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Read the text and answer the multiple-choice question by selecting the correct response. Only one response is correct.

1.

Here are some facts that you probably didn't know about diabetes. It is the world's fastest growing disease. It is Australia's 6th leading cause of death. Over 1 million Australians have it though 50% of those are as yet unaware. Every 10 minutes someone is diagnosed with diabetes.

Choose the statement which is not correct.

- A. Diabetes is the world's rapidly growing disease
- B. Around 500,000 Australians are not aware that they have diabetes.
- C. Diabetes is not fatal.
- D. Almost 6 persons per hour are diagnosed with diabetes.

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2.

Coffee was first eaten as a food though later people in Arabia would make a drink out of boiling the beans for its narcotic effects and medicinal value. Coffee for a time was known as Arabian wine to Muslims who were banned from alcohol by Islam. It was not until after coffee had been eaten as a food product, a wine and a medicine that it was discovered, probably by complete accident in Turkey, that by roasting the beans a delicious drink could be made. The roasted beans were first crushed, and then boiled in water, creating a crude version of the beverage we enjoy today. The first coffee houses were opened in Europe in the 17th Century and in 1675, the Viennese established the habit of refining the brew by filtering out the grounds, sweetening it, and adding a dash of milk.

Which statement is correct?

- A. Coffee was banned in Saudi Arabia because of its narcotic effects.
- B. Coffee was called Arabian herb e for Muslims.
- C. Coffee was consumed as a food as well as drink
- D. Coffee was not considered a medicine.

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Read the text and answer the question by selecting all the correct responses. You will need to select more than one response.

1.

OSU researchers throughout the state have been working to reduce dependence on broad-spectrum chemical sprays that are toxic to many kind of organisms, including humans. “Consumers are rightly putting more and more pressure on the industry to change its reliance on chemical pesticides, but they still want a picture-perfect product,” said Rick Hilton, entomologist at OSU’s Southern Oregon Research and Extension Centre, where researchers help pear growers reduce the need for highly toxic pesticides. Picture perfect pears are an important product in Oregon and traditionally they have required lots of chemicals. In recent years, the industry has faced stiff competition from overseas producers, so any new methods that growers adopt must make sense economically as well as environmentally. Hilton is testing a growth regulator that interferes with the molting of codling moth larvae. Another study used pheromone dispensers to disrupt codling moth mating. These and other methods of integrated pest management have allowed pear growers to reduce their use of organophosphates by two-thirds and reduce all other synthetic pesticides by even more and still produce top-quality pears. These and other studies around the state are part of the effort of the IPPC to find alternative farming practices that benefit both the economy and the environment.

Which conclusions can be drawn?

- A. Chemical sprays are not harmful to humans.
- B. Consumers want agriculture industries not to depend heavily on chemical fertilizers.
- C. Pears have always been grown in Oregon using organic farming.
- D. IPPC has tried alternative organic farming practices.
- E. Picture Perfect pears are not important for Oregon people.

2.

These are some of the results Oregon growers have achieved in collaboration with Oregon State University (OSU) researchers as they test new farming methods including integrated pest management (IPM). Nationwide, however, IPM has not delivered results comparable to those in Oregon. A recent U.S General Accounting Office (GAO) report indicates that while integrated pest management can result in dramatically reduced pesticide use, the federal government has been lacking in effectively promoting that goal and implementing IPM. Farmers also blame the government for not making the new options of pest management attractive. "Wholesale changes in the way that farmers control the pests on their farms is an expensive business." Tony Brown, of the National Farmers Association says. "If the farmers are given tax breaks to offset the expenditure, then they would willingly accept the new practices." The report goes on to note that even though the use of the riskiest pesticides has declined nationwide, they still make up more than 40 percent of all pesticides used today; and national pesticide use has risen by 40 million kilograms since 1992. "Our food supply remains the safest and highest quality on Earth but we continue to overdose our farmland with powerful and toxic pesticides and to under-use the safe and effective alternatives," charged Patrick Leahy, who commissioned the report. Green action groups disagree about the safety issue. "There is no way that habitual consumption of foodstuffs grown using toxic chemicals of the nature found on today's farms can be healthy for consumers," noted Bill Bowler, spokesman for Green Action, one of many lobbyists interested in this issue.

Which statements are true?

1. IPM results are on par with Oregon results.
2. IPM can reduce the use of pesticides.
3. Farmers are not happy with the government for not making new pest management options attractive.
4. Tony Brown is not associated with National Farmers Association.
5. Bill Bowler believes that consumer health is not an important consideration.

