

DIYALOG

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1. Jean:

- **Almost all the science fiction films produced recently are remakes of the famous films from the 1950s and 60s. They're newer but I think most of them fall far short of their originals.**

Paul:

- **Are you kidding? Have you seen Tim Burton's 2001 remake of *Planet of the Apes*. It's vastly superior to the original as a work of visual art.**

Jean:

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Paul:

- **What else would you need? Are you talking about actors? Or is it the decline in importance of cinema with the appearance of DVDs?**

Jean:

- **None of those. I think a sci-fi is at its best not when celebrating the spectacle but when it offers intelligent social and political commentary. That's what the new remakes lack.**

A) You may be right. Still, its being a remake doesn't change the reality that it simply relies on nostalgia.

B) Your reaction is understandable given that your taste in cinema lies only in the fame of a film's director.

C) I see what you mean, but making a good sci-fi film is more than using impressive special effects.

D) That's right as long as one cares more for the popularity of the original film than that of the remake.

E) Yes, it's easy to see Burton's unique flair but the film lacks the energy and impact of the original.

2. Alissa:

- **Do you know the Roman theatre in the 3,000-year-old city of Volterra is currently being immortalised with three- dimensional (3D) scanning techniques for visiting?**

Brian:

- **Wow, that's great when you think about all the important structures destroyed due to natural disasters and conflicts. So, how are historic buildings preserved digitally?**

Alissa:

- **Scientists use laser scanning and drones to take full 3D scans of architecture and artefacts. These then can be reconstructed in a computer to produce identical 3D models.**

Brian:

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Alissa:

- **Exactly! I can't wait to see some 13th-century medieval castles without even getting out of my apartment.**

A) I guess 3D technology is even likely to help scientists unearth historical truths if used properly.

B) Virtual tours are already possible thanks to the virtual reality technology. And this has made the job of archaeologists and art historians more visible.

C) So, this means now we can put on our virtual reality headset and virtually visit them whenever we want. That's cool!

D) Actually, the biggest contribution of the 3D technology is to attract the attention of people uninterested in history.

E) As virtual tourists, we all appreciate the benefits of virtual reality and 3D technologies. They've made it possible to visit important modern buildings as well.

3. Rick:

- **After that presentation today, I have to agree that Henry Ford was really a business pioneer.**

Sarah:

- **I'm not sure we can define him as "pioneer."**

Rick:

- **Why not? He was the first to realize that in addition to focusing on providing a quality product at an affordable price, companies also need to understand that employees are potential customers.**

Sarah:

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Rick:

- **Exactly! If your workers become your customers, your business will thrive.**

A) So if your employees are involved in the decision making process, they can help to boost sales as well.

B) I see. That's why he doubled his employees' wages - so they could afford to buy his products?

C) Right, so he saw that while the production line was more efficient, his workers were still unhappy with their work.

D) But aren't low-wage workers the ones that make the products for middle- and upper-class consumers?

E) Ok, that might have been useful in that century, but can this strategy be applied to today's businesses?

4. Sam:

- **Have you heard some companies are now seriously thinking about mining asteroids?**

Ashley:

- **Really? I've never thought asteroids could offer commercial value. You know, it must be too costly even to go near an asteroid.**

Sam:

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Ashley:

- **Oh, now I see why they're highly motivated to mine asteroids. But it may lead to rivalries and even hostilities among companies over who has the right to mine which asteroid.**

A) The real problem is to determine which asteroids are economically viable to exploit and how mining operations can be done reliably.

B) As a matter of fact, asteroids could help humans in many ways, including telling us about our place in the Solar System.

C) Well, the organic compounds and water in asteroids could provide us with the raw materials we need in our exploration of the Solar System.

D) Incredibly, a metallic asteroid could contain enough gold, platinum, and nickel to make it worth thousands of billions of dollars.

E) I think with inadequate laws and regulations, the race for asteroid-mining could lead to serious problems.

5. Professor:

- **Astrobiologists are searching for signs of past life on Mars, where they'll probably never go.**

Student:

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Professor:

- **They designed a very complicated instrument to send to the surface of the planet.**

Student:

- **Do you mean a robot?**

Professor:

- **It looks like a lunch box. It'll move across the surface with three pairs of legs in tiny 100-micron size steps and analyse the chemical make-up of different areas.**

- A) What do astrobiologists hope to discover without going to the planet?
- B) How are they examining the planet from such a distance?
- C) How different is their research from previous Mars investigations?
- D) Why are they insisting on finding evidence of ancient life on Mars?
- E) Do you think they will be successful in this new Mars mission?

6. Journalist:

- **Recently, images of sea turtles that drowned from becoming entangled in plastic bags have been widely shared on social media.**

Ecologist:

- **Very upsetting! These sea turtles are especially young ones. They're at greater risk of being affected by plastic pollution in the oceans than their elders.**

Journalist:

- **What makes them more vulnerable to death from plastic?**

Ecologist:

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Journalist:

- **So, because younger turtles encounter higher concentrations of plastic debris, their risk of death is higher.**

- A) Drowning is not the only threat from plastic bags. Sea turtles mistake plastic bags as jellyfish and ingest them, which leads to blockage or starvation.
- B) Whether it's a plastic bag or any other kind of plastic material, plastic pollution impacts sea turtles at every stage of their life.
- C) I think governments should increase their efforts to clean up plastic trash from the world's oceans, as it affects not only young sea turtles, but also many other sea creatures.
- D) They tend to swim near the surface, where plastic floats, and thus they generally drift with plastic-rich currents.
- E) Everything from cosmetics, cleaning products, toys to household items include bits of plastic that may eventually end up in the ocean.

7. Journalist:

- **Why do you write?**

Author:

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Journalist:

- **What do you feel your strengths are as an author? How have you developed these qualities?**

Author:

- **My goal has always been to be honest. Honest to the characters, honest to the people who experience in real life what the character goes through on the page, honest to myself and the vision I hold.**

- A) Since my job is, in part, to write dialogue, I think I have, over the years, gotten better and better at finding that honesty through what the characters say and leave unsaid.
- B) I can go for long stretches when I don't write anything, but there's always an idea brewing.
- C) I love being in the flow that comes when you're open to anything happening on the page, and I love reading what comes out as a result.
- D) The process is never perfect, and since I rarely work from an outline, there's a lot of time spent just sitting and waiting for the next idea to come.
- E) These days when I have a project in mind, I write at weekends unless I'm on a deadline. That way, I can allocate enough time for my businesses and my creative work.

8. Reporter: - **Your area of expertise is the Enlightenment period. Can you briefly describe the period?**

Historian:

- **Of course! The Enlightenment refers to a period in European history from the late seventeenth to late eighteenth century. It was an intellectual time when scholars sought to shift inquiry away from the supernatural towards physical and human nature.**

Reporter:

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Historian:

- **Print culture plus the creation of a literate middle-class. This expanding audience with more leisure time had access to pamphlets, essays, novels and such. And this allowed knowledge to be disseminated more quickly and be debated in salons and coffee houses.**

- A) What else changed among the middle-class along with the new way of thinking?
- B) What developments would you say aided in the proliferation of this type of critical thinking?
- C) In your opinion, how did the printing press help in the Enlightenment period?
- D) Were there any factors that impeded the progress of this new thinking style?
- E) How would you explain the impact of leisure time on people's access to new information?

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9. Kelly:

- I've been on a diet and jogging for over a month, but I haven't lost any pounds yet. Look at you! You're always very fit. What's your secret, Jason?

Jason:

- Just change your workout pattern. Instead of jogging for 30 or 60 minutes, mix up short, intense bursts of activity with less hardcore moves in between. Try 4-minute intense workouts followed by 10 seconds of a moderate activity. It's called high intensive interval training - also called HUT.

Kelly:

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Jason:

- Oh no, it's the other way around. In fact, studies have shown that you burn more calories and fat soon after you start.

- A) Is there a faster and more successful method you can advise because I can't cut down on fatty foods?
B) Oh, its advantages outweigh those of other types of training? I think it's a common way of training.
C) It must be the latest trend. Don't you think being healthy is more important than burning calories?
D) It sounds awesome, and in your case it seems to have worked. Do I have to do it in the gym?
E) Does it really work? To be honest, I don't think it can be as effective as longer workouts that gradually build in intensity.

10. Andy:

- It's a tough time to be a teen. Cyberbullying and this new selfie culture pile on the pressure to always look good.

Bill:

-I completely agree. My daughter lives in a virtual world. Sometimes I think she lives to display her life online.

Andy:

-Oh, that's such a pity! Experts warn that teenagers are in the midst of a mental health crisis: self-harm and depression are soaring, especially among girls.

Bill:

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Andy:

- First, don't judge her. She's living in a sensitive age, so you need to sympathize with her. But if I were in your shoes. I'd encourage her to engage in some social activities, such as sport or art clubs.

- A) We don't know how to cope with it. She doesn't seem to recognize our worries at all.
B) Well, we don't want to criticise her actions and decisions. We just want her to be happy.
C) Don't you think as parents we exert more pressure on her by talking about this issue all the time?
D) Do you think we should ask her to put herself into our shoes to make her understand how we feel?
E) We really care about her, but this doesn't mean that we can interfere in her business.

11. Professor:

- So, Hanna, I heard you're interested in becoming a historian?

Hanna:

- That's true. I'm fascinated by history, but maybe you can tell me more about what a historian does.

Professor:

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Hanna:

- That sounds very exciting, but challenging as well. Trying to understand all the dimensions of an event must be quite engaging, I think.

- A) Sure. A historian is not generally a well-paid position, though it's possible to earn a good salary if you publish ground breaking research.
B) Certainly. In a nutshell, historians conceptualize, describe, explain, and interpret the past. That is, they answer questions like "What happened, how, and why?".
C) That might be difficult. The job of a historian is not easily defined. There is a number of different, sometimes contradictory, definitions.
D) Well, in my personal experience, history is no longer an interesting discipline since technology has made many aspects of the career unnecessary.
E) Of course. We historians focus on "why" questions: "Why did this event happen?" We leave the questions of "what" and "how" to writers.

12. Ian:

- According to some estimates, there are now more than one billion videogames in the world.

Michael:

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Ian:

- Well, they offer a lot with their fantastic environments, fabulous design, some social content, and competition. There are many people addicted to online games.

Michael:

- I agree. I do hear stories about people who just play games endlessly and start to ignore the other aspects of their lives.

- A) The media and some experts often talk about some potential risks of gaming, like violent video games. What's the current thinking on that?
B) How do you think we could integrate some educational content to videogames so that young people would benefit from them?
C) I think play is ubiquitous. I mean, everybody likes to play. Even most animals enjoy playing. But why do you think videogames are particularly popular?
D) We've witnessed dramatic changes in both content and design of the videogames over the past several decades. Where do you think games might be heading?
E) When we talk about addiction we mean a psychological condition. Is it really possible to associate videogaming to addiction or dependence?

13. Researcher:

- **There are some studies claiming that the higher a family's socioeconomic status, the more successful their children will be at school.**

Education expert:

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Researcher:

- **Then, can you explain what makes a child do well at school?**

Education expert:

- **IQ levels, cognitive abilities, learning styles, personality characteristics, or goals for the future. These all have an important role to play in children's school success.**

A) I absolutely disagree. Children from disadvantaged homes are often more successful than those of high-income families, as they recognize the fact that they must succeed at school to find a job and earn their living in the future.

B) I don't believe that it is possible to predict a child's academic potential just by looking at his or her family's income. There are many other variables that should be taken into account.

C) That might be true. Children of affluent families go to prestigious schools, and there's no doubt that school quality has much to do with children's school success.

D) Studies also show that impoverished upbringing affects some regions of the brain responsible for mental processing. So, growing up poor may have a negative impact on children's cognitive abilities.

E) There is a common tendency to think that children who live in poverty get lower grades at school, and most studies have proven this.

14. Clare:

- **A current study has revealed that some caterpillars can consume 92 milligrams of plastic in half a day.**

Andy:

- **Amazing! That's fast, considering it takes at least 100 years for a plastic bag to decompose naturally. How on earth can they do that?**

Clare:

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Andy:

- **If this is the case, I can picture a scenario in the future where they can isolate it, produce it on a large scale, and use that to biodegrade plastics.**

A) Scientists believe that a single enzyme is what breaks down the plastic.

B) The study suggests that there is an unknown mechanism at work.

C) Scientists want to make sure caterpillars digest plastic rather than just bite it.

D) A biotech company has organized detailed plans, but they don't have the funds to test the idea.

E) Not sure. It hasn't been made clear yet if they can consume it faster or not.

15. Maggie:

- **I California's Central Valley, industrial activities, farming and traffic have made the air quality so bad that four areas in the region now rank among the top 10 dirtiest cities in the US.**

Judith:

- **What a terrible result for those who live there! It must be threatening their health.**

Maggie:

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Judith:

- **Well then, the government must take necessary precautions as soon as possible to protect people.**

A) Well, for a start, using electrical power in cars can cut as much as three tons of smog emissions.

