

## Exercise 1

### Picture 1-

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1. What percentage of the world's population is likely to be living under severe water stress by 2030, according to projections?

- A. more than 50%
- B. almost 50%
- C. the text doesn't say

2. How many people are likely to be living under severe water stress by 2050?

- a. the text doesn't say
- B. 3.9 billion people
- C. 9 billion people

3 True or false? There were just over 2 billion people living in areas that had zero water stress in 2005.

- False
- true
- the text doesn't say

4 True or false? People in China use more tap water than people living in India.

- true
- false
- the text doesn't say

5 True or false? Fewer people in Canada have access to tap water than people in Mexico.

- true
- False
- the text doesn't say

6 True or false? China uses more water for agricultural purposes than for domestic water use.

- the text doesn't say
- False
- true

7. True or false? Countries in the developed world require less water to grow food than countries in the developing world.

- the text doesn't say
- False
- true

## Exercise 2

There are many times when someone suffering from either mental illness or depression may not even realize there is a problem. I have suffered from depression myself. I was completely unaware of what was wrong with me, my family doctor pointed it out to me, as I did not have any one else around me that recognized the symptoms. It was hard for me to accept at first, but after having the hard facts placed in front of my face and understanding that it may get worse, I had no choice but to get help. A lot of people who suffer from such problems tend to be more alone than anyone realizes. I suspect that anyone who was unaware of their condition would probably be shocked, as I was, to have someone confront them about it. A good friend would confront them anyway, and hopefully they would seek help.

1. It can be understood from the passage that ----.

- A) some doctors are unaware of their patients' problems
- B) a lot of people have family doctors
- C) mental illness is not a big problem today
- D) people cannot easily realize their own mental illnesses
- E) we have a lot of choices to become healthy

2. Someone who is suffering from either mental illness or depression ----.

- A) should go to his family doctor
- B) may give damage to other people
- C) has to find his friends to talk about it
- D) will one day realize everything if he wants
- E) generally isn't aware of the condition

3. The author seems to be suggesting that ----.

- A) large families generally have a family doctor
- B) we cannot be aware of how much these ill people suffer
- C) the people who are suffering from mental illness should go to doctors
- D) everybody can easily accept their illness
- E) there are a lot of people in our society who are suffering from mental illness

What is the text mainly about?

What name would you give to the text?

### Exercise 3

Scratchy throats, stuffy noses and body aches all spell misery, but being able to tell if the cause is a cold or flu may make a difference in how long the flu lasts. That's because the prescription drugs available for the flu need to be taken soon after the illness sets in although the symptoms can be eased with over the counter medications. As for colds, the sooner a person starts taking over-the-counter remedy, the sooner relief will come. Cold symptoms such as stuffy nose, runny nose and scratchy throat typically develop gradually, and adults and teens often do not get a fever. On the other hand, fever is one of the characteristic features of the flu for all ages. And in

general, flu symptoms including fever and chills, sore throat and body aches come on suddenly and are more severe than cold symptoms.

1. According to the passage, knowing the cause of scratchy throats, stuffy noses and body aches ----.

- A) reduces the likelihood of catching cold
- B) sometimes doesn't help patients lessen the severity of symptoms
- C) encourages patients to buy over-the-counter medications
- D) will shorten the duration of the flu
- E) prevents people from getting infected

2. According to the passage, to combat the flu effectively, ----.

- A) the virus which causes the disease has to be identified
- B) patients should only use over-the-counter medications
- C) one should take the necessary medications upon catching the disease
- D) there is no reason to see a doctor
- E) people should try some alternative remedies

3. It is pointed out in the reading that ----.

- A) fever is the most important feature of a cold
- B) flu symptoms are not as severe as cold symptoms
- C) the flu can be prevented by the flu vaccine
- D) one doesn't need to take any medicine if he has a cold or the flu
- E) over-the-counter drugs can be taken to ease the misery caused by a cold or the flu

What is the text mainly about?

What name would you give to the text?

#### Active Passive Smoking

Answer the questions according to the reading passage.

Psychologist George Spilich at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, decided to find out whether, as many smokers say, smoking helps them to think and concentrate. He put non-smokers, active smokers and smokers deprived of cigarettes through a series of tests. In the first test, each subject sat before a computer screen and pressed a key as soon as he or she recognized a target letter. In this simple test, smokers, deprived smokers and non-smokers performed equally well. The next test was more complex. Non-smokers were faster, but under the stimulation of nicotine, active smokers were faster than deprived smokers. In the third test of short-term memory, non-smokers made the fewest errors, but deprived smokers committed fewer errors than active smokers. In the fourth test, non-smokers were the best and deprived smokers bested those who had smoked a cigarette just before testing. As the tests became more complex, non-smokers performed better than smokers by wider and wider margins.

1. It is pointed out in the passage that the purpose of George Spilich's experiments is ----.

- A) to test whether smoking has a positive effect on the mental capacity of smokers
- B) to show how smoking damages people's mental capacity
- C) to prove that smoking affects people's regular performance
- D) to show that non-smokers are less productive at work than smokers
- E) to prove that nicotine helps people's short term memory

2. We understand from the passage that ----.

- A) active smokers in general performed better than deprived smokers
- B) active smokers responded more quickly than the other subjects in all tests
- C) the other subjects were not better than nonsmokers in the simplest test
- D) deprived smokers gave the slowest responses to the various tasks
- E) non-smokers committed more errors than deprived smokers in most of the tests

3. George Spilich's experiment was conducted in such a way as to ----.

- A) check the effectiveness of nicotine on nonsmokers
- B) put the subjects through increasingly complex tests
- C) finish the tests as quickly as possible
- D) force the subjects to recall the words they learned
- E) compel the subjects to respond as fast as possible