The text boxes in the left panel have been placed in the random order. Restore the original order by dragging the text boxes from the left panel to the right panel.

1.

A. They give way to a red, darkish berry.

B.. Although wild plants can reach 10 - 12 metres in height, the plantation one reaches a height of around four metres.

C. The flowers are white and sweet-scented like the Spanish jasmine.

D. This makes the harvest and flowering easier, and cultivation more economical. .

2.

A. First the ripe beans are picked from the branches.

B. At the end of the day, the pickers bring their heavy burlap bags to pulping mills where the cherry coffee can be pulped (or wet milled)

C.. Harvesting time depends on the geographic situation and it can vary greatly therefore according to the various producing countries.

D.. Pickers can selectively pick approximately 250 to 300 pounds of coffee cherry a day.

In the text below some words are missing .Drag words from the box below to the appropriate place in the text.To undo an answer choice drag the word back to the box below the text.

1.

It is one of the ----- places where you will be able to -----them all at the same time... the Arabian wolf, an African cheetah, an Arabian leopard, an oryx, a gazelle. These are just some of the animals, which, on the ---- of -----, are now getting a new ----- of life thanks to the exemplary work being done at the Breeding Centre for Endangered Arabian Wildlife in Sharjah.

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2.

The Breeding Centre's ----- and facilities have made it a prime destination for ---- imported animals confiscated by UAE and Sharjah authorities. In the last four years, more than 900 mammals and ----- and 969 birds have arrived at the centre, including 25 North African cheetahs, Houbara bustard and falcons, lions, a baby Nile crocodile and a Burmese python that was left in a----car at the airport.

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3.

Now they are bright and full of -----.. The Centre's efforts have also been ----- when the first cheetah mating took place at the end of 2002. Playing matchmaker with these beautiful creatures is no ----- task – successful breeding re------ considerable patience and intimate knowledge of each animal's personality, and it is the result of intensive and expert management of each animal within the group as well as of the group as a whole.

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4.

It is the ----- of the keeper therefore to ----- each individual and to be able to ----- to any indication from the cheetahs that the time is right for introducing a pair. The close bond that ----- develops between the keeper and the cheetahs enables the keeper to spot even the most subtle signs from the animals in their care.

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Below is a text with blanks .Click on each blank ,a list of choices will appear.Select the appropriate choice for each blank.

1.

It is not-- **unusually/unusual/important/vital**--- to have sleep troubles from time to time. But, if you feel you ---**does not/ do not /did not/will not**--- get enough sleep or satisfying sleep, you may have insomnia, a sleep disorder. People with insomnia have one or more of the following:
---**difficulty/difficult/troubling/desire**--- falling asleep, waking up often during the night and having trouble going back to sleep, waking up too early in the morning and unrefreshing sleep. Insomnia is not ---**define/definite/diagnose/** ---**defined** by the number of hours you sleep every night. The amount of sleep a person needs varies.

2.

Severe emotional **trauma /traumatic/ disturb/disturbed** can also cause insomnia with divorced, widowed and separated people being the most likely to suffer from this sleep disorder. Stress, **anxious/anxiety/anxiously/unconscious** , illness and other sleep disorders such as restless legs syndrome are the most common causes of insomnia. An ---**regular/routine/ vital/irregular**--- work schedule, jet lag or brain damage from a stroke or Alzheimer's disease can also cause insomnia as well as excessive use of alcohol or illicit drugs. It can also accompany a variety of mental illnesses.

3.

When it **become/becoming/became/becomes** dark, the pineal gland in the brain secretes a hormone called melatonin, **it/this/these/which** is thought to induce sleep. Exactly why sleep is necessary for good health and efficient mental functioning is unknown. We do know that sleep **consist/consisting/consistent/consists** of two very different states: rapid eye movement (REM) sleep and non-REM sleep. In REM sleep, dreams occur, the eyes move under the closed lids and there is an increase in oxygen consumption, blood flow and neural activity.

4.

Improve/Improvement/Improving/Improved one's sleep
hygienic/hygiene/change/alteration helps improve insomnia in all patients.
Relaxing during the hour before you go to sleep and
create/creation/creative/creating a comfortable environment suited for sleep
can be helpful. Older people who wake up earlier than normal or have trouble
falling asleep may need less sleep than they used to.

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