

Reading for the Real World 3 - Unit 6

Name _____

I. Vocabulary: Choose the best word to fill in the blank.

1. Judging by those dark clouds, there is a high _____ of rain today.
 - a. database
 - b. likelihood
 - c. specialty
 - d. perspiration
2. You must record the data _____ because even a small mistake could cause a disaster.
 - a. accurately
 - b. jaggedly
 - c. apprehensively
 - d. subjectively
3. Janet does not earn very high grades because she only ever does the _____ amount of work.
 - a. special
 - b. minimal
 - c. theoretical
 - d. backbreaking
4. One example of evolution in action is the _____ of darker wings by the spotted pepper moth to better camouflage itself in coal-polluted forests.
 - a. adaptation
 - b. relativity
 - c. stimulation
 - d. procedure
5. In order to succeed, we need a _____ plan, not just a dream.
 - a. mechanical
 - b. theoretical
 - c. viable
 - d. deductive

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 - 10

Many people debate the ____ (6) ____ of polygraphs. They believe that although these tests measure variations in the body associated with stress, these variations could be the result of other kinds of emotions. While some people experience ____ (7) ____ to no stress when lying, some honest people may experience intense stress from the exam itself. Because of this, it is possible for the examiner to wrongly deduce that the person being tested is lying, and that person might then be ____ (8) ____ to unfair ____ (9) _____. Even companies that produce polygraphs indicate that the mechanisms cannot detect lies, suggesting that polygraphs can only identify behavior that should not be trusted. Because of these criticisms, polygraph data cannot be used as evidence in American courts. Also, American law prohibits private companies from forcing employees to take polygraph tests. Despite this, both the American government and businesses continue to utilize polygraphs. In fact, workers for government agencies can be fired if they fail—or refuse to take—a polygraph test. Various opponents of polygraphs have concluded from this fact that the tests are used to intimidate workers, to make them confess to wrongdoing or ____ (10) ____ them from complaining about company policies. Regardless, it's clear that polygraph tests will continue to affect the lives of employees.

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| 6. | a. conduction
b. specialty
c. reliability
d. machinery | 9. | a. punishment
b. likelihood
c. apprehension
d. perspiration |
| 7. | a. viable
b. minimal
c. jagged
d. identical | 10. | a. filed
b. obtain
c. compress
d. prevent |
| 8. | a. stimulated
b. intimidated
c. subjected
d. adapted | | |

III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, fill in the chart of support for polygraph use and opposition for polygraph use.

US government still uses polygraphs. 11. Polygraphs measure physical variations related to stress 12. Many companies still use polygraphs	13. US law prohibits forcing employees to take polygraphs 14. Not all liars feel stress 15. Honest people can feel stress from taking the test
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A. Support	B. Opposition
US government still uses polygraphs.	

IV. Word Study: Match the word to its definition.

- a. Man-made moving devices
- b. To discipline; to penalize
- c. A formula, proposition, or general statement in the sciences
- d. To conclude
- e. An area of expertise

16. theorem ____

17. deduce ____

18. machinery ____

19. punish ____

20. specialty ____

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

conduction reliability obtain adaptation stimulate

21. You must _____ a license before you can legally drive a car.
22. The government is hoping that the new tax breaks will _____ economic growth.
23. The _____ of the cell phones in this area is not very high because the mountains interfere with the signal.
24. The _____ of the cell phone into the smartphone began in 1994 when the IBM Simon was introduced to the market.
25. This insulation will slow down the _____ of heat from inside your home to outside.

1	2	3	4	5
b	a	b	a	c
6	7	8	9	10
c	d	d	a	c
11	12	13	14	15
2	5	1	3	4
16	17	18	19	20
c	b	c	a	d
21	22	23	24	25
obtain	stimulate	reliability	adaptation	conduction