Hedging

Task 1

Choose the odd-one-out expression (which is NOT hedging).

1.

a) It could be suggested that
b) There is a possibility that
c) It might be the case that
d) It is absolutely certain that

2.

a) frequently
b) always
c) occasionally
d) commonly

3.

a) none of
b) to some extent
c) in certain situations
d) a proportion of

4.

a) which appears to be
b) have a tendency to
c) it represents
d) , which may suggest that…

5.

a) may
b) must
c) might
d) could

6.

a) arguably
b) probably
c) presumably
d) definitely

7.

a) somewhat
b) largely
c) as a rule
d) absolutely

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Task 2

Choose the hedging phrase that suits the gap most.

1. The nuclei 53C0 , 43Ti and 43Sc were studied carefully in order to determine if y rays were present _____ to the decay of metastable states.

2. This analysis provides a preliminary quantification of the mercury-related health burden from ASGM _____ available.

3. These frequent storms are _____ to climate change.

4. _____ of the reinterview studies, as well as the surveys themselves, is that respondents may lack precise information.

5. Older people are more susceptible to dehydration than younger people. _____ lack of thirst sensation and changes in the water and sodium balance that naturally occur as people age.

6. On Thursday morning, Sean Kevelighan, a Citigroup spokesman, said that the figures were always rough estimates and the _____ an increase in its credit card accounts and other factors.

7. _____ the present results is that hyperactivity emerges more strongly with adulthood.

8. _____SERS technique can be illustrated with the enhanced electromagnetic (EM).

9. _____ that the situation will improve in the long term.

10. Reports based on some benchmark results _____ that the original Nvidia Tegra 2 processor has been replaced by a Texas Instruments OMAP 4 processor.

11. However, this is 10,000 down on the number received in the second half of last year - _____ complaints relating to mis-sold PPI are starting to tail off.

12. Children who have obesity _____ have high blood pressure and high cholesterol, which are risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

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