2. Reading Comprehension (Items 51 - 80)

Directions: Read the extracts and choose the BEST alternative to complete the statements that follow each extract.

Extract 1

How can a magazine be strong regionally if it is not strong locally?

COUNTRY	ASIA MAGAZINE*	READER'S DIGEST	TIME	NEWSWEEK	ASIAWEEK	FEER
SINGAPORE	380,000	59,316	26,777	21,226	10,407	1,605
MALAYSIA	105,600	50,343	19,724	14,249	20,097	10,790
HONG KONG	82,000	16,405	21,346	17,622	18,106	9,628
THAILAND	46,700	4,031	10,148	7,396	8,223	4,618
PHILIPPINES	15,000	90,000	25,436	27,438	24,500	6,311
TAIWAN	22,000	7,200	16,295	10,475	5,410	2,331
BRUNEI	21,060	---	620	797	529	402
INDONESIA	1,300	10,642	11,760	9,098	2,343	3,739
TOTAL	673,660	237,937	132,106	108,301	89,615	39,424

Source: BPA & ABC Audit Statements, June 1993

51. The top three magazines in Asia are ___ respectively.
    1. Asia Magazine, Reader's Digest and Time
    2. Asia Magazine, Time and Newsweek
    3. Asia Magazine, Reader's Digest and Asiaweek
    4. Asia Magazine, Newsweek and Time
    5. Asia Magazine, Newsweek and Reader's Digest

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52. The strongest market for Asia Magazine is ___.
    1. Taiwan
    2. Malaysia
    3. Singapore
    4. Hong Kong
    5. Thailand

53. The difference between the number of copies of Newsweek and Asia Magazine sold in the Philippines is ___.
    1. 1,559
    2. 3,094
    3. 7,000
    4. 12,438
    5. 19,673

54. The country where Newsweek is the most popular is ___.
    1. Brunei
    2. Singapore
    3. Indonesia
    4. Thailand
    5. the Philippines

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55. The magazine that people in Brunei do not read is ___.
    1. Reader's Digest
    2. Asia Magazine
    3. Newsweek
    4. Asiaweek
    5. Time

Extract 2



56. Mrs. Thornapple is calling ACME TV Repair to ___.
    1. inform them that she has got a new TV
    2. tell the repair service not to come
    3. say that her TV has been repaired
    4. cancel her visit to the shop
    5. come and check her TV

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57. When Mrs. Thornapple says, "That's right.", she means ___.
    1. her TV does not have a picture
    2. she really wants her TV repaired
    3. her TV actually had a blurred picture
    4. her TV does not have any problem
    5. she never had any problem seeing the TV picture

58. When Mrs. Thornapple says, "Isn't that a laugh?", she means ___.
    1. she thinks her mistake is funny
    2. she wants to laugh at herself for cancelling her appointment
    3. the repairman can laugh at her for not wearing glasses
    4. her husband laughs at her for wearing his glasses to watch TV
    5. wearing her husband's glasses made her look funny

59. When Mrs. Thornapple says, "Hello?" at the end of the conversation, it means ___.
    1. the telephone line is busy
    2. she has finished her conversation
    3. the person on the other end has hung up
    4. she is greeting the person on the other end
    5. the person on the other end could not hear her

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60. It can be inferred that Mrs. Thornapple first called the TV repairman because ___.
    1. her TV was not working
    2. she could not see the TV screen clearly
    3. she wanted to play a trick on the repairman
    4. she had an accident while turning on the TV
    5. her husband could not turn on the TV

Extract 3

The earliest known birds learned to fly by running fast and flapping their wings, not by leaping from tall trees, researchers said last week. Exactly how birds began to fly has been hotly debated by scientists since the 1800s. Most agree that birds evolved from dinosaurs, but how they took to the skies has been a mystery. Critics of the running theory argued that early birds could not have gained enough speed to build up the velocity to become airborne by flapping their wings. But paleontologists at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County used aerodynamic calculations and fossil records to show that the oldest known bird, the 150-million-year-old Archaeopteryx, was quick enough to get a running start.

"We went back and analyzed previous ideas about how Archaeopteryx could have flown," Dr. Luis Chiappe said in a statement. "We discovered that some important aerodynamic issues had been overlooked and that when **these** were considered, Archaeopteryx could indeed run fast enough to achieve the necessary speed to take off from the ground."

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Dr. Chiappe and his colleague Dr. Phillip Burgers showed that Archaeopteryx reached its minimum flying speed by means of the thrust and residual lift produced by flapping its wings.

"We regard thrust, and not lift, as the primordial force ultimately responsible for **sustained flight**," the researchers said in the *Nature* paper. As a flier, Archaeopteryx probably represents a late stage in the evolution of bird flight.

61. The extract is about ___.
    1. a theory on how early birds were able to fly
    2. a study on how birds were related to dinosaurs
    3. a solution on the flying ability of the dinosaurs
    4. evidence on how winged dinosaurs evaded enemies
    5. the way aerodynamic calculations were applied to flying

62. It has been recently discovered that the early birds ___.
    1. jumped from tall trees and flapped their wings to fly
    2. flapped their wings to lift off and moved forward
    3. ran fast, flapped their wings and took off
    4. lifted off, pushed themselves forward and flew
    5. ran faster than winged dinosaurs to get enough speed to fly

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63. Critics of the running theory rejected the idea that the early birds ___.
    1. could have run fast enough to lift off and fly
    2. were related to winged dinosaurs
    3. were able to flap their wings
    4. would remain in the air only with strong wings
    5. started their flight by jumping from trees and lifting off

64. The word **these** (line 14) refers to ___.
    1. researchers
    2. paleontologists
    3. fossil records
    4. issues
    5. birds

65. The phrase **sustained flight** (line 20) means ___.
    1. residual lift
    2. flying speed
    3. staying airborne
    4. primordial force
    5. aerodynamic calculation

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66. The best title for this extract is "___".
    1. How early birds achieved lift-off
    2. Winged dinosaurs, plant-eating creatures
    3. Why only winged dinosaurs became extinct
    4. Important evidence shown by critics
    5. How dinosaurs flew before Archaeopteryx

Extract 4

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: An office worker cleaning a refrigerator full of rotten food created a smell so **noxious** that **it** sent seven co-workers to the hospital and made many others ill. Firefighters had to evacuate the building in Central San Jose after the fumes led someone to call emergency services. What crews found was an unplugged refrigerator crammed with moldy food. Authorities say an enterprising office worker had decided to clean it out, placing the food in a conference room while using two cleaning chemicals to scrub down the mess. The mixture of old lunches and disinfectant caused 28 people to need treatment for vomiting and nausea.

67. According to the news report, firefighters were called to ___.
    1. extinguish a fire in the building
    2. clean the rotten food in an office
    3. take people in the office to hospital
    4. remove the refrigerator from the building
    5. help deal with the odor in the building

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68. According to the news report, the smell was caused by the ___.
    1. mess in a refrigerator
    2. spoiled lunches in the conference room
    3. rotten food and the cleaning chemicals
    4. chemicals used in cleaning the refrigerator
    5. spoiled food in an unplugged refrigerator

69. The word **noxious** (line 2) could best be replaced by ___.
    1. rotten
    2. messy
    3. fragrant
    4. harmful
    5. urgent

70. The pronoun **it** (line 2) refers to the ___.
    1. food
    2. smell
    3. hospital
    4. building
    5. refrigerator

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