R5. EX 2.

A. Chọn câu có nghĩa tương tự câu được tô sáng trong các đoạn văn sau.

1

Diamonds are the hardest and the most valuable gems. They can be different colors, but the most popular ones are clear. We use diamonds to cut other things in objects like glass cutters, but they are also used for jewelry. Properly cut diamonds are sparkly and beautiful to look at.

A. Diamonds are used for cutting things and for decorations.
B. Diamonds are too valuable to use.

2

Amethysts are gems that look like beautiful colored crystals. They are usually purple. Ancient Greeks and Romans thought that amethysts could prevent drunkenness. Today we know that the belief is not true, but even now some people believe that amethysts have special energy and healing powers.

A. We do not know the truth about the mysterious powers of amethysts.
B. The old belief is not true, but some people still believe that amethysts have special powers.

3

Soapstone is one of the softest rocks. It gets its name because it feels almost like soap to touch, and it can be carved easily like soap. Soapstone is so easy to carve that even a fingernail can mark it. Soapstone is used by artists for making sculptures.

A. This rock is called soapstone because it feels similar to soap.
B. We make soap from soapstone, so the words are similar.

Từ mới

gem (n) *a jewel/precious stone*
sparkly (adj) *reflecting light in a pleasing way*
drunkenness (n) *a state resulting from excessive drinking of alcohol*
healing (adj) *having the power to cure*
carve (v) *to cut rock or wood into a shape*

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B. Chọn câu được tô sáng trong đoạn văn có nghĩa tương tự câu cho sẵn.

1. We get valuable metals and stones from mining.

Mining is the word we use to describe how we get minerals and metals out of the ground. There are two basic types of mining. (A) One is called open-pit mining, which uses very big and deep holes dug in the ground. Another is shaft mining, which uses tunnels dug below ground. (B) Mining is very important because this is how we get important metals and precious stones like gold, iron and diamonds.

2. Various actions of mankind cause greater erosion.

(A) Erosion is a natural process that means wearing down. It happens when water or wind moves dirt and rocks. Erosion shapes the Earth. You can see the effects of erosion in river valleys. The water in the river gradually forms a valley by moving small rocks, sand, and dirt. (B) Erosion happens naturally, but sometimes humans speed up erosion by poor farming and building practices.

Từ mới

mineral (n) *a valuable chemical substance which is from the ground*
pit (n) *a large open hole created by removing rock and dirt*
precious (adj) *of great value because of being important or rare*
effect (n) *the result of a particular influence*
gradually (adv) *slowly over a period of time*

R5. EX 3. Đọc các đoạn văn sau đây và trả lời câu hỏi.

1

Charles Darwin published *The Origin of Species*. He wrote that life forms change in response to their environments. His theory of natural selection caused a major change in science. But this challenged religious beliefs. His theory said that life evolved. God was not responsible for the life we see today.

Which of the following best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence?

A. According to Darwin, particular environments cause life forms to change.
B. Darwin wrote that life forms change the environments around them.
C. According to Darwin, change is the essence of life forms.
D. Darwin wrote that life forms change spontaneously.

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