B) As far as I know, exposure to pollutants can cause memory impairment and weaken the immune system.

C) A group of environmentalists have recently launched a health campaign to deal with air pollution.

D) In fact, local residents seem reluctant to suggest practical measures as they believe the government is doing its best to protect their health.

E) State funds are not sufficient alone to cope with air pollution, so people living in those areas should also take immediate action.

16. Professor:

- **Can you please tell me what the science of psychology is?**

Student:

- **It focuses on people's emotions, perceptions, and thoughts. It's also concerned with the consistency and change in an individual's behaviour.**

Professor:

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Student:

- **Even so, most people think of psychology as a field that particularly studies how we behave in certain situations.**

A) It's very important to recognise the relevance of basic concepts and principles of psychology to real-life situations.

B) I certainly agree that studying psychology helps us a lot to better understand others' feelings and behaviours.

C) So you mean psychologists often limit themselves to the study of outward, observable behaviour.

D) It deals with not just what people think or feel, but it also studies our mental processes, personality traits, dreaming and motivation.

E) It has many subfields such as educational psychology, but most people think that it focuses solely on human behaviour.

17. Interviewer:

- **You have a very unique and important job – you de-ice aeroplane wings. What you tell us about this job?**

Aeroplane Tech:

- **As you know, aeroplanes are designed to cope with extreme temperatures. But, even a little build-up of ice can change the shape of the wings which can change their ability to generate lift.**

Interviewer:

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Aeroplane Tech:

- **Well, yes, but in severe conditions they can be inadequate. That means people like me need to be on hand to apply high pressure blasts of antifreeze to ensure a safe flight.**

- A) Can de-icing systems cause damage to the aeroplane itself?
- B) Don't aeroplanes have de-icing systems built into them?
- C) Are there any examples of crashes because of insufficient de-icing?
- D) Is it possible for de-icing systems to fall short in reducing the ice on the wings?
- E) Are people like you important in the decision to de-ice a plane?

18. Greg:

- **Traditional cheese making is a lengthy process. Modern production methods are much faster, but they make the cheese less tasty. How do you deal with this?**

Tom:

- **Well, we're experimenting with a technique that uses sound waves to speed up the rate of natural cream-milk separation. Smaller fat globules are retained in this process, and this gives a creamier taste.**

Greg:

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Tom:

- **We've been able to carry out this process in just five minutes, as opposed to the normal 6 hours.**

Greg:

- **That's amazing!**

- A) How long does it take for the cheese to be delivered to the supermarket?
- B) How much faster is this method compared to the natural separation process?
- C) How many days in total do you need to produce cheese using this process?
- D) When did you carry out the first cream-milk separation using sound waves?
- E) So, how exactly do you produce this creamier taste with your new technique?

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19. Journalist:

- **So, you're working on using viruses to create bio-batteries. Can you tell us about your work?**

Engineer:

- **We're working with one certain type of virus. We're trying to develop ways to harness its energy and use that energy to charge batteries.**

Journalist:

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Engineer:

- **The batteries we currently use contain substances which are toxic to the environment. That's why we're focusing on rechargeable, environmentally-friendly batteries.**

- A) How do you actually make these bio-batteries?
- B) What distinguishing features does the most useful virus have?
- C) How did the idea to use viruses to grow materials for batteries first occur to you?
- D) How do you dispose of bio-batteries when they can no longer be charged?
- E) Why do we need new types of batteries?

20. Journalist:

- **Professor, we know that you use online games to study humans' responses to catastrophic events. Why online games?**

Scientist:

- **Simply because you can't go into the middle of a real-life disaster area and ask people: "What are you doing? How do you feel?" They're too busy trying to survive.**

Journalist:

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Scientist:

- **We go into the game and interview the characters present, or read about their experiences in the game's forums.**

- A) How would you describe your own reaction to a catastrophe?
- B) Can games like this really yield broad insights into our behaviour?
- C) How do you examine players' behaviour and feelings?
- D) What options other than online games can you use to study human behaviour?
- E) What sorts of games are you using for this?

21. Lecturer:

- **In an emergency, people stop whatever they're doing and engage in the situation and do something to help, right?**

Student:

- **Absolutely. It's like an instinct.**

Lecturer:

- **Lone bystanders will usually react like this, often without hesitation. However, when several bystanders are present, there is a clear tendency to hold back and even to not respond at all.**

Student:

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Lecturer:

- **Yes, in these situations most people don't want to take responsibility, but transfer it to others.**

- A) Are they overreacting by doing so?
- B) Are people aware of the importance of first-aid?
- C) Do you mean people are sometimes reluctant to help victims?
- D) Do people understand the severity of the situation?
- E) Do you think all witnesses share responsibility?

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Doctor:

- **Your check-up results look fine but during the winter months, you need to be careful and protect yourself against bronchitis.**

Patient:

- **What is bronchitis exactly?**

Doctor:

- **It's a respiratory disease which inflames the bronchial tubes, the air passages leading into the lung.**

Patient:

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Doctor:

- **A cough and a sore throat are the primary symptoms, but difficulty in breathing and the development of fever are also common characteristics.**

- A) How is the condition treated?
- B) How will I know if I have this condition?
- C) Why do I have to be particularly careful during winter?
- D) Is it in any way related to emphysema?
- E) Does smoking also contribute to the development of bronchitis?

23. Interviewer:

- **David, you've just published your new biography about Einstein. What's the biggest misconception about him?**

David:

- **Well, most people think that because he was very smart he was kind of nerdy, but, in fact he was attractive, very popular with women, and had quite a muscular physique.**

Interviewer:

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David:

- **True, usually his Theory of Relativity overshadows his more personal attributes. Did you know he spent most of his income in the 1930s to help people escape from the war?**

Interviewer:

- **That is something I've never heard before! How wonderful.**

- A) This isn't what we expect from famous scientists.
- B) That sounds typical for a famous scientist.
- C) I think this is a fact that most people would find normal to hear.
- D) So, it seems we know a lot about his personal life.
- E) Because he was so famous, it seems likely that he was a social person.

24. Donna:

- **In the near future, it seems that we'll finally have robots around us. Do you think you'll want to share your life with them?**

Roger:

- **A companion robot is something I'd want to have because it could do valuable work for me, but only if it had some sort of personality. Otherwise, it would be no more interesting than a washing machine.**

Donna:

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Roger:

- **We'd still be directing the movements of the robot. We'd play the role of puppet master.**

- A) Why aren't we inspired by some cartoon or film characters in designing humanoid robots?
- B) How do you think we can make them have personalities?
- C) What other characters do you think are good models for companion robots?
- D) If robots start to have personalities, does it mean that humans will no longer be controlling them?
- E) Why aren't robots very charismatic yet?

25. Journalist:

- **Why do you think psychiatry needs to be better integrated with general medicine instead of separate healthcare services for our physical and mental health?**

Psychiatrist:

- **Well, most illnesses aren't so easily divided. Also, the evidence that psychological treatments can have an impact on physical disorders is growing.**

Journalist:

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Psychiatrist:

- **Take heart attacks. It's perfectly physical. But depression actually has a greater influence than smoking on your chances of surviving the following 12 months.**

- A) Would the influence of the psychological treatment be stronger before or after the physical disorder is developed?
- B) Is there any evidence which shows this approach works?
- C) Could you give an example of such an occurrence to illustrate the impact?
- D) So what needs to be changed for integrating psychiatry into medicine more effectively?
- E) Could you elaborate on how psychological treatments positively affect our mental health?

26. Miranda:

- **Shannon told me that she's going to throw a surprise birthday party for her husband at the weekend. I don't understand why people like surprise parties. So many things could go wrong.**

Carole:

- **That's because you can't tolerate unpredictability. You need to control everything around you.**

Miranda:

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Carole:

- **But that's the idea of surprise parties. People want to see the astonishment on your face.**

- A) This has nothing to do with my personality. I want things to be organized, neat and comfortable for all people.
- B) Just a tiny mistake can turn everything into a chaos. You may even hurt one's feelings in the end.
- C) Definitely! It annoys me when something unexpected happens, because I really hate being shocked.
- D) Those who like to do unusual things may find surprise parties amusing, but I dislike such events.
- E) Staying safe and not going through trouble is more important to me than stressing over the details of a party.

27. Professor:

- **Apart from being an ambiguous subject area. Cultural Studies also lacks its own principles, theories or methods.**

Student:

- **Excuse me, Professor. I'm not sure if I understand. If Cultural Studies doesn't have its own theories or methodology, how does it actually function?**

Professor:

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Student:

- **Now it makes sense. Thank you!**

- A) Yes, Cultural Studies is practically impossible to define, but it doesn't mean that anything can be its subject.
- B) Well, it does have its own very distinct and distinctive history as well as principles.
- C) Good question. That's why Cultural Studies is often described as an "anti-discipline".
- D) It might sound problematic, but Cultural Studies aims to examine its subject matter in terms of its relation to power.
- E) Very effectively indeed because Cultural Studies takes whatever it needs from any discipline and adapts it for its own purposes.

28. Carlos:

- **I really hate airline food, even when I fly business class! It's horrible!**

Anita:

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Carlos:

- **Oh really? Is that why the food is so tasteless during flights?**

Anita:

- **Yes. I've read that saltiness and sweetness drop by about 30 percent at 35,000 feet as if you had a cold.**

- A) You should check the food reviews on the Internet before choosing the airline company.
- B) It's prepared in a limited time, so it's normal it's not tasty.
- C) It is because you lose your sense of taste at a high altitude.
- D) The quality of the food is not the issue; it is the way they serve it.
- E) It is mostly because of the ingredients in the food.

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29. Kemal:

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Deniz:

-That's right. You can find articles about adoption even in the Babylonian Code of Hammurabi, written in 2285 B.C.

Kemal:

-Definitely! I've also read that the ancient Romans supported adoption with their laws.

Deniz:

-But when it comes to Europe, it's a far newer institution.

A) I can describe adoption as the lawful transfer of parental obligations and rights in short.

B) Ancient people used adoption to satisfy religious requirements, as it was the case with the Shinto religion in Japan.

C) Although adoption has become much more institutionalized since the 20th century, it is a much older phenomenon.

D) In the past, adoption mostly served the family and society, but in modern societies its primary purpose is to serve the individual.

E) Both institutionalization and practices of adoption show a great variety throughout the world.

30. Professor:

-Prehistoric people living on the British Isles were more than hunter-gatherers; they were bakers, too.

Student:

-Excuse me, Professor. How do we know that for sure?

Professor:

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Student:

-Oh, I see. So I guess it's safe to assume prehistoric Britons were not just hunters but also skilled bread makers.

A) They seem to have been using axes thousands of years before arable farming started on the islands.

B) Boat builders probably had a fondness for flat bread to complement their protein-rich diet.

C) A team of scientists found wheat DNA dating back some 8000 years in mud at a shipyard near an isle.

D) The closest wheat farmers at this time were probably in Southern Europe or near the East.

E) The fact that they made bread does not mean that wheat was grown there; it was probably imported.

31. Fatma:

-Did you know that plastic bags damage the environment?

Hatice:

-Yes, because plastic isn't biodegradable, meaning it can't decay naturally.

Fatma:

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Hatice:

-There are indeed some efforts to that end in the USA. For example, California is the first state to ban single-use plastic bags.

A) Are there any alternatives to plastic bags?

B) Can you give me an example of plastic recycling?

C) Then, why is no one taking any measures against plastic bags?

D) How many countries are fighting against the use of plastic?

E) What evidence shows that plastic is harmful to the environment?

32. Professor:

-Russian scientists have drilled a four-kilometre hole through Lake Vostok in Antarctica to reach the surface of an ancient lake. Is any of you familiar with this research?

Student:

-As far as I know, they will be studying what are called 'extremophiles', the microbes that are able to survive in extreme conditions – extreme cold, extreme acidity and so on.

Professor:

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Student:

-I've read that they may have pharmaceutical uses, perhaps in creating new antibiotics.

A) Previously we assumed that this cold, lost lake was nothing more than a geological curiosity.

B) And what could be the benefit to mankind? What can we learn from these strong microscopic organisms?

C) New extremophile species are being discovered almost daily. Can you tell me about the most recent significant discoveries?

D) The study of these creatures is still in its infancy, but how have they broadened our conception of life on Earth?

E) Human beings have always searched for ways to improve their ability to survive in difficult environments.

33. Journalist:

-Many governments are now taking action to encourage the use of natural gas to slow down the rate at which climate changes.

Professor:

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Journalist:

-Why do you say so? Isn't natural gas less damaging than other fossil fuels?

Professor:

-That may be true but relying on natural gas will probably push down the renewable energy sector.

A) Natural gas doesn't do less harm to the environment than fossil fuels anyway.

B) I don't think a move to natural gas will help the climate after all.

C) There are a number of differing theories on climate change.

D) Climate change isn't the only catastrophe humanity is facing.

E) It's difficult to understand how climate change affects the environment.

34. Teacher:

-I want you to write a paper on prehistoric Britain. You can visit the library to find resources for your assignment.

