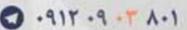


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Questions 1-12 refer to the following passage.

The reasons for the extinction of a species and for the rapid rates of change in our environment are currently the focus of

- Line much scientific research. An individual
 (5) species' susceptibility to extinction depends on at least two things: the taxon (the biological group—kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, or genus) to which a species belongs, and the overall rate of environ-
- (10) mental change. Fossil evidence shows that more mammals and birds become extinct than do mollusks or insects. Studies of the extinction of the dinosaurs and other reptiles during the Cretaceous Period show that
- (15) a changing environment affects different taxa in different ways. Some may be dramatically affected, others less so. The best way to answer the question of what causes an extinction is to combine
- (20) fields of inquiry and a variety of viewpoints. Using the fossil record and historical documentation, the different rates of the extinction of various taxa and different responses to environmental change can be detected.
- (25) Then the evolutionary development of the different species can be compared, and traits that may be disadvantageous can be singled out. Finally, researchers can use mathematical formulae to determine whether a popu-
- (30) lation is likely to adapt itself to the changing environment or disappear. Hopefully, as more of this information is collected, specialists in different fields— e.g. physiological and behavioral ecology, population ecology,
- 35) community ecology, evolutionary biology and systematics, biogeography, and paleobiology — will work together to make predictions about the broader changes that might occur in the ecosystem.
- 1. Which of the following is the main topic of the passage?
- (A) assessment of the work of specialists concerned with ecology
- (B) a discussion of possible causes of extinction, and of ways to make predictions about environmental change
- (C) the changing aspects of our environment
- (D) a comparison of the extinction rates of different taxa
- 2. The word susceptibility in line 5 is closest in meaning to
- (A) insensitlvity
- (B) receptiveness
- (C) immunity
- (D) vulnerability

- 3. An example of a taxon would be
- (A) a phylum
- (B) the rate of environmental change
- (C) a fossil
- (D) studies of extinction
- 4. The author compares mammals and birds to
- (A) mollusks and insects
- (B) phylum and class
- (C) dinosaurs and reptiles
- (D) ecologists and biologists
- 5. It can be inferred from the passage that a significant event of the Cretaceous Period was
- (A) the appearance of many taxa
- (B) the dramatic effect of the dinosaur on the environment
- (C) the extinction of birds
- (D) the extinction of dinosaurs
- 6. It can be inferred from the passage that dinosaurs
- (A) included species that were mammals
- (B) were better represented in the fossil record than other species
- (C) possessed disadvantageous traits
- (D) were not susceptible to extinction

7. The word *dramatically* in lines 16—17 means (A) strongly (B) inspiringly (C) flimsily (D) visually

8. The word *fields* in line 20 is closest in meaning to (A) areas (B) meadows (C) studies (D) careers

 From the passage it can be inferred that disadvantageous traits are

- (A) occurring at different rates
- (B) a contributing cause of extinction
- (C) adaptable
- (D) learned by mathematical formulas

10. The expression *singled out* in lines 27-28 is closest in meaning to

(A) isolated (B) blamed (C) seen (D) divided

11. According to the passage, the likelihood of a population becoming extinct can be

- (A) lessened by the efforts of a few concerned specialists
- (B) unaffected by environmental change
- (C) determined by mathematical formulas
- (D) almost impossible to ascertain
- 12. The word *broader* in line 38 is closest in meaning to (A) fatter (B) extra (C) wider (D) many

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The appearance and character of a hardened lava field depend on numerous factors. Among the key variables are the chemical nature of the magma and the degree of viscosity of the liq-

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- ance of the field from a sample of the molten
 (10) fluid. The main components of lava are silica and various oxides, including those of potassium, iron, calcium, magnesium, sodium, and aluminum. Magnesium and iron oxides are found in high concentrations in the dark-col-
- (15) ored basic basalt, while silica, soda, and potash preponderate in the lighter-colored, acidic felsite rocks.

The viscosity of the liquid rock helps to determine the appearance of the hardened

- (20) field's surface. When it issues, the lava is redor even white-hot. It soon begins to cool, and the surface darkens and crusts over. In extremely viscous flows, the underpart may yet be in motion as the surface solidifies. The crust
- (25) breaks up into a mass of jagged blocks of rock that are carried as a tumbling, jostling mass on the surface of the slowly moving stream. When the stream eventually stops and hardens, the field is extremely rough and difficult to tra-
- (30) verse. On the other hand, highly liquid lava may harden with much smoother surfaces that exhibit ropy, curved, wrinkled, and wavelike forms.
- 24. The degree of viscosity in newly issued lava is a critical determinant of
- (A) the chemical nature of the magma
- (B) whether the lava will be red or white-hot
- (C) the ultimate nature of the hardened lava field
- (D) the viscosity of the liquid rock

