

Questions 40–46

For several decades, psychologists have been doing extensive research on a subject that affects millions of us: hobbies. According to their findings, a person's choice of hobby can be almost as revealing as his reaction to an

Line inkblot.

(5) Investigators found that a clearly distinguishable pattern exists between hobby preferences and personality. Scientists now say that they are in a position to study your hobby and come up with a fairly accurate estimate of your emotional maturity, level of intelligence, and distinguishing personality traits.

(10) This is because people generally pick a hobby of their own free will. As a parallel, a person choosing a mate employs a method of selection that reflects his or her intellectual and emotional maturity; the same process is at work in choosing a hobby.

A hobby is never a task, but a form of living expression that complements

(15) and augments one's own personality.

40. This passage mainly discusses
(A) psychologists' preferred hobbies
(B) benefits of having a hobby
(C) hobbies and personality traits
(D) useful leisure time activities
41. The word "findings" in line 2 is closest in meaning to
(A) inventions
(B) decisions
(C) interests
(D) results
42. It can be inferred from the passage that a reaction to an inkblot
(A) is used to reveal a person's personality
(B) is one kind of hobby
(C) is being extensively investigated today
(D) is the author's favorite hobby
43. The author implies in the passage that hobbies are
(A) only for the emotionally mature
(B) something most people have
(C) as important as a mate
(D) very time-consuming endeavors
44. The word "this" in line 10 refers to
(A) the ability of scientists to match hobbies with personal characteristics
(B) the need for people to choose an appropriate hobby
(C) extensive research of psychologists
(D) the ability of scientists to give advice on how free time is best used
45. According to the passage, a person's choice of hobby can tell scientists about all of the following EXCEPT
(A) level of intelligence
(B) probable choice of mate
(C) emotional maturity
(D) special personality traits
46. As used in line 15, the word "augments" is closest in meaning to
(A) reveals
(B) misconstrues
(C) extends
(D) affects