Student:

-Can we look for information on the Web?

Teacher:

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Student:

-I guess I'm one of them. Then I should criticize what I read and make sure it gives correct information.

A) You need to be careful about what you find online since most people mistakenly believe all information on the Web is accurate.

B) There's a lot of information on the Web, so you all might get confused about what you aim to mention in your papers.

C) If you're going to be careful while searching, it's OK, as I don't want you to read whatever you find and use irrelevant stuff.

D) It won't pose any problem as long as you give a list of references, otherwise you'll be accused of plagiarizing others' work.

E) Most of the students would rather do online search instead of going to the library, but you may not reach the right resources if you don't get help.

35. Robin:

-Do you know that when Belgian astronomer Georges Lemaitre suggested that the Universe is expanding, many physicists, including Einstein, rejected his theory?

Douglas:

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Robin:

-No, not at the beginning. Einstein was at first convinced that the Universe was static. But later, after the introduction of more advanced telescopes, he changed his mind and accepted Lemaitre's theory.

Douglas:

-Well, at least he had the wisdom to correct his mistake. Many scientists insist on their misconceptions despite a lot of counter evidence.

A) That's because Einstein was in competition with him, isn't that right?

B) So, Lemaitre was the first person to offer what shaped the world of physics?

C) Really? I thought that Einstein also supported the same theory, didn't he?

D) Were there any other popular scientists opposed to Lemaitre's theory?

E) Did Lemaitre's theory gain widespread acceptance before he died

36. Dorian:

-Do you feel good about all the possibilities a new day will bring when you spring out of bed in the morning?

Joanne:

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Dorian:

-Lucky you! A current study suggests that those with a feeling that life is worth living are 23 percent less likely to die from all causes than their numerous pessimistic counterparts.

Joanne:

-I always favour positive thinking and try to be optimistic about life.

A) I generally feel positive about life, but I'm more likely to worry about my daily routine.

B) I think it partly depends on your social life, as it can make you feel very happy or vice versa.

C) No, not really. What I expect from a new day changes very often.

D) Actually, I like to enjoy the pleasures of life, though I get frustrated at times.

E) Yes, I believe that something great will happen, and this thought excites me.

37. Journalist:

-You had a problem in your latest flight, when one of the engines of the spacecraft failed. Did you manage to cope with the situation thanks to your great technical knowledge?

Astronaut:

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Journalist:

-Do you mean keeping calm is more important?

Astronaut:

-Yes, that's exactly what I mean.

- A) If you aren't knowledgeable about the spacecraft, you can't solve anything.
- B) To some extent, it's necessary. But what matters most is to have good knowledge of engines.
- C) Having a good communication with the other team members plays an important role in solving such problems.
- D) If I hadn't been able to control myself and remember how we trained before the flight, we would have crashed.
- E) You should really know who to ask about the problem before solving it.

38. Parent:

-My daughter seems to obsess about having the latest clothes and gadgets nowadays.

Psychologist:

-You don't have to worry. The must-have mentality decreases over time among teenagers and they establish other ways of defining themselves.

Parent:

-What can I do to help her find alternative ways to develop her personality?

Psychologist:

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Parent:

-I see. It's like directing her attention to other fields in which she's interested.

Psychologist:

-Exactly.

- A) You should be patient. It's too early for her to earn her own money and understand the importance of financial security.
- B) Materialism peaks during teen years. So, you shouldn't avoid spending money if you can afford to buy the things that she wants.
- C) Praise from peers can increase her self-esteem dramatically and can make her feel confident when she's with them.
- D) It would be beneficial to help her identify her distinctive skills like playing an instrument and boost her self-esteem in that way.
- E) Just tell her that you're a family and each member is supposed to share responsibilities and sometimes cut his or her expenses.

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39. April

-Here is some good news about climate change. We might, unexpectedly, stay below 2°C of global warming.

Wendy:

-What does this mean for the future?

April:

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Wendy:

-Got it now. It'll give us a little more time to reduce gas emissions.

- A) Climate change is greatly responsible for the sudden rise in sea levels.
- B) Following decades will face some strange consequences of climate change.
- C) We will have to come up with more effective solutions to cope with global warming.
- D) We should have paid more attention to climate change in the previous years.
- E) Earth will warm more slowly over this century than we thought it would.

40. Charlotte:

-Look! There is a ladybug on my skirt!

Emily:

-Cool! People say ladybugs bring good luck. Make a wish and then carefully blow it off.

Charlotte:

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Emily:

-But isn't it fun to make wishes about things we can't control, like winning the lottery?

- A) I'll rather do my best to achieve my goal instead of believing in superstition! Sorry!
- B) Seriously? I believe wishes will work if they are to help people, not to get rich.
- C) OK. I guess there's no harm in expecting a small creature to increase my financial gains.
- D) Sure! This makes me very excited since I'm superstitious about ladybugs!
- E) I can't believe you're one of those who use ladybugs selfishly for their own benefit!

41. Zeynep:

-I'm planning to buy an expensive camera and take up photography to produce high quality pictures of nature.

Emel:

-That's really interesting. But just buying an expensive camera may not be the only answer to photography.

Zeynep:

-Why do you say so?

Emel:

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Zeynep:

-You may be right. Some professional help could be useful for me to get better prepared.

- A) I don't understand why you've chosen photography while you could have chosen something else.
- B) I think you'll just waste your money simply buying an expensive camera.
- C) You should also equip yourself with adequate knowledge before you start, so you should have some course on photography.
- D) I'm also interested in photography, but I'd rather take architectural pictures rather than nature pictures.
- E) You also need to be careful about choosing the right type of memory card for your camera.

42. Tuğçe:

-I've seen a very interesting advertisement about a color-boosting detergent.

Selen:

-I also saw that ad. Do you think it can actually make the colors of your clothes brighter?

Tuğçe:

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Selen:

-I doubt that. I think it's just a marketing tactic to deceive people and make more profit.

- A) Perhaps they just want to show off their product.
- B) Actually, I've no idea about how it works.
- C) It's just another way of cheating customers.
- D) Well, they say it has additional chemicals that make the colors more intense.
- E) There is no difference between this type of detergents and ordinary ones.

43. Lisa:

-Many people say robots in the near future will do most of the housework, leaving plenty of time for leisure activities.

Martha:

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Lisa:

-Interesting! Why do you think so?

Martha:

-Well, having to work for a living gives us a feeling of self-worth, and this feeling makes leisure time enjoyable.

- A) Robots can also allow us to rediscover the rich cultural life enjoyed by our less pressured ancestors.
- B) I wouldn't like that. A world where virtually all work is carried out by robots would be a sad place.
- C) The idea of limitless leisure time sounds attractive, and I'm looking forward to living in such an environment.
- D) I don't think robots will ever be sophisticated enough to be able to do complicated tasks humans perform.
- E) That's good news, especially for those who hate going to work every day, as they'll have more time to do the things they enjoy.

44. Ezgi:

-I've just read an interesting article. It explained that laughing, itching, coughing and crying are all socially contagious actions.

Merve:

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Ezgi:

-You're right but some actions are also infectious.

Merve:

-Then it probably means that even yawning can spread from person to person. Am I right?

Ezgi:

-Absolutely. It's so infectious that we tend to yawn when we see, hear, or even read about someone else doing it.

- A) I think that traits and choices of our friends have an effect on our emotions.
- B) I know for certain that not all infections are highly contagious.
- C) I've always thought that germs are the only things we have to worry about "catching".
- D) I know infectious laughter can spread from one person to another.
- E) Well, we like to be in control of our well-being without interference from others.

45. Ceren:

-I think parents shouldn't allow their children to use the Internet during the school year.

Ayşe:

Ceren:

-Can you give me an example?

Ayşe:

-They can get online and easily access a lot of science websites to gather information for their science projects.

A) These days we hear more and more about incidents of cybercrime.

B) I think you are right. A child can be exposed to many threats from the Internet.

C) Yeah, the Internet can become unnecessarily time-consuming for children.

D) I don't agree with you. The Internet has a lot of use for children that could help with their schooling.

E) Internet-addiction is one of the most prevalent conditions with children today.

46. Gizem:

-Did you know energy drinks can have more than five times the caffeine of a cup of coffee?

Melek:

-That much? I didn't realize it was such a high amount.

Gizem:

Melek:

-Then anyone with such problems should abstain from them completely.

A) Moreover, consuming energy drinks without water is not recommended.

B) Fortunately, it provides relief when you're feeling drowsy by forcing your brain into an alert state.

C) And what's more, they can disrupt a person's heart rate and raise blood pressure.

D) I'm not sure but they can improve physical performance better in an endurance exercise.

E) I think people don't realize how harmful energy drinks are for their health.

47. Berkan:

-During exercise, most of us will sweat more than 1 litre per hour.

Okty:

Beran:

-You can suffer seizure and heart failure once you've lost much of the water in your body.

Okay:

-I guess it's a good idea to keep a bottle of water at hand during exercise.

Berkan:

-You're definitely right.

A) What are the situations where we can lose more than that?

B) Why do we sweat excessively during some physical activities?

C) How can we protect ourselves from the negative effects of too much sweating?

D) What are the possible consequences of excessive sweating?

E) Does this amount increase if one has a health problem?

48. Erhan:

-Today, I read an interesting article about people who live in hot climates. They act too quickly without thinking of what might happen.

Duygu:

-I remember hearing about this, too, but I can't remember why this happens.

Erhan:

Duygu:

-Oh, yes. Just as gloomy weather causes us to feel depressed, hot weather can have a negative effect.

A) Hot weather makes us more stressed, which raises adrenalin levels and reduces our ability to think rationally.

B) The most violent countries are found around the equator, where it is very hot. Isn't that interesting?

C) In the US, for example, crime rates rise as temperatures increase up to 26°C and start to fall again at around 22°C.

D) On the contrary, cold weather can make us more active and willing to work hard.

E) There are various reasons for this in the article, but I don't know which one is the real cause.

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49. Meltem:

-Television has failed to develop into a new form of meaningful communication. It communicates almost nothing worth being conveyed.

Önder:

-So you mean it's as if printing had been invented not in order to print the works of literature, but to print handbills, in order to advertise things we don't need.

Meltem:

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Önder:

-I agree. TV watching is mostly entertainment, aiming to distract us from conflicts but not encouraging us to solve them.

- A) Exactly. Television hasn't achieved its potential as a medium to spread information of use to citizens or to raise awareness about problems.
B) Critics point out that one-sixth of the time most children spent awake is devoted to watching TV.
C) The reactions of viewers to a television show vary greatly with regard to their age, gender or socioeconomic level.
D) Television has mostly been a means of exposing audiences to adverts, and they affect them both in negative and positive ways.
E) Many people say they don't actually like watching TV, but statistics show there is a sharp increase in the number of viewers.

50. Ayşegül:

-I'm really concerned about the high consumption of fast food especially among teenagers.

Nilgün:

-You're absolutely right, and what is worse they themselves are not aware of the devastating effects it has on their health.

Ayşegül:

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Nilgün:

-Well, apart from that, I believe governments should also take some measures to reduce the consumption of fast food.

- A) Do you really think that we should be so worried about this?
B) I don't really agree with the fact that teenagers should be blamed for that.
C) In fact, they cannot do without it.
D) I think parents should be held responsible for this as these teenagers acquire this habit at a very young age.
E) Why do you think fast food consumption has been so high in the last decade?

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51. Daisy:

- Thank you for your presentation about the differences between the flu and cold, but I missed the part about how their symptoms differ.

Presenter:

- Well, when you have a cold, the symptoms show up primarily above your neck, but if it is the flu, you have the symptoms both above and below your neck.

Daisy:

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Presenter:

- Yes! When you have a cold, things get worse slowly, but the flu hits you like a high-speed train.

- A) I see. Then, the best thing to do is to rest up when you have a cold.
B) Alright, and you also mentioned some facts about their severity.
C) So, we can say that the flu and cold have similar impacts.
D) I believe you also said that when we have the flu, we have a terrible headache.
E) It's not hard to imagine why so many people confuse cold and the flu.

52. Adam:

- So anyway, I heard that the registration deadline for summer school is fast approaching. You'd better hurry up and register if you want to take that physics class you've been going on and on about.

Lara:

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Adam:

- Wow, that sounds like a fantastic holiday, something I can only dream of.

Lara:

- Well, if you keep up your good grades like you always have, I'm sure you'll land a good job after graduation and be able to travel wherever you want someday.

- A) Thanks for keeping me on track, but I wish I could go on holiday instead of going to summer school.
B) Yeah, I will. Speaking of summer, did I tell you that after summer school I've got a trip to China booked? I'm finally going to climb The Great Wall.
C) Sure thing. I'm ready to get this physics class out of the way. By the way, did I mention my summer holiday plans?
D) I need to get on that soon since I've wanted to take this class for ages. So I will have some time to go on holiday this summer.
E) Yep, it's on my to-do list, but there are always so many things keeping me busy that I feel it's high time for a bit of rest and relaxation.