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- 25. The chemical composition of a hardened field
- (A) has nothing to do with the viscosity of the liquid rock
- (B) will cause the crusting phenomena common in hardened lava
- (C) is important in shaping the ultimate appearance of the field(D) depends upon the degree of viscosity of the original
- 26. In line 20, the word *issues* most nearly means
- (A) is dormant (B) heats up (C) traverses (D) comes out

- 27. Knots of surface rocks are characteristic of
- (A) all types of ultimate lava fields
- (B) the initial stage of some lava field formation
- (C) the end result of some highly viscous flows
- (D) only highly liquid, wavelike lava forms
- 28. If the hardened lava presents a smoother wavelike surface it is likely that
- (A) it was not initially a highly liquid lava
- (B) it results from a highly liquid lava
- (C) its final form will be rough and difficult to traverse
- (D) at issue, it was red-hot
- 29. The primary function of this passage is to
- (A) explain the primary chemical com-ponents of lava, including silica and oxides
- (B) predict when volcanic lava will appear
- (C) warn of the limitations of viscosity and chemical analysis
 (D) discuss two crucial determinants of a hardened lava field's character
- 30. The word *exhibit* in line 32 is closest in meaning to (A) give off (B) put on (C) show (D) cause
- 31. This passage would most likely appear in which type of publication?
- (A) an introductory college textbook on geography
- (B) the national events section of a local newspaper
- (C) an introductory college textbook on geology
- (D) a tourist brochure for a volcanic region

Questions 32-42 refer to the following passage.

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The period of the American Revolution was a time of contrasts in American fashion. In urban centers, women enjoyed a wide range of expression in the fashions available to them, even though shortages might force a young lady to wear an outfit made from the bright red uniform of her British beau. The patriots, however, tended to scorn fashion as frivolous in time of war. In remote

(10) areas, patriotic groups led boycotts of British goods and loomed their own woolen cloth.

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In selecting clothes, stylish American ladies depended on "fashion babies"—foot-

(15) high dolls illustrating the latest Paris styles. This infatuation with the fashion trends of the "continent" remained intact well into the twentieth century. Indeed, even today, New York's fashion industry has not fully

(20) escaped the tyranny of French design. Mourning garments were almost impossible to obtain since black cloth had to be imported from England; black arm bands were introduced as a substitute. Gauze,

- (25) indispensable for petticoats, aprons, and ladies' headgear, was also in short supply. There was also a taste for outlandish accessories and fanciful detailing: feathers in hats, elaborate buttons, and gaudily patterned
- (30) fabrics. These excesses were called "macaroni" and are immortalized in the song *Yankee Doodle*.
- 32. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for this passage?
- (A) A Revolution in Fashion
- (B) Clothing Shortages of the Revolution
- (C) Clothing Styles in Revolutionary America
- (D) Conflict in the Fashion Industry

33. The word *beau* in line 7 is closest in meaning to (A) male friend (B) husband (C) father (D) son

- 34. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about people's attitudes toward fashion?
- (A) They varied according to political beliefs.
- (B) They were determined mainly by geography
- (C) They corresponded to a persons social standing.
- (D) They were a matter of personal taste.
- 35. The word *loomed* in line 11 is closest in meaning to (A) grew bigger (B) wove (C) picked (D) quilted
- 36. What were clothes made from in rural areas?

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- (A) home-made wool (B) imported British goods (C) cloth stolen from the British (D) gauze
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- 37. "Fashion babies" were
- (A) dolls for children
- (B) 12-inch figures used to display clothes
- (C) life-sized models dressed in current styles
- (D) illustrations from fashion magazines
- 38. The word tyranny in line 20 is closest in meaning to
- (A) domination (B) bossiness (C) importance (D) evilness
- 39. Which of the following can best be said about the Paris fashion industry?
- (A) It has come to the forefront only recently, compared to New York.
- (B)It has long exerted a powerful influence on American fashion.
- (C) It retains its taste for gaudy, "macaroni" type excess.
- (D) It is unable to break free from New York's influence.
- 40. Black armbands were worn to show
- (A) the tyranny of Paris fashions
- (B) imported cloth from England
- (C) fanciful detailing
- (D) mourning
- 41. The word *elaborate* in line 29 is closest in meaning to (A) gay (B) vulgar (C) intricate (D) square
- 42. It can be inferred from the passage that "macaroni"
- (A) was so named because of its resemblance to the continent of Europe
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- (C) had a more mundane application to petticoats and aprons
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