioned, the year they were completed is not. All other possible answers are mentioned.
6. The correct answer is (B) da Vinci's geology experiments. The topic sentence of this passage is as follows: "Although he is most well-known as an artist, Leonardo da Vinci could also be called a scientist, inventor, geologist, and even a city planner." The author has followed the order of subtopics which were included in the topic sentence. The author has already written about da Vinci's art, scientific discoveries, and inventions. Logically, the next topic or writing would be da Vinci's geology experiments.

History Passage 2

1. The correct answer is (C) it will protect him from injury. The passage indicates this in the following line: "Now, I had for a good while felt the need of some sort of hand protection for myself."
2. The correct answer is (E) black. The passage states, "I did not select a flesh-colored glove, but got a black one,..."
3. The correct answer is (A) It took some time for baseball gloves to be accepted in the game. In Waite's case, spectators clearly did not fully welcome the use of hand protection. Waite implies he was trying to hide it from the public: "He confessed that he was a bit ashamed to wear it...He also admitted that he had chosen a color as inconspicuous as possible, because he didn't care to attract attention."
4. The correct answer is (E) his hand was constantly being hurt by baseballs. The second half of the sentence including "take its medicine" states that the hand was "being bored with a warm twister that hurt excruciatingly." The hand was hit with "regularity" and sometimes the pain was excruciating, implying that the balls were painful.
5. The correct answer is (C) slammed. We know that the speaker is talking about baseballs, and that the hand it being hit with a baseball. "Slammed" also means being hit with something. Although "hurt" would also make sense, the idea that the twister "hurt" is already mentioned later in the sentence.
6. The correct answer is (A) grateful. The excruciating pain that often was accompanied by not wearing a glove caused the speaker to be extremely grateful when wearing a glove became acceptable and commonplace. The section of the passage which conveys the speaker's grateful attitude is as follows:

"Happily, in my case, the presence of a glove did not call out the ridicule that had greeted Waite. I had been playing so long and had become so well known that the innovation seemed rather to evoke sympathy than hilarity. I found that the glove, thin as it was, helped considerably..."

7. The correct answer is (C) he was afraid that he would be ridiculed. The speaker states that, “.. it was not until 1877 that I overcame my scruples against joining the 'kid-glove aristocracy' by donning a glove.” This indicates he had to overcome his feelings against getting a glove, and the paragraph before mentions how Waite used a flesh-colored glove to avoid negative attention. None of the other answer options are supported.

History Passage 3

1. The correct answer is (B) disbelief. The sentence mentioning fans states that the “not only curious, but skeptical”, which means disbelief. The mention of fans is an example of this disbelief, because if people believed that the air conditioning would work, they would not need fans to cool themselves.
2. The correct answer is (C) critic. “Among the spectators was Adolph Zukor. I recall how quiet and reserved he was when he walked in and took a seat in the balcony. Zukor may have come from California, but he was there to be shown!” The perspective of the author is one of nervousness towards Zukor. This implies that Zukor is someone who is there to be impressed and won over by the new air conditioning display.
3. The correct answer is (A) the number of people in attendance. Although the passage indicates that there is a crowd, the exact number is never disclosed.
4. The correct answer is (D) unnoticeably. The sentence says the fans dropped “gradually”, which implies it would not be a noticeable or immediate action.
5. The correct answer is (C) I and II. The air conditioning does in fact work, this allows one to eliminate possibility II. The lines which indicate that choices I and III are correct include the following: “From the wings we watched in dismay as two thousand fans fluttered. We felt that Mr. Zukor was watching the people instead of the picture – and saw all those waving fans!” Their “dismay” shows their negative reaction to people bringing their fans, and they comment on their worry for Mr. Zukor’s reaction this.

6. The correct answer is (D)air conditioning would become standard fare in most theatres. When Zukor provides his opinion at the end of the passage saying, "Yes, the people are going to like it," Zukor implies that this will be a successful part of movie theatres. The title of the passage, "Air Conditioning Goes to the Movies," also implies that "the Movies" beyond this one theatre now have air conditioning. All other answer options are unsupported.