53. Rob:

- **How lucky that they've found over 80 fossilised dinosaur footprints that have survived for over 100 million years in England!**

Sherry:

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Rob:

- **Well, the animal has to step in a sediment that is pliable enough to record their footprint, but not so pliable that it gets washed away before being protected by another layer of fresh sediment.**

Sherry:

- **Is that so? Seems like a lot of luck is involved then.**

A) Yes, that's an incredibly rare find!

B) What's luck got to do with fossilisation?

C) What's the significance of these footprints though?

D) Wow! I wish I were lucky enough to discover them.

E) I didn't know England has the type of sediment Required for fossilisation.

54. Kim:

- **Hey! Look at what I've just read. Did you know that the game darts evolved in the 20th century from military training?**

Hailey:

- **Well, I don't think that's correct. Darts were in use as early as the Middle Ages. Archers used these heavily weighted hand arrows in close combat.**

Kim:

- **How could you possibly know so much about darts? I didn't know you were a fan!**

Hailey:

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Kim:

- **Oh, now I know where that interest comes from.**

A) Everyone in England knows how darts became a big pub sport about a hundred years ago.

B) I was reading a book about Anne Boleyn which has a long part explaining the origins of darts.

C) The traditional setting of darts are pubs and bars and this has created several misconceptions about it, concealing its origins in military training.

D) You need to read more history so you can know how almost everything we modern people do already existed in this or that form thousands of years ago.

E) The National Darts Association is planning to start a campaign to educate the public about darts.

55. Mr. Jackson:

- **The price of the innocent mistakes allowed by our current software-based security is simply too high.**

Mrs. Swanson:

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Mr. Jackson:

- **Exactly. That's why our networked world needs better approaches to cybersecurity.**

Mrs. Swanson:

- **Yeah. Just patching the software after a cyberattack, and hoping for the best is not good enough.**

A) Right. This sort of restructuring is likely to be a sensible solution to our cybersecurity problems.

B) I couldn't agree more. As critical infrastructure becomes more and more interconnected, we create more points of vulnerability that can be exploited.

C) Data fraud and cyberattacks, however, are listed in its top five most likely global risks by the World Economic Forum.

D) To be honest, software programmers who have many effective ways of protecting a networked society are [the best way of dealing with this problem.

E) Fortunately, the risk of exposing sensitive personal data has dramatically decreased recently thanks to software innovations.

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56. Chris:

- **A group of scientists tried to develop drones that could fly through the hoops or gates used in drone racing, and prepared a track with gates laid out in a circuit.**

Luke:

- **Really? Were their drones able to stay on course?**

Chris:

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Luke:

- **That's a key development. A drone that can autonomously escape from things in its way could be useful in a number of contexts.**

A) The on-board camera in each device gathered images of the gates and the pictures allowed a neural network controlling drones to learn how to pass through them.

B) If they were smarter, they could be relied on to deliver packages in complex environments like cities.

C) The study revealed that they had to come up with better ways for drones to learn to avoid obstacles as they fly.

D) Drones have a habit of crashing, so they planned to alter the position of these obstacles after each lap.

E) Their performance in simulated experiments does not guarantee success in real life. It's early to say that a drone can pilot itself in environments with lots of obstacles like disaster zones.

57. Doctor:

- **Most people don't worry about their eye health, but we often say that all of us need an eye test, even if we can see fine.**

Reporter:

- **You're right, but people generally don't see a doctor unless they have a problem with their vision. So, could you tell us why you highlight the importance of eye examinations?**

Doctor:

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Reporter:

- **It seems early diagnosis is crucial in fighting some eye diseases.**

A) If people would make a conscious effort to try to

understand their visual health through personal research, many eye diseases would be less problematic.

B) Eye tests not only help us treat visual impairment, but they can also reveal the presence of some non-eye diseases like diabetes and high blood pressure.

C) Many eye conditions show no symptoms, and if people put off eye tests until they experience symptoms like blurry vision, the damage could already be irreversible.

D) The frequency of eye tests differs with age and the health of the person, but we often recommend an eye test every two years between ages 19 and 40.

E) Visual problems are not the single cause. People should also have an eye test when they experience redness, pain, discharge or flashes of light.

58. Daisy:

- **Look at the lighthouse over there. It's on a very steep hill. Do you think there is someone in it?**

Kate:

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Daisy:

- **Perhaps the huge antenna on the roof can explain that.**

Kate:

- **So, the lighthouse-keeper just goes there for periodic maintenance of the equipment.**

A) I'm not certain. Some modern installations are controlled remotely from a convenient location.

B) I can't say for sure, but it seems there is no one there. Otherwise, the lights would be on.

C) Probably! Lighthouses usually overlook the sea from a coastal hill and provide a safe shelter for the residents.

D) Yes, and I'm really curious about daily routines of a lighthouse-keeper. Watching the ships must be entertaining.

E) I don't think so. Lighthouses guide ships with a strong light, so why should they be attended?

59. Student:

- **How do leaves know that it's autumn?**

Teacher:

- **During the autumn, every day is four minutes shorter than the one before it. This means leaves have four minutes less sunlight.**

Student:

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Teacher:

- **Exactly! And, at some point, when it's simply not worth the effort, trees shed their leaves.**

A) In other words, they have a relatively smaller amount of time to change light and water into energy.

B) Does this mean some trees closest to streetlights keep their leaves later into autumn?

C) But the decrease in the amount of sunlight is not the sole reason, is it?

D) So, trees are very strong and in winter even produce their own anti-freeze in their cells.

E) That's because leaves can't distinguish between sunlight and artificial light, right?

60. Amanda:

- **Don't you think people attach too much of their personal happiness to their weight?**

Jane:

- **Definitely! They're even willing to spend huge sums of money for the slightest chance of being thinner especially overweight people and the ones who suffer from obesity.**

Amanda:

- **Yeah, but so many of them get frustrated in the process because it's more complicated than it looks.**

Jane:

- **What do you mean?**

Amanda:

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Jane:

- **Oh, so dietary advice won't work in the same way for everybody.**

A) The vast majority of people place such a high value on being thin that overweight people face prejudice and discrimination.

B) The view that undisciplined eating habits are the major cause of weight gain has been widespread for a long time.

C) Fortunately, dieticians have been coming up with a variety of new treatments to fight unhealthy weight gain.

D) The reality is weight-gain has many causes and there can be various combinations of these causes in different people.

E) Permanent lifestyle changes like making healthy food choices can promote long-term weight loss.

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61. Johanna:

- Today, our psychology professor talked about a biological process called 'neuroplasticity'. He said that even the adult brain can grow new brain cells in response to new experiences.

Stan:

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Johanna:

- Yeah, he said the exact same thing. I'd never thought of them as being beneficial at all. I used to think they only cause aggressive behaviour and addiction.

Stan:

- Well, apparently some scientists still have those fears, but it all depends on how effectively you use them.

A) Such as playing action video games? I remember reading that they help the brain and improve cognitive skills.

B) That's really interesting. I've always thought that the human brain couldn't grow new cells after a certain age.

C) Did he say what kind of experiences? I've been playing chess for years hoping that it'll give me a cognitive advantage at school.

D) I've seen scientists trying it with patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease to prevent them from losing cognitive skills.

E) But, don't forget that outdoor games are more useful and educational than indoor games, no matter how entertaining they are.

62. Debby:

- I was recently offered a job at a different firm with a higher salary. I feel as if I'm at a crossroads in my career. I'll have to make a decision soon.

Lucy:

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Debby:

- I love my job and the team, but I feel the company is asking too much of me.

Lucy:

- I think you'll easily get used to working with a new team. And this change will be to your advantage. You know it's much easier to set your limits at the beginning. If you do so, I'm sure you'll manage your professional life more easily.

A) What stops you from negotiating a better deal with your current employer?

B) Until now you seemed really happy with your current job. What's the problem?

C) I know it's quite challenging. What's attractive about the new offer?

D) You've always dreamed of working in a big company. Why would you let yourself miss such an opportunity?

E) Do you think you've practised building appropriate boundaries in your professional life?

63. Daisy:

- Last week, I was in a situation where things went from bad to worse. I failed to meet my end-of-year targets at work, the central heating system in my apartment broke, and my car was hit by an unknown car. All these happened in the same week!

Sally:

-Terrible! How do you keep calm in such situations?

Daisy:

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Sally:

- What do you do with that information?

Daisy:

- I look at the list and focus on the ones I can do something about. Then I think about the actions I can take, including asking for help if necessary.

A) I can think and worry about many things at the same time, but when I'm in the action phase, I try to avoid that.

B) The truth is, it's hard not to lose it in these moments. I may end up giving up because of the never-ending list of problems.

C) I write everything down. I draw a line, and on the left I put down all the problems, and on the right what to do about those problems.

D) In my experience, the easiest way to keep calm is to regain control of the situation by collecting information from as many people as possible.

E) No matter how bad things are, keeping my calm always helps me come up with a possible solution. I keep saying "This too shall pass".

64. Kelsey:

- Now, more and more experts are complaining about modern parenting styles. They say parents try to create an image of success that has little to do with their children's desires, talents or needs.

Jill:

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Kelsey:

- Actually, this makes children less independent. They always feel the need to meet their parents' wishes and ask them what to do in their lives.

Jill:

- So, over-parenting may prevent children from building self-confidence and gaining the ability to adapt to an unpredictable world.

A) Parents tend to bring up their children as they were raised in the past, but it's really difficult in this ever-changing world.

B) I think every child has a special talent, but it may remain undiscovered unless their parents help them recognise themselves.

C) In today's world, parents are bombarded with information from books and experts, so they can't often decide how to contribute to their children's success.

D) I agree that parents should offer advice to their kids about their future plans, but they shouldn't forget to understand their wishes too.

E) That's true. They want to sculpt their kids into a particular kind of adult, stressing them with endless schedules and heavy expectations.

65. Robert:

- **The article I read this morning says whales stop singing when ships are nearby.**

Leonie:

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Robert:

- **It said that they used two underwater recorders to capture their singing in a remote area where a cargo liner was the only large ship around, and they found that whales within 500 metres of the ship when it passed tended to stop singing.**

Leonie:

- **So, it's obvious that for some reason shipping interferes with whale songs.**

- A) Does the article say which kind of whales was examined in their research?
- B) How did researchers observe the whales' response to shipping noise?
- C) Do researchers think that whales feel threatened and try to remain undetected?
- D) Then, how do whales communicate with each other when they don't sing?
- E) Why does shipping noise have a considerable impact on whale behaviour?

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66. Rebecca:

- **Did you know that the Sun had a "mother"?**

Adam:

- **The Sun had a mother? No, I thought the Sun was an unremarkable star.**

Rebecca:

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Adam:

- **Then maybe the Sun had siblings, too?**

Rebecca:

- **Yes, it had aunts and uncles as well. Scientists have reported that it may have stolen a planet from one of its relatives.**

- A) Researchers have recently identified a candidate for at least one of the Sun's siblings.
- B) In the beginning, there was nothing but cold and dark between the atoms that became the solar system.
- C) Astronomers know that in about five billion years, the Sun will also burn through its hydrogen supply and begin to cool.
- D) Astronomers have recently found that when sun-like stars die, they have a chance to give birth to future stars.
- E) An upcoming project will orbit a research satellite more closely to the Sun than any satellite before.

67. Jane:

- **I'm trying to revise for the exam next week, but I can't remember what was so important about Francis Bacon. Maybe your notes are clearer than mine.**

John:

- **Bacon? Well, I wrote that he was responsible for creating the scientific method as we know it today.**

Jane:

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John:

- **Yes, but he was the first to explain methods of inductive reasoning.**

Jane:

- **Ok, now I remember! Thanks!**

- A) I think he said, "Whether or not anything can be known, can be settled not by arguing, but by trying."
- B) But weren't there some Arab scientists conducting experiments 600 years before he came around?
- C) In his book, *Novum Organum*, he sets out three fundamentals for the scientific method: observation, deduction, and experiment.
- D) Wasn't he also responsible for contributions that helped found the Royal Society in London in 1660?
- E) Didn't he think like Plato that if something was discussed for long enough, the truth would result?

68. Tracy:

- **I read a magazine article last night which says that the number of people with obesity is increasing day by day and we should do something to stop this.**

Laura:

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Tracy:

- **What do you mean by that?**

Laura:

- **For example, making junk food less prominent in supermarkets can make us less likely to want it. Or, if governments increase the taxes on foods and drinks that put people at risk of obesity, we may buy them less.**

- A) In my opinion, tackling obesity is not an individual but a social thing. We can only achieve this by working collectively.
- B) I think people with obesity should be determined to overcome the condition through a healthy diet and regular exercise.
- C) I suppose some pharmaceutical companies are trying to make use of this situation by producing quick fixes that always fail to work.
- D) Somehow, we've already normalised obesity, I guess. Not many people think obesity is really a health problem.
- E) As far as I know, it's not only cardiovascular diseases, but diabetes and certain mental disorders may also be linked to our dietary habits.

