

UNSEEN STRATEGY #4: Organizers of Time / Cause and Effect – Practice Questions

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1.

A thirty-three-year-old Japanese man felt so guilty about the money that he had stolen that he returned it all and added some extra money, too. In May 2006, he left an envelope with 350,000 yen (about \$2,2365) at the same post office where he had stolen 340,000 yen in March. He then went to the police and told them the story, explaining that he had taken the money because he had been short of money.

- i) A thirty-three-year-old Japanese man was _____
_____.
- ii) He stole 340,000 yen from the post office.
- iii) He _____.
- iv) He returned the money along with an extra 10,000 yen.

2.

If you've ever been to London, you may have seen a tall monument which is simply called "The Monument". "The Monument" was built in the seventeenth century to commemorate the Great Fire of London, which took place in September 1666. The Great Fire of London, which started at a bakery on Pudding Lane, quickly spread to other houses and destroyed most of the city's houses within four days.

- i) _____.
- ii) The fire destroyed most of the houses in London.
- iii) _____.

3.

A worried passerby rushed to report that he has seen two crying children standing next to a window and holding a sign, "Help! Please call the police!" however, when the police arrived at the house, they discovered that the cause of the "emergency" was a nine-year-old girl (with the help of her two-year-old brother) who was very angry that her mother had told her to clean her room. Fortunately, the police were able to convince the girl to clean her room, and by the time they came back two hours later, the girl had also made peace with her mother.

- i) _____.
- ii) The girl became very angry.
- iii) _____.
- iv) A worried passerby saw the sign and rushed to call the police.
- v) _____.
- vi) The girl agreed to clean her room.

4.

A thirty-eight-year old Australian man had to be rescued by firemen after becoming stuck in a washing machine. It all began with an innocent game of hide-and-seek that Robin Toom was playing with his children. Without thinking too hard, Toom hopped into the washing machine, but to his dismay, he soon discovered that he was unable to get out. The unfortunate man sat in the machine for an hour with his knees pressed against his chest before firemen managed to free him.

- i) _____.
- ii) Toom hopped into the washing machine and got stuck.
- iii) _____.

5.

The time has come for companies to crack down on difficult managers. The latest surveys show that abusive bosses don't just harm employees, but also their company. In a poll of 180 workers in a variety of fields, 33 percent of bullied workers admitted they didn't put in maximum effort, 30 percent confessed to purposely working slowly or making mistakes, and 29 percent took off sick time even when they weren't ill. In comparison, only 9 percent of employees who were not abused reported not putting in as much effort as they could, 6 percent worked slowly or made mistakes on purpose, and 4 percent improperly took sick leave. In other words, happier workers mean a more efficiently run company, which, of course, leads to a higher profit.

Complete the sentences in the graphic organizer of cause and effect:

- i) Bosses _____.
- ii) Many employees don't put in maximum effort, work slowly, make mistakes purposely and take extra sick time.
- iii) The company _____.

6.

A man who has been attempting to lose twenty-three kilograms by mowing lawns has almost reached his goal. Within less than four months, he has lost an impressive 19.5 kilos, and he is confident that he will soon lose the rest. The weight loss started in July when Darnell Nelson put an advertisement in the local paper offering to mow people's lawns free of charge. Many people responded to his ad, and Nelson was soon mowing as many as nine lawns a week. All that mowing obviously helped him burn a lot of calories.

Complete the sentences in the graphic organizer of cause and effect:

- i) Darnell Nelson _____.
- ii) He put an ad in the newspaper offering to mow people's lawns.
- iii) There were _____.

Nelson is _____.

7.

One chapter in the book deals with the question of maintaining your pet's health. In addition to the expected lists of animal ailments, it offers advice about how to recognize signs of poor health. This is especially important if you own an exotic pet, such as an iguana or an African parrot, since people are less likely to seek medical treatment for such animals. As the writers explain, these creatures come from the wild, where sick animals are often the ones that get eaten by predators, so any obvious indication of disease could cost them their lives. Consequently, even when they are taken out of their natural environment, it is extremely difficult to tell from their behavior that they are ill. This is just one example of the many intriguing insights you can find in the book.

What is explained in lines 7-15?

Complete the missing information in the sequence below.

- (1) It is dangerous for animals in the wild to
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- (2) They don't do this even when they are kept as pets.
- (3) As a result, their owners
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(2x8=16 points)

8.

Despite the popularity of the Autolib service, its use has resulted in a very small reduction in air pollution. "As long as millions of polluting cars continue to drive through the city, nothing will change," says environmental activist Pierre Chabrol. The real value of the service, he believes, is simply in having electric cars on the streets for people to see. "This raises their awareness of the struggle against pollution," explains Chabrol, "and makes it easier to convince them to use their cars less often."

According to Pierre Chabrol, why is the Autolib service important?

Fill in the missing information in the sequence below according to lines 18-24.

- (1) People see
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- (2) They become more aware of the fight against pollution.
- (3) As a result, they might
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9. The Finnish language has little in common with other European languages. Even though the Finns are very proud of their culture and language, they understand that knowledge of foreign languages is essential in order to thrive in the modern world. Every Finnish high school student learns at least two mandatory foreign languages: English and Swedish, the latter because Sweden and Finland share a common history. The government doesn't stop there and urges its youth to study one or two additional languages. Most students opt for French, German or Spanish. Recently, the government has been successfully promoting the Russian language because of the increase in Russian tourism. Therefore, visitors to Finland find it extremely easy to communicate with the local population.

2. Complete the missing information in the sequence of cause and effect below. Base your answers on lines 4-13.

- (1) Finnish has little in common with other European languages.
- (2) Therefore, the Finns realize that they have to
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- (3) Consequently, Finnish schools focus on teaching foreign languages.
- (4) As a result, most Finns