Multiple Choice Exercise 7

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Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D.

Passage 7

There are many ancient and present accounts of anomalous animal behavior manifesting itself before natural calamities like earthquakes and tsunamis. Strange behaviors in both wild and domesticated animals include running around, hiding, not eating, disappearing and many more things. For instance, before a large tsunami hit the shores of Sri Lanka in 2005, animals were reportedly behaving oddly. Elephants sought higher ground, while birds left their breeding places and flew to higher areas. Thus, many people are wondering if animals have a sixth sense that enables them to predict the occurrence of natural disasters.

Question

One illustration of odd behavior in an animal prior to a natural calamity is

A. dogs running around in search of a chew toy.
B. elephants desperately trying to get to a higher place.
C. birds tirelessly scouting a higher area for food.
D. elephants calmly ambling towards an elevated place.

Approach

STEP 1 Identify the keywords and question focus in the question or stem.

STEP 2 Find out the relevant information in the passage.

STEP 3 Choose the correct answer – A, B, C, or D.

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Multiple Choice Exercise 8

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Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D.

Passage 8

The usual color of dolphins varies from black to grayish white, which allows them to blend well with their underwater surroundings. However, there are also pink dolphins, which may come as a surprise to many. Sightings of albino sea dolphins with pink skin and red eyes have been noted. In the Amazon, pink freshwater dolphins, which are distant cousins of sea dolphins, are found. Pink dolphins of the Amazon are called Botos or Amazon River dolphins. The pink color of the Boto's skin is due to the abundant capillaries near the surface of the dolphin's skin and the high iron content of the Amazon River. Botos are highly intelligent and curious dolphins.

Question

Which of the following is a reason for the pink coloration of the Amazon River dolphin?

A. The insignificant amount of iron in the waters of the Amazon
B. The significant level of iron in the waters of the Amazon
C. The abundance of capillaries in the animals that feed on Boto dolphins
D. The significant amount of capillaries in the skins of the fish in the Amazon

Approach

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