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ENGLISH FOR TECHNICAL STUDENTS

4 Read this passage, and then complete the sentences below:

There are three main materials used in making pipes: metal, rubber and plastic. Metal is stronger than rubber or plastic. It is also heavier and more rigid than rubber or plastic. Rubber is the most flexible of the three materials, but it is the weakest. The lightest of the three materials is plastic. It is also less expensive than either steel or rubber.

Now complete these sentences. Use the CORRECT FORM of one of the words in brackets:

Example: (a) Rubber is weaker than metal or plastic.

(a) Rubber is _____ than metal or plastic. (strong/weak)
(b) Rubber is also _____ _____ than the other two materials. (flexible/rigid)
(c) The _____ of the three materials is metal. (strong/weak)
(d) The _____ _____ of the three materials is plastic. (expensive)
(e) Plastic is _____ than metal. (heavy/light)
(f) Metal is the _____ of the three materials. (heavy/light)

Compare these materials. Make sentences:

Example: (a) Paper is more combustible than glass.

(a) paper/glass – combustible
(b) rubber/steel – rigid
(c) glass/wood – brittle
(d) steel/gold – expensive
(e) wood/concrete – heavy
(f) steel/lead – hard

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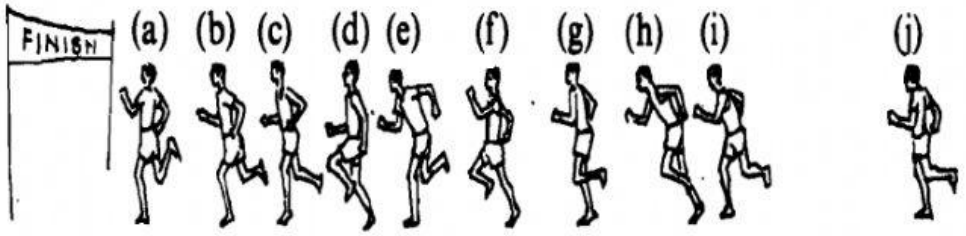
13 Complete the table:

(a)	long	→	longer	→	longest
(b)	hard	→		→	
(c)	wide	→		→	
(d)	big	→		→	
(e)	thin	→		→	
(f)	quiet	→		→	
(g)	heavy	→		→	heaviest
(h)	easy	→		→	
(i)	noisy	→		→	

1 What are the positions of the runners in the race?

Example: (a) 1st (first)



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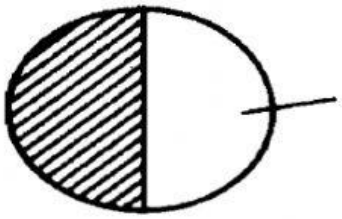

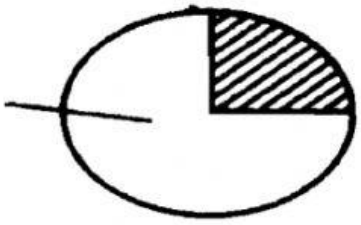

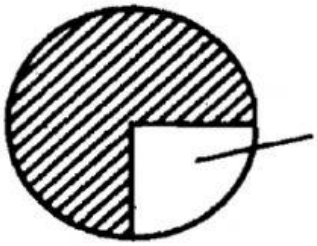

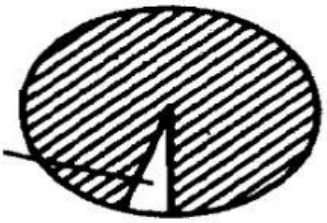

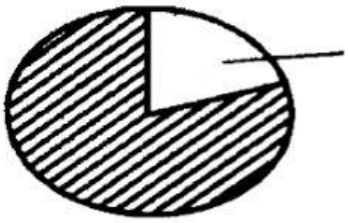

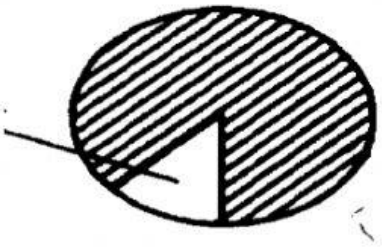

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