69. Career coach:

- **So, can you try to describe how you feel about your job?**

Sue:

- **Currently I'm editing and rewriting other people's words, and managing all of our deadlines. But I feel I've done all I can with my job. I think I need a new challenge.**

Career coach:

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Sue:

- **I guess I want to do something more creative, where I can develop and work on my own ideas.**

Career coach:

- **Then you can start by trying to understand your strengths, skills and talents.**

A) Many people usually talk about what they'd really like to do, but they rarely take action and do what's needed.

B) Whether we admit it or not, many of us have a tendency to label people and put them in boxes, and this is especially true at work.

C) Getting out of your comfort zone and into the growth zone is scary, and there's a chance of failure and humiliation.

D) It's really important to identify what type of change you're looking for and what you'll get out of this change.

E) To be successful, happy and resilient, one needs to practice being open-minded, resourceful and brave enough to take some risks.

70. Instructor:

- **This year, you're going to apply to universities. You know, it's quite a challenging task. Have you decided what to study?**

Sandy:

- **Yes, actually I'm really nervous about it, but I'm sure that I want to study philosophy. I've already read many works by seminal figures in this field.**

Instructor:

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Sandy:

- **That's great! Then we'll have a lot to talk about.**

A) Studying philosophy is not that hard as most people think, and it contributes to your intellectual development.

B) Oh, you seem really enthusiastic about it! I'm sure you'll reflect this during the application process as well.

C) How inspiring! I can imagine that you'll be one of the prominent philosophers of our age.

D) So, it's an informed decision. If you're going to study abroad, you should start looking for some grants that will support you financially.

E) Oh, really? I'm glad that you like philosophy. You know, I'm a teacher of history, but I also minored in philosophy.

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71. Roert:

- **You've persuaded me to volunteer for that organ donation team, but I can't figure out what exactly we're supposed to do.**

Lee:

- **The team is trying to encourage families to consider how they would feel about donation if they needed an organ transplant when not enough people give their consent.**

Robert:

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Lee:

- **Exactly. Surveys show that 30% of people have never discussed organ donation with their friends and relatives.**

A) So, as far as I understand, the team is basically trying to raise people's awareness about the issue.

B) I see. People are aware of the importance of organ transplantation but most are unwilling to be donors.

C) OK, so non-profit organisations try to ensure that the ethical considerations are understood.

D) Yeah, everybody knows that organ transplantation is a must for those who desperately need organs.

E) I think more and more people are now well-informed about the challenges of the procedure.

72. Journalist:

- **So, your company has set up a system that offers online clinical-counselling, and you're the chief operating officer. Do you think e-therapy is more effective for certain people?**

Psychologist:

- **Of course, for any therapy to be effective, it has to meet the individual needs of patients. E-therapy may appeal to people looking for convenience, flexibility and privacy, in particular. College students and workers with not much time usually opt for our online services.**

Journalist:

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Psychologist:

- **People have a tendency to think that because you're using an online service, it must be impersonal and can't have the same effect. But it's not true. The difference in results between e-therapy and a face-to-face one is quite minimal.**

A) How do you talk tech-challenged people into e-therapy?

B) Why do you think e-therapy will overtake face-to-face therapy?

C) What is the biggest myth about e-therapy?

D) How does an e-therapy session work?

E) How does e-therapy help people with a serious mental illness?

73. Richard:

– I saw a video the other day on the Internet about a polyglot.

Lucy:

– A polyglot? What's that?

Richard:

– A polyglot is a person who speaks several different languages. The person in the video I saw speaks eight languages including Portuguese and Chinese.

Lucy:

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Richard:

– There are some methods used. For example, allocating a few hours a day for a language until mastering it, including intense listening and speaking activities.

A) Why aren't there more people who can speak many languages like this?

B) What's the minimum number of languages needed to describe someone as a polyglot?

C) Do you think he's completely fluent in all eight of those languages?

D) How do you think such people manage to learn so many languages?

E) How many more languages do you think he can add to his repertoire?

74. Sarah:

– Recently, I've read a magazine article, and it says over the first four years of marriage, spouses report a gradual increase in their willingness to forgive each other.

Francis:

– So, it means they learn to forgive each other as they spend more time together.

Sarah:

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Francis:

– What do you mean?

Sarah:

– The article says forgiving benefits both partners only if the forgiven partner is agreeable and cooperative. If not, he or she tends to offend again.

A) I think anyone who is in a close relationship will, at some point, have to decide whether or not to forgive.

B) Well, I believe the most important thing in relations is mutual trust. If you have it, you don't experience such forgiveness problems.

C) It's also possible that even if someone wants to forgive, they might not think that the wrongdoer or offender really deserves it.

D) One needs to be cautious, though, as forgiveness could backfire, depending on the offending partner's personality.

E) Maybe the reason is that being exposed to situations where forgiveness is required helps one improve that skill.

75. Stacy:

– I'm so bored with my never-ending to-do list. But I can't say I've been able to cross a single item off the list so far.

Carole:

– Maybe you should stop procrastinating and just start working on your list.

Stacy:

– What do you mean?

Carole:

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Stacy:

– I think you're right, finding another person with the same aspirations will help me take action.

A) I don't get why you've been feeling so desperate about your life plans. You're one of the most ambitious and motivated people I know.

B) Well, I've been seeing a psychologist to deal with the same type of issue. Maybe that's something you can look into as well.

C) Life seems to be getting busier for us modern working women. Maybe keeping a diary of goals you've achieved will help you stay focused.

D) Maybe one way to deal with your problem is just making a habit out of it. I mean you should make a habit of taking action to fulfil your plans.

E) You don't have to keep waiting for the perfect moment. Plus sharing your goals and plans with someone else could be a good idea.

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76. Reporter:

- Kids love to eat hamburgers, but they're not very healthy. Tell us about the public-school initiative to make lunches healthier for students.

Dietician:

- With some help from food engineers, we've created a mushroom-beef blend that's being used in schools across country to help students eat healthier.

Reporter:

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Dietician:

- True. In addition to fewer calories and saturated fats than regular hamburgers, this blend is also a greener alternative to meat since mushrooms are more sustainable than beef.

Reporter:

- That makes sense as they require fewer resources than livestock to produce.

A) I think there are more than just health benefits to using this vegetable and meat blend.

B) It seems that the health benefits are the most positive thing about this vegetable and meat blend.

C) As far as I understand, blending mushrooms with beef requires some careful procedures.

D) I don't think this is a more sustainable alternative to traditional meat hamburgers.

E) Great! I think students will like eating this vegetable and meat blend at lunch.

77. Researcher:

- From your documentary, we learned that Princess Diana secretly collaborated with journalist Andrew Morton to write a book about her life, in which he discloses details of her troubled relations with the royal family.

Documentarist:

- Well, when the book was published in 1992, Diana's cooperation was a secret. But, when Morton republished the book after her death in 1997, he exposed the fact that Diana herself was the direct source for many revelations in the book.

Reporter:

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Documentarist:

- He wanted to bring an important fact to light; the Princess herself wanted the public to know she was not living a fairy tale, but life of misery.

- A) Why did Morton's book change the way the world looked at the royal family?
- B) Do you think the public was as deeply affected as Morton by Diana's death?
- C) How could Morton convince people that his book was based on Diana's own words?
- D) What may have prompted Morton to reveal Diana's involvement in the publication?
- E) How did Morton deal with the criticism from the royal family and the British media?

78. Journalist:

-You're the co-leader of an international project to drill for rock samples in the South China Sea. Why is that sea bed of such interest?

Geophysicist:

- We want to answer questions about when it was formed to better understand continental movements.

Journalist:

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Geophysicist:

- We also plan to study the microbiology of the ocean crust to see if there are new organisms at these great depths.

- A) What key questions do you hope to answer?
- B) What kind of rocks do you expect to find?
- C) How will you determine how old the rocks are?
- D) What methods are you going to use to collect all these samples?
- E) What other things may this study help us understand?

79. Professor:

- And here you see a picture of a little devil frog. The male produces noisy sounds in pursuit of a partner

Student:

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Professor:

- Well he's a poisonous frog and has bright colours which warn predators that he's unsafe to eat.

Student:

- How significant characteristics it has!

- A) Do the sounds he makes differ or does he use the same kind of sounds?
- B) How do the partners react to these sounds when they hear them?
- C) But doesn't it make him noticeable and vulnerable to being attacked?
- D) Is it really difficult for the little devil frog to find a partner?
- E) Is it only male, or do females also produce such sounds before mating?

80. Matthew:

- A friend of mine plays in an orchestra and has invited me to their concert. I'm really nervous because I don't know anything about orchestras.

Judy:

- Actually, most people don't know much about orchestras. Just pay attention to the instrument categories, and then you'll be less worried.

Matthew:

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Judy:

- Well, each group sits together. First, you have the strings. Woodwinds are in the following section. Behind them are the brass instruments, and at the back is the percussion section.

- A) How do you know the features of all these categories? Have you ever taken a course about orchestras?
- B) How exactly is a typical orchestra organised? If I learn that at least, maybe I can relax and enjoy the performance.
- C) As far as I know, you've attended several concerts before. Can you predict what will attract me most at the concert?
- D) What do you know about the percussion section? I think that's the section my friend plays in. So please tell me about it.
- E) I don't even know the name of instruments played in an orchestra. Are there many different instruments?

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81. Journalist:

- **Could you tell us about your research on heroic Egyptian kings?**

Anthropologist:

- **We found a skeleton that showed extensive battle trauma. After examining his injuries, we discovered that he had died due to the injuries he got while on a horse.**

Journalist:

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Anthropologist:

- **Previously, the Egyptian kings riding into battle could only be seen in paintings and were thought to be just aggressive depictions of the ruling class. This is the first real evidence that points to the kings actually joining their armies in battle.**

A) How does this discovery impact our traditional perceptions of the Egyptian kings?

B) How often did the Egyptian kings fight in battle and get injured?

C) Why is it significant that all the Egyptian kings were on horseback in battle?

D) Why did you focus on the injuries the Egyptian kings had?

E) Do you think that old paintings portray the Egyptian kings in detail?

82. Patient:

- **I don't know if I'll ever overcome this fear. Can you tell me again about this new memory therapy you want to try?**

Psychologist:

- **Well, I'm going to show you a series of pictures of the thing you're afraid of at 10-minute intervals.**

Patient:

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Psychologist:

- **Time is crucial to disrupting the brain's ability to remember your fear. If we increase the time intervals between the pictures, your brain has more time to remember, and that's exactly what we don't want.**

A) Are the lengths of the intervals important?

B) Is there a particular order of pictures?

C) How many times will you show me these pictures?

D) What does memory have to do with my fear?

E) What happens if my fear doesn't go away?

83. Ann:

- **There's a very interesting article in this magazine about a scientist, Ella Al-Shamahi, who's a palaeontologist and also performs stand-up comedy about her field.**

Jane:

- **Science and comedy, how does that work?**

Ann:

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Jane:

- **I get it now. She's using comedy to increase interest in her scientific research. Well, she might be on the right path, maybe comedy is the next stage in the evolution of how we present science.**

A) I guess she's using palaeontology to add variety to the topics she's talking about in her performance to be different from the other stand-up performers.

B) I'm not sure, but I can assume that she might have really good time management skills to be able to do research and fulfill other responsibilities as a palaeontologist.

C) Well, when you think about it, we seem to have a communication problem in science, so she might be using comedy to get to people with no enthusiasm about science.

D) The rest of the article says it's an incredible therapy for her as some of the places she researches are quite dark and it's nice to find the funny side in them.

E) If she's really good at it, these shows might even make her famous meaning that she can also continue doing research in her field if she wants to.

84. Journalist:

- **You always highlight the importance of keeping a checklist during complex operations. You've also written a book on how to create such checklists. Why do we need them?**

Surgeon:

- **Well, they're memory aids. They can help you perform well when you're working with many people on a complex procedure which eventually will save lives during surgery.**

Journalist:

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Surgeon:

- **A checklist was used during surgical procedures for 8,000 patients in eight hospitals around the world. In every hospital, major complications were reduced by 36 percent and the death rate was lowered by half.**

A) How did you come to the decision that checklists are really beneficial?

B) How did you manage to create a common checklist to be used in various complications?

C) How exactly can a checklist be used during a surgical procedure?

D) How could you spare enough time to write a book on checklists while working as a surgeon?

E) How did you convince your medical staff to start using a checklist?

85. Robert:

- **Can perfectionism or stress be a reason for nail-biting?**

Carl:

- **This might be true, but I'm not sure one can find reliable research as to why nail-biting is so addictive.**

Robert:

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Carl:

- **Anyway, I think it'd be better not to form an opinion on the causes of nail-biting without knowing all the details and scientific facts.**

A) Some experts say childhood nail-biters are less prone to allergies, presumably because they're exposed to more germs.

B) The most common treatment of this addiction, which is also cheap and widely available, is to apply a bitter-tasting nail polish to the nails.

