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Passage 5

The pyramids of Egypt hold great mysteries to this day. Up to now, experts cannot pinpoint the exact period when the pyramids were made due to lack of precise historical records. However, the pyramids are said to have been constructed during the time of the Old Kingdom, which was around 3,000 B.C. The oldest and largest pyramid is the Great Pyramid of Giza. The pyramid stood at a height of about 147 meters shortly after it was built. At present, however, the pyramid's height is around 139 meters due to erosion and the loss of its pyramidion or uppermost piece. The pyramids in Egypt today indeed testify to the creativity and resourcefulness of ancient people that up to this time they remain as some of the world's most amazing accomplishments.

Question

*Answer the following question using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the paragraph.*

How much is the discrepancy between the past and present height of the Pyramid of Giza?

Approach

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

STEP 2 Find out the relevant information in the passage.

STEP 3 Write your answer in no more than three words.

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Passage 6

The skin is a person's first line of defense against all external elements. It is the largest organ of the human body, which is usually sixteen percent of the total body weight. The skin protects muscles, bones and other internal organs. It is made up of three layers, namely, the epidermis, the dermis and the subcutaneous layer. New skin cells are formed underneath the epidermis, and as these form, older cells are pushed upward. As a person's skin cells get older and tougher, about 30,000 of these dead cells are sloughed off every minute. The skin continuously makes new cells and gets rid of old ones. Hence, a normal person can shed up to four kilograms of dead skin cells per year.

Question

*Answer the following question using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the paragraph.*

How many kilograms of dead skin cells can a regular individual maximally slough off in a 3-year period?

Approach

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

STEP 2 Find out the relevant information in the passage.

STEP 3 Write your answer in no more than three words.

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