C) I know some other body-focused repetitive behaviours like skin-picking and the urge to pull out hair, and they sometimes coexist with nail-biting.

D) Doctors state that nail-biting does not only lead to harmful effects in fingers, but also mouth and more generally the digestive system.

E) We can speculate that it's to do with experiencing high levels of anxiety and fear, or being too passionate or impatient about things and events.

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86. Christopher:

- **I like the idea of Formula E, which is a new racing championship for single-seater cars powered only by electricity.**

Albert:

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Christopher:

- **Well, it is a platform for research to improve electric power stations and charging systems to make electric cars more feasible and hopefully more popular.**

Albert:

- **I see, this seems to be a good way to encourage the use of energy-efficient and sustainable transportation.**

A) Why do we need this when there are other races such as Formula 1?

B) What kind of power do Formula E race cars use?

C) How do they plan to attract sponsors for such an event?

D) Where do they plan to have these races?

E) How frequently will the Formula E races be held?

87. Reporter:

- **Antibiotic resistance is on the rise, and we are potentially facing a time when standard antibiotics simply won't work anymore. Why is antibiotic resistance becoming more widespread?**

Chemist:

- **One reason could be that a type of bacteria has developed molecular mechanisms that actually make an antibiotic drug ineffective.**

Reporter:

- **Why is the increase in bacterial resistance considered a threatening issue?**

Chemist:

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Reporter:

- **This sounds horrible!**

A) The misuse of antibiotics has certainly contributed to the resistance phenomena. A lot of antibiotics are used in farming, which is practised without complete control.

B) We should prevent them from producing toxins that lead to illness rather than kill them. That kind of intervention can reduce the chances that the bacteria will develop resistance.

C) Whenever any pressure is put on bacteria, it will resist. If such pressure is not created, there will be no evolutionary pressure for the bacteria to develop resistance.

D) If new drugs are not developed against these resistant bacteria, by the year 2050, death from antimicrobial resistant bacteria could actually even surpass death from cancer.

E) I'm encouraged by the fact that there are more than 200 different bacteria species that live in our guts, and the majority of them are actually beneficial to us.

88. Daisy:

- **I want to take up gardening as a hobby and grow vegetables, but I don't have a garden to plant them in.**

Caroline:

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Daisy:

- **But they may not grow successfully if they don't get a sufficient amount of sunlight.**

Caroline:

- **You can grow some vegetables without any sun at all. For example, lettuce and parsley will grow beautifully under artificial light.**

A) It's not only the space you should take into account, but sunlight is also so important when growing vegetables.

B) Vegetables need to be watered very frequently, and they tend to grow more nicely in sunny areas.

C) Have you ever heard about indoor gardening? You can use your attic, basement, or balcony to grow vegetables.

D) Near a bright window that takes sunlight at high intensity, you can grow cherry tomatoes and cucumbers.

E) I suggest you install a greenhouse. Greenhouses are the most convenient places to grow vegetables, and they vary vastly in size and price.

89. Defne:

I read that remembering the past in a positive way could make us happy in times of crisis.

Beren:

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Defne:

- Can you give me an example?

Beren:

- During a divorce, I'm not sure that it's helpful for a person to focus on all the good times in the marriage. They're likely to experience an even greater sense of loss.

- A) Actually, when I'm in a bad mood, I find it more beneficial to think about a prosperous future rather than the better past.
B) Most people believe that looking at old photos showing the good times in the past has a positive influence on mood.
C) I don't agree. Recalling better times when a person is depressed will worsen their problems rather than solve them.
D) I don't think so. Instead of being nostalgic to feel happy, I generally try to find possible ways to overcome my crisis.
E) In such situations, seeking professional help or receiving support from close friends may bring a deep relief.

90. Edward:

- What do you think the difference between the words 'inequality' and 'disparity' is?

William:

- Well, both have negative connotations. And they both imply a lack of something. I guess they are basically synonyms.

Edward:

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William:

- Oh, I see. So, if I say that there is a disparity between you and me, it might not be a bad thing, but inequality would be negative.

- A) That's sort of correct, but we use 'disparity' when we talk about scientific topics and 'inequality' for social issues.
B) That's basically correct, though 'disparity' tells us that something is unfair, while 'inequality' means some groups have more advantages than others.
C) They're more or less the same, but in academic circles, the term 'disparity' is an out-of-date expression; the current term is 'inequality'.
D) They're essentially synonymous, but we can use 'inequality' to express minor differences and 'disparity' for significant levels of difference.
E) You're right, they're very similar, but 'disparity' can be used to talk about differences neutrally, while 'inequality' suggests a value judgement.

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91. Radio Presenter:

- So, here we have Dr. Henstridge from the University of Edinburgh who analyses people's brains in his lab. How do you persuade people to agree to donate their brain after death?

Dr. Henstridge:

- These are people who participated in a project 70 years ago in which they had their IQ tested. We then sent them a letter so they had the opportunity to think about it with their family without any pressure.

Radio Presenter:

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Dr. Henstridge:

- It is the only one where we have a good idea about their intelligence levels when they were young.

- A) What kind of information is gained in your project by analysing donated brains?
B) Can you tell us a bit about the profile of those people who donated their brain?
C) What's the difference between IQ in the childhood and in the old age?
D) How long are you planning to pursue this research?
E) There are several other brain banks, why is yours different?

92. Journalist:

- Can you tell us briefly what accounting is?

Accountant:

- Basically, accounting is a body of principles for recording financial information related to a company's resources and its use in meeting the company's goals.

Journalist:

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Accountant:

- Preparation for the field is provided by secondary schools, business schools, or universities.

- A) Why is accounting critical to the functioning of companies?
B) Why did you choose to be an accountant?
C) What makes a successful accountant?
D) What does it take to be an accountant?
E) What are the generally-accepted accounting principles?

93. Erkan:

- According to the psychology magazine I was reading yesterday, people love betting on the World Cup, but making predictions about uncertain events actually reduces the enjoyment in them?

Nergis:

- Why is that? I believe that when you bet in favor of a team, you support that team during the game, and it makes the experience more meaningful and fun for you?

Erkan:

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Nergis:

- It really doesn't make any sense to me. I think the satisfaction one can get from making the right choice can balance that out.

A) Some people focus on potential gains in life and play to win, while others try to prevent negative outcomes and just want to avoid losing.

B) Psychologists say the opposite. They say the possibility of being wrong in your prediction hangs over your head, so you can't enjoy the game.

C) Well, it was mentioned in an article that people's anxiety level increased when they watch sports events and that people with heart problems should stay away from going to stadiums.

D) You may have a point there, but remember that betting on football matches puts even more pressure on the players in the field.

E) The authors of the article acknowledge that betting on sports events like football can make a person win huge sums of money as well.

94. Kemal:

- Can you have a look at this headline? It says ear genes are linked to musical talent. What does that mean?

Onur:

- Well, it suggests musical talent may partly be due to genes determining the structure of the inner ear.

Kemal:

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Onur:

- OK. If you have an excellent inner ear structure, you can play the tunes you hear without looking at the notes.

A) What do you mean in layman's terms?

B) Do you think this can change later with new research?

C) Are you interested in the link between genes and talent?

D) Do you really believe that genes can have an impact on musical talent?

E) Doesn't it sound incredible that genes can be that important?

95. Bilge:

- I can't believe there are still some people who think the wealthy have limitless leisure time.

Kerem:

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Bilge:

- Yes, I do. The well-off people I know work 80 hours per week inventing and producing things.

Kerem:

- It seems they don't really have so much free time after all.

A) Do you think they'd would like to have a lot of leisure time?

B) Do you feel it is unfair for us to have limited leisure time unlike them?

C) Do you think they are rich because they have wealthy families?

D) I don't think having a lot of free time means resting a lot, do you?

E) I see you disagree with what they say, don't you?

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96. Defne:

- Why have you been stirring your tea for so long? You've cooled it off faster.

Beren:

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Defne:

- When you stir it, the molecules move faster.

So, you quicken the heat loss.

Beren:

- Okay, next time I won't stir my tea a lot.

A) What do you think can be done to reduce the heat loss?

B) What are you trying to say? I can't see any relation between them.

C) As far as I know, the purpose of stirring drinks is to help the sugar dissolve in it.

D) I agree that it's much more related to evaporation than to stirring,

E) Do you say the spoon takes away some of the heat during the stirring?

97. Cahit:

- It says here in newspaper that although a woman's core body temperature is generally higher than a man's, her hands are usually a few degrees colder.

Ayşe:

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Cahit:

- It must be about the women's hormone levels and relatively smaller muscle mass.

Ayşe:

- That's interesting! I'd never have thought of it that way.

A) Does this happen even in mildly cold situations?

B) What's the explanation for this?

C) Are there any situations where a man's hands get colder?

D) Don't the blood vessels constrict when temperatures drop?

E) Have you also read anything about the contribution of blood circulation?

98. Okan:

- **Recently, I've been sleeping far less than I normally do. Do you think this could be related to stress?**

Shan:

- **Well, we all have stress but how it affects us differs from one person to another.**

Okan:

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Sinan:

- **Probably. But I also know people who suffer from eating disorders due to their stress levels,**

- A) I think I'm one of those whose sleeping patterns are dramatically disturbed.
- B) However, my body needs more sleep than many people because I work at night.
- C) These days, I also have poor appetite since I can't get sufficient sleep.
- D) Do you mean lack of sleep has both biological and psychological reasons?
- E) I agree. People who are self-employed tend to have less stress-related problems.

99. Pınar:

- **I'm just back from the hospital. The doctor changed my medication and suggested more rest.**

Hazal: **OK. But why do you look depressed?**

Pınar:

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Hazal:

- **So, you're worried that your manager won't be very happy with news.**

- A) I guess so, but every type of medication has its side effects along with benefits
- B) No, it's bad news because the new medication is not covered by my health insurance.
- C) I don't think so because I'm supposed to exercise more after work in the evenings.
- D) I'm not sure. That means I'll have to take more days off, so I fall behind with my work.
- E) It might work better, but I'm afraid it's going to provide temporary relief.

100. Student:

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Professor:

- **They're fixed three months before you're born. You can leave a mark on them with a cut, abrasion or acid, but they'll grow back within a month.**

Student:

- **What about aging?**

Professor:

- **It doesn't have such an effect, but it gets harder to scan your fingers or take a print from them.**

- A) Do all people throughout the world have different fingerprints?
- B) How do they treat finger injuries without damaging one's fingerprints?
- C) Are fingerprints utilized in any fields other than forensics?
- D) What's the role of fingerprints in upcoming technological advances?
- E) Do fingerprints change during our lifetime?

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101. Murat:

- **Why is it easier to speak using gestures?**

Taylan:

- **Well, speaking without gesturing requires more thought.**

Murat:

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Taylan:

- **Exactly. For instance, pointing to keys on the table and saying "The keys are there." is much faster and simpler than saying, "Your keys are right behind you on the table, next to the book."**

- A) I believe one needs to think in depth before he or she speaks.
- B) So we need to read more on the neurological link between speech and gesture.
- C) But some people still insists on verbalizing their thoughts even if they use body language.
- D) Do you think gesturing should be used only when one is short of words?
- E) Do you mean a lot more words are needed to convey your message?

102. Hüseyin:

- **What do you think about going to Russia for the summer holiday?**

Gülsüm:

- **I've always wanted to visit St. Petersburg. It's a beautiful city that has inspired artists, writers, composers and thinkers for hundreds of years.**

Hüseyin:-

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Gülsüm:

- **Yes, it's everything a culture lover could dream of. We could also visit dozens of palaces and over 200 museums. Please, let's go there.**

- A) Russia makes me think of deep snow and frigid temperatures, but in the summer we could enjoy the natural beauty of the countryside and the warm sunshine.
- B) I don't know. I was actually planning to go on a camping holiday. Being in the countryside is what excites me. You know, mountains, lakes, forests and plenty of fresh air.
- C) The Trans-Siberian Railway is the longest railway in the world, and we can take it all the way from Moscow in the west, to the seaport of Vladivostok in the east.
- D) From May through the end of July, they have a celebration featuring opera, classical music, and of course, the ballet.
- E) Russia spans eleven different time zones, so you can easily see how big the country actually is and it has such a diverse mixture of different cultures.

103. Cansu:

- In the article I've been reading, it says we're closer to either our mother or our father. Which is true for you?

Erkan:

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Cansu:

- What do you mean by that?

Erkan:

- Well, until I was 18, I was closer to my mother, but as I got older, I felt more empathy with my father.

- A) Well, the generation gap is a key factor that illustrates it best.
B) As I'm getting older and older, my expectations from both of them change.
C) I think it depends on what stage a person is at in his or her life.
D) Both mother and father have the same responsibilities while raising their children.
E) I don't think children usually make a preference between their mother and father.

104. Harun:

-- Have you ever heard about the companies that use 'multisensory' marketing?

Gizem:

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Harun:

- Not exactly. They want to have not only the right look for their products but also the right sounds, smell, taste, and touch.

Gizem:

- Now, I see your point. Coffee shops are a good example, right? They have a particular style of music that they play in their stores as well as certain aromas and flavors.

- A) It's a complex issue which I only partially understand. I haven't read enough about it.
B) Companies using multisensory marketing! Are they the ones that sell multifunctional products?
C) Well, I visited one last week and it was really amazing. What do you know about them?
D) Really? I haven't heard about them yet. Can you explain what you mean?
E) Of course. One of my friends has started up such a company.

105. Gülşen:

- Do you think living in an extended family makes children more sociable and self-confident?

Orhan:

- It may make them more sociable but I don't think it makes them more self-confident but rather more dependent.

Gülşen:

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Orhan:

- Definitely! They might not be able to find someone to back them up all the time. They have to make their own decisions.

- A) Do you mean that children in nuclear families are more independent?
B) It's always easy for these children to make friends, isn't it?
C) Do you believe that children brought up in extended families also have high self-esteem?
D) Aren't there any positive results of growing up in an extended family?
E) Is it really true that being social depends on the number of the family members?

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106. Cavit:

- I sometimes have difficulty in understanding what genre means in the literary world.

Nuray:

- It depends on where you're positioned in the book world. For a bookseller, it's a shelving and location issue.

Cavit:

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Nuray:

- With fiction, for example, there will be classics, romance or horror sections.

- A) So it's a pragmatic question of what to put where.
B) I think fiction is always the best-selling line.
C) But even in small bookstores, I get confused.
D) Bookstores say Westerns mostly attract male customers.
E) Then, a genre can have large number of dedicated readers.

107. Sami:

- I've always been fascinated by the idea of the discovery of an Earth-like planet for humans to live on.

Feridun:

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Sami:

- I didn't know about that. Do you think they will be successful in doing so?

Feridun:

- Yes, but more research is needed. Even if they find an Earth-like planet with water, food might still be an issue if life on that planet were based on a different biochemistry.

- A) Me too, but only a few scientists think it's possible. They're trying to develop alternative life-support systems.
- B) So have I, considering how exciting and interesting it would be to be visited by aliens from other planets.
- C) I totally agree with you. I think we aren't alone in such thinking as I've read articles by scientists writing on Earth-like planets.
- D) I don't understand why you're so interested in this subject while even some astronomers don't believe Earth-like planets exist.
- E) I also like dreaming about living on a new planet, as scientists now say the Earth is running out of its resources.

108. Fevzi:

- I've always fancied being a writer and now my dream is coming true thanks to a home-study creative writing course.

Recep:

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Fevzi:

- Why not? I'm going to receive individual, personal tuition from a professional writer.

Recep:

- I'm not really convinced though. He or she may teach you the rules of the publishing world, but not provide the inspiration to produce.

- A) Do you really think you can become a writer through an online course?
- B) Congratulations! Have you finally had the opportunity to realize your goal?
- C) Do you know if there is an age limit for attending the course?
- D) Can't it be also quite rewarding if you're determined to learn everything in detail?
- E) Don't misunderstand me, but shouldn't you be looking for a different career?

109. Zeliha:

- How do you think our media consumption has changed over the last ten years?

Hayri:

- I feel that we've become more reliant on technological tools such as mobile phones and tablets in addition to TV.

Zeliha:

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Hayri:

- Yet, we shouldn't miss the point that we're also becoming enslaved since there's more and more to discover now.

- A) So you mean people should decrease their TV viewing hours.
- B) Yes, we've become so extravagant. Even children have smart phones.
- C) That's why I don't allow my kids to play computer games for long hours.
- D) In fact, it's not completely true for the older generation.
- E) That's right. They give us the freedom to access information anywhere and anytime we want.

110. Emrullah:

- We sometimes use certain polite expressions instead of offensive and unpleasant ones in order to show respect to others.

Cemil:

- Do you mean it's like asking "Would you mind if I opened the window?" instead of saying "I'll open the window."?

Emrullah:

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Cemil:

- Oh, I see. Politicians often do the same thing. For example, 'user fees' is the term they use for 'taxes'.

- A) However, this all depends on whom you're talking to. We often try to be more polite while communicating with authority figures or our supervisors.
- B) Actually, we use them to refer to taboo topics like disability and death. Do you understand what I mean?
- C) Sure, but over-politeness can also disturb people and make them feel like you want to put a safe distance between you and them.
- D) I especially want to emphasize language change. Some words lose their original meanings and gain new ones depending on the context or tone.
- E) No, it's more related to word choice and the connotations behind language. I'd rather use the term 'government officer' than 'civil servant'.

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111. Martin:

- I read Tom Jenkinson has built his entire career out of doing the unexpected.

Jack:

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Martin:

- No, not necessarily. I think he doesn't want to repeat himself or imitate his predecessors.

Jack:

- It must be really interesting and challenging for him.

- A) I'm sure teenage girls are passionate fans of him.
- B) That sounds disappointing. Why bother to please others?
- C) It is just the atmosphere of the scenes that makes him so amazing.
- D) Does it mean that his all life is based on surprising the others?
- E) Then, he must be really proud of himself.

112. Ceyhun:

- I haven't been feeling very well for a long time. I've tried hard but cannot help feeling less and less happy.

Kemal:

- It sounds like depression. Maybe you need some changes in your life. Experts believe that living in the country may be relaxing for your mind.

Ceyhun:

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Kemal:

- I quite agree with you. I hope you'll be alright soon.

- A) Interesting, that makes sense. Perhaps I should now focus more on my retirement and settling down in a village.
- B) Do you really think I'm going to suffer from depression? I wonder whether you know any psychologists I can see.
- C) So that means living in the countryside will refresh me, as it may provide wonderful views. Yet, I can't decide what to do.
- D) I'm not ready to give up my urban living. I suspect those experts haven't made an evidence-based comparison of urban living and country living.
- E) It must be due to plenty of stress factors in cities. I've heard of many studies confirming the link between social strain and mental illness.

113. Allison:

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Jill:

- I'd recommend you to study the latter since it is a language spoken worldwide, with official status in a great number of countries, holding the second place only after English.

Allison:

- Wow, I didn't know that it had that many speakers around the world.

Jill:

- Yes, and besides, I think you will find it much easier considering you can also speak French, having an extensive amount of vocabulary in common.

- A) I am so much interested in languages and linguistics that I want to learn about the evolution of languages but don't know with what to start.
- B) My parents are going to support me if I plan to pursue an academic career abroad. But I can't decide where to go to study.
- C) Do you have any idea which of the two is a more appropriate place for an international student: Brazil or Argentina?
- D) I was considering how it would be if I settled down in a totally new country once I am done with the work and get retired.
- E) I have decided to take up learning a new foreign language but I'm finding it a bit confusing to choose between German and Spanish.

114. Yavuz:

- Did you ever think about how huge the Universe really is? We're merely one small part of an enormous system.

Ebru:

- No, I haven't really given any thought to it.

Yavuz:

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Ebru:

- Oh, wow! That's really fantastic. Tell me more.

Yavuz:

- I can't remember much now, but soon I'll share with you any information I learn.

- A) You probably haven't thought about it before because you've never read much about this topic.
- B) Well, you really should think about it. Don't you care about the Universe?
- C) I don't want to think about it anymore because it confuses me a lot.
- D) Are you even listening to me? Please try to pay more attention.
- E) Me neither, until I started taking this astronomy course. We're learning a lot of interesting facts about outer space.

115. Dilek:

- **Do you think the digital age will bring an end to libraries?**

Selin:

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Dilek:

- **I never thought about it like that. So, you mean libraries actually encourage the digital age.**

Selin:

- **Exactly, the future offers hope by placing libraries in a broader context as key parts of the information society rather than just rooms full of books.**

A) I don't know, but to my mind, using a mouse to control a cursor is as important as learning to understand letters on a page.

B) I am not certain whether tomorrow's libraries will be able to offer access to the shared space of the network.

C) Today, some libraries are being handed over to voluntary groups or charities, so the answer of your questions depends on their steps.

D) Sooner or later, we'll find ourselves at a point in time where the library will either become extinct or evolve into something fitter for the modern age.

E) Definitely not. For me, they offer a lot more than just books; they are information centres and the *Internet* access points for a wide community.

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116. Job Applicant:

- **I've applied for this position mainly because I like interacting with people.**

Interviewer:

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Job Applicant:

- **I don't have much experience about financial problems. I'd like to learn about them while I'm doing it.**

Interviewer:

- **Alright. Thanks for showing up. We'll contact you soon about the result of your application.**

A) That's interesting. You've come to the right place if you're interested in dealing with various people.

B) I'm trying to understand what traits you have to distinguish you from other candidates.

C) Looking over your CV, I assume that you can contribute a lot to our company by using your high skills in financial problem solving.

D) We're looking for a candidate with plenty of experience in public relations.

E) Our company has many skilful and intellectual employees. Are you ready to work with them?

117. Fahri:

- **The use of chemicals poses serious hazards to the environment. It's often the main cause of habitat destruction.**

Aydin:

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Fahri:

- **Could you give me an example to support your claim?**

Aydin:

- **Sure. Following World War II, chemicals were used to control agricultural pests, which increased productivity and farmers' income.**

A) Significant fish kills have resulted from the legal application of chemicals, such as the 1991 death of more than one million fish in the US.

B) Yes, I agree, but people have long been using a variety of chemicals in a wide range of areas for some benefits.

C) While some ecological changes due to heavy use of chemicals have been documented, others remain poorly researched and understood.

D) More and more chemicals have been pressed into use in industry, but pollution arising from industrial sources can now be effectively prevented.

E) When chemicals like insecticides reduce the insect populations that comprise the diet of birds, this leads to dramatic population reductions.

118. Dilek:

- **I'm rather disturbed by the sound of incoming mails and messages on your mobile phone. I can hardly concentrate on what I'm doing.**

Salih:

- **Sorry, but I need to see the messages from customers instantly to answer.**

Dilek:

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Salih:

- **Yes, that may be a good way, but I think I'm a bit obsessed with responding to messages right away. But I can try it anyway.**

A) I think you're a hard-working employee, so you can respond to the messages coming from customers at any time you like.

B) Customers might perhaps reach you during the day through the company's telephone line to talk about your projects.

C) It must be really stressful for you to deal with all those incoming messages all day, so I can help you with your work if you like.

D) Visiting your customers in person could also be an option for you to build up your profits.

E) That's right, but why don't you disable the message sound and try answering them at regular intervals by checking your inbox?

119. Hakan:

- **Do you think new technologies can have additional benefits for us?**

Gizem:

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Hakan:

- **Does this mean we can react more quickly to what we read and improve our attention?**

Gizem:

- **Exactly. If we develop a better ability to scan large amounts of information rapidly, we can distinguish between what's important and what isn't.**

- A) Some activities, such as sending e-mail or playing video games, are said to sharpen some cognitive abilities.
- B) We should take advantage of their efficiencies, but we also need to maintain our skills unique to humankind.
- C) Disadvantages can actually outweigh advantages, so we have to cope with negative aspects all the time.
- D) It's proven that many people who have been working on the Internet for several hours without a break report making frequent errors.
- E) Well, in my opinion, our brains are not built to sustain monitoring for extended periods, and mental stress is threatening to become an epidemic.

120. Nancy:

- **In your article, you explain the relationships between culture and our perception of advice. Am I right?**

Dr. Watson:

- **Yes, you are. This is actually the main point I make in my paper.**

Nancy:

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Dr. Watson:

- **Though we don't know much about the prevalence, we do know very well that it exists everywhere and in every culture.**

- A) Do you think your paper will receive interest from the scientific world?
- B) How do people from different cultures perceive autism then?
- C) Can you come up with any satisfactory solution to this problem?
- D) You also say autism is universal. What do you mean by that?
- E) Will you continue to search for a relationship between culture and autism?

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121. Interviewer:

- **What role does health psychology play in, contributing to the goals of healthy people?**

Health Psychologist:

- **It will raise their awareness of pain management, fitness, substance abuse and eating disorders.**

Interviewer:

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Health Psychologist:

- **It will play an important role in both the management and prevention of chronic illnesses.**

- A) Isn't health psychology an area young people are interested in?
- B) Nowadays, there are many attempts to fight against deadly diseases, aren't there?
- C) What is the outlook for the future of health psychology?
- D) How do you treat those who have just started working in your clinic?
- E) Does the training of health psychologists include public management?

122. Tank:

I believe global warming will define the political and cultural landscape of the 21st century.

Uğur:

Critics say it has been invented to scare us into thinking we're part of the problem when, in fact, we can't really do anything.

Tank:

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Uğur:

- **No, not really. I guess I should be better informed, so I can have a more balanced opinion.**

- A) Well, the melting polar ice-caps is one of the indicators of global warming. Do you think there are other reasons for this?
- B) I think the claims that global warming is nonsense are unfounded and can be disputed by scientific evidence. Haven't you read anything about it?
- C) International organizations are trying to find solutions to stop greenhouse gas emissions. Will all those efforts stop global warming?
- D) I agree. Records of temperatures in some parts of the world cannot be regarded as representative on a global scale, can they?
- E) It may be dangerous to dismiss the threat of global warming. Don't you think we should avoid using products that harm the environment?

123. Lecturer:

- **Before I finish the lecture, let's just go over the main points again. Is there anywhere you would like to start?**

Student:

- **Well, we examined the importance of hospital gardens, particularly in the treatment of young children.**

Lecturer:

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Student:

- **You mentioned a 3-year-old who had a heart transplant and who loved to go out and feed the birds. He recovered really quickly.**

- A) That's right, and what makes them attractive?
- B) Yes, and what about hospitals that don't have a garden?
- C) And what conclusions did we reach?
- D) Good. Now can you give me a specific example?
- E) OK, and do such gardens only contain plants?

124. Doruk:

- **A recent study shows that many young people today just don't have a clear vision for their future.**

Ender:

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Doruk:

- **Yes, but besides planning, luck plays the greater part.**

Ender:

- **I disagree. For instance, I don't owe my success to luck.**

- A) I think there's too much emphasis placed on setting and achieving goals. Sometimes things happen spontaneously.
- B) It's their parents to blame for this fact. They should provide much greater support.
- C) In that case, they're probably not going to expect much from their future career.
- D) Do you think it's only young people? What about the middle-aged, shouldn't they also have a vision?
- E) I can understand that. They just don't seem to be able to set clear goals for themselves.

125. Hakan:

- **Do you think we should accept everything modern science comes up with?**

Serap:

- **That's quite difficult to answer. But I guess, not always.**

Hakan:

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Serap:

- **Remember: researchers are not always objectively motivated.**

- A) You might have a point; I've heard of researchers plagiarizing,
- B) So, you say the scientific process hardly allows flawed research to be published.
- C) However, the notion of trust has largely been ignored by lab scientists.
- D) I tend to think we don't have any choice other than relying on researchers' findings.
- E) I agree. The scientific establishment has matured enough to distinguish facts from fiction.

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126. Emre:

- **What's so funny that you've been laughing now for hours?**

Figen:

- **I was just remembering a friend of mine who owns a shoe shop. He was very upset because he realized that many customers were trying to squeeze their feet into shoes that were too small, and were ruining his shoes.**

Emre:

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Figen:

- **Even so, I just can't help laughing.**

- A) That must have been quite an experience for him. Now he won't let anyone try on different sizes,
- B) Doesn't the salesman have any rights? He should be able to fill out some kind of complaint form.
- C) Being a frequent shoe-buyer myself, I don't know where your friend's store is.
- D) Perhaps he should start selling other things. This way, he won't have to deal with those customers anymore.
- E) I don't find it amusing whatsoever. The customers should have been more careful with what they were doing.

127. Timur:

- **Do you know the difference between the use of barbecues and conventional gas cooking?**

Levent:

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Timur:

- **What can be done to reduce this?**

Levent:

- **I think we should use gas over barbecue as it contributes to an increase in smog levels.**

- A) Burning charcoal releases carbon monoxide into the air much more than cooking with gas does.
- B) Well, actually, both are good ways of cooking, but barbecues take longer to prepare.
- C) Gas cooking is far more efficient than using a barbecue, as you can adjust the heat according to your needs.
- D) Unfortunately, both are harmful and cause damage to the environment,
- E) Gas appears to be more dangerous as there is a high risk of explosion.

128. Teacher:

- **Your son has adapted quite well socially. He's, had no problems making friends. Also, he's quite a leader among them.**

Parent:

- **I'm glad to hear that. What about his class work?**

Teacher:

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Parent:

- **He's never been very good at sitting still and focusing.**

A) His math skills are very good, but he needs to work harder on his language skills.

B) He enjoys group work, probably because he likes to socialize so much,

C) I think he needs a private tutor to help him with the more difficult subjects.

D) I really enjoy having him in class because he's such a good example to others.

E) He has the ability but he seems to lack the concentration to do the work.

129. Jale:

- **Here is an article about how people react in emergencies. Researchers say that when more people are around, it reduces the chances of actually being helped.**

Adnan:

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Jale:

- **Apparently, onlookers provide a model for action. If they are docile and disinterested, the situation may seem less serious.**

Adnan:

- **I think if there is only one bystander, your chance of being helped increases, as he will think he must help immediately,**

A) Is an individual aware that others are present?

B) How did they carry out that research?

C) Do they offer any explanation as to why this happens?

D) Is this finding true for all cultures?

E) Who were the participants in this research?

130. Ayça:

- **Do you think environmental factors like diet and stress affect the ageing process as much as the decline of hormonal systems?**

Berkan:

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Ayça:

- **So, you mean physiological and environmental factors contribute to one's longevity to the same degree.**

Berkan:

- **Definitely! I also think living in an extended family and playing an important role in society bring in some beneficial effects.**

A) I don't believe dietary habits and lifestyle have much to do with ageing. It's all about the gradual failing of the body to be able to repair itself and replace cells.

B) I heard some people live longer and have fewer health problems than others thanks to their easy going lifestyle and the amount of vegetables they consume.

C) Perhaps, calorie restriction and anti-ageing treatments can be successful interventions that may cause increases in life expectancy.

D) Even if ageing seems to be a serious problem for many people, some rely on plastic surgeries to cope with it.

E) Extending one's lifespan isn't simply a case of stopping the ageing process, because ageing isn't a scientifically recognized cause of death

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131. Kevin:

- **Have you heard what famous footballer David Beckham says is his greatest achievement?**

Richard:

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Kevin:

- **Actually, no. He says his greatest achievement has been always putting his family first. He even makes breakfast every day for his kids.**

Richard:

- **That's really unexpected from someone like him. I always thought celebrities only cared about themselves.**

A) Let me guess! He must've said something about his career playing for several well-known clubs.

B) How would I know? I've never met a celebrity in my life!

C) That's easy. Celebrities always say they put their loved ones and friends first.

D) That's a really tricky question. He's had such a successful career that anything could be considered great!

E) In my opinion, the real achievement is what you do for others in your daily life.

132. Interviewer:

- Many people believe that our personal information is quite safe if we have no apps on our phones.

How true is that?

Tech Expert:

- Well, that depends. There's new software available that can collect information about you simply by using your Wifi connection.

Interviewer:

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Tech Expert:

- By using this software, I can see which Wifi networks you've connected to before, I can predict your financial status, and I can also figure out where you live and work.

- A) What do you think is safe about this software?
- B) What kind of information could you possibly learn through Wifi connection?
- C) How can I protect my personal information from this type of software?
- D) What would be the best way to detect such threats?
- E) Are there any other ways to get information about people in addition to Wifi connection?

133. Jane:

- Do you think there could be another planet in the Solar System other than the ones we already know?

Ronald:

- Why not? But even if one exists, it must be quite distant from the Sun.

Jane:

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Ronald:

- Oh, don't worry. If one's out there, they'll find it! Science has been improving faster than we may think.

- A) Astronomers are going to start analysing the movements of objects in the Solar System soon.
- B) Do you think that scientists will ever be able to find another one?
- C) I hope people will be able to travel across the universe in the future.
- D) Will people ever believe that there could be life on other planets?
- E) What if it was not that far from the Sun or our planet?

134. Teacher:

- Have you ever read a book by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle?

Student:

- Yes. I've just finished reading The Return of Sherlock Holmes.

Teacher:

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Student:

- Because it's the collected short-story adventures published after the Great Detective's return from the dead.

- A) Can you tell us what you really liked about the book
- B) Why do you think the book is called so?
- C) Do you know why the first one was titled Sherlock Holmes?
- D) Why does the writer have a collection of stories?
- E) Why is Sherlock Holmes so famous in fiction?

135. Adam:

- I don't understand how meditation has become so popular and is practised everywhere from hospitals to schools.

Jennifer:

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Adam:

Yeah, you're right, all you need is a comfortable posture and wish for self-transformation and desire for others' well-being.

Jennifer:

-Of course the beneficial psychological effects can also be the reason.

- A) It may be because it is derived from various branches of Buddhism.
- B) Because scientists proved that its practitioners are less prone to stress.
- C) I think it's very easy to practise, I mean no equipment and workout is needed.
- D) You know, meditation also leads to some physiological changes in the brain.
- E) Especially three types that developed through Buddhism are very commonly practised.

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136. James:

- **Is it possible to cite sources from the Internet in our papers?**

Vince:

- **Well, it depends on the source you're referring to.**

James:

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Vince:

-Of course not. We're writing an academic paper and all the information should be reliable.

A) I see. Why don't we go to the computer lab and check the database?

B) So are you saying that we should consult our advisors first?

C) The Internet has the necessary information. It isn't worth going to the library, is it?

D) What do you mean by that? Can't we cite every source we find online?

E) I didn't get your point. Would you please be more specific?

137. Jessica:

- **Why do you think Galileo Galilei is accepted as one of the most important scientists?**

Robert:

- **Because he invented the astronomical telescope and suggested the sun-centered Solar System.**

Jessica:

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Robert:

- **It's really surprising that you're questioning it. His studies started everything about the Universe!**

A) Yes, I also learnt that he used improved telescopes to identify the moons of Jupiter.

B) Doesn't everybody know that his obsession with measurable experiments marked him as one of the founders of modern science?

C) He did but it's unfortunate that his conflict with the Church led to the censorship of his publications.

D) I know all about this, but I just can't understand why so many popular writers still mention him in their works.

E) Maybe you can check it online before you believe what people say about him.

138. Journalist:

- **Experts warn that food industries are being threatened by a growing resistance to antibiotics.**

Researcher:

- **Yes, it's becoming more serious day by day. A UK government report states that by 2050, antimicrobial resistance will cost more money than the current size of the world's economy, leading to catastrophes in food production.**

Journalist:

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Researcher:

- **For example, if you buy a farmed salmon today, chances are it will have eaten a greater weight of antibiotics during its life than its own body weight.**

Journalist:

- **So, we can say that farming practices are perfect for boosting antimicrobial resistance.**

A) We know that farmers rely heavily on antibiotics. What is the reason behind their practices?

B) What can health scientists and clinicians do to sort out the problem?

C) Can you tell us how antimicrobial resistance affects food?

D) Do you think food industries could collapse if resistance spreads?

E) What else does the report warn us about?

139. Eda:

- **I haven't seen you on social media for some time. Don't you use it any more?**

Çiğdem:

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Eda:

- **You've done the right thing! Experts say browsing social media sites leads to depression as it triggers a feeling of envy among users.**

Çiğdem:

- **That could be true, as well. But my reason is being too busy to use it these days, not because I'm jealous of others.**

A) I'm afraid I've forgotten my password, so I can't log in these days.

B) Well, seeing how people are satisfied with their lives gets on my nerves.

C) I believe it's a waste of time and I do nothing but follow the lives of people around me.

D) I didn't expect you'd notice my absence, but don't worry I'll be back very soon.

E) I've closed my account as I've got much more important stuff to do.

140. Mert:

- I ran a couple of kilometres this morning as usual, and I've got this awful pain in my leg.

Fatma:

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Mert:

- No, I've been running in the mornings for the last three months, I haven't taken a break.

Fatma:

- Frequent runners often suffer pain in their legs, and nobody knows why. Maybe you should take it easy for a couple of days.

A) Do you stop for water breaks when you're running?

B) Do you always suffer pain after running?

C) Do you usually run in the evenings?

D) Was it your first time running for a while?

E) Do you think it would help staying healthy?

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141. Ryan:

- I've read that you can leave a good impression on others by changing your posture.

Fiona:

- I agree. For example, if you sit upright, this means you're self-confident, which may attract the interviewer's attention in a job interview.

Ryan:

- What's the reason behind this?

Fiona:

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Ryan:

- This might be just like making predictions about a person's socio-economic status by examining his or her clothes.

A) I know that good posture is essential for our health, especially for the proper functioning of our muscles and joints.

B) In fact, I can hardly see a close link between the position in which you hold your body and self-confidence.

C) People tend to draw conclusions from others' appearance, and this helps them make certain decisions.

D) I think employers should be concerned about professional knowledge and business skills rather than posture.

E) If you have poor postural habits and don't bother to change them, they may result in frequent neck or back pain.

142. Berna:

- I'm really fed up with my Wi-fi connection at home!

Cengiz:

- What's wrong with it?

Berna:

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Cengiz:

- Maybe you should change your provider for one that offers a high-speed connection

A) I think there's something wrong with the computer.

B) I find it quite hard to access certain government websites.

C) I might have accidentally broken the internet connection.

D) Nobody has a slow connection problem anymore.

E) It's really slow and it's constantly cutting out.

143. Ross:

- Do you know why people tend to visit places that they've never seen before?

Timothy:

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Ross:

- Still, one should take dangers and threats into consideration. You can have traumatic experiences in an unknown place.

Timothy:

- You're right. When we were in Iceland last winter, we were warned about a risk of volcanic eruption, but it was still worth seeing its stunning volcanoes and national parks.

A) No matter whether it's the first time you've seen a place or you've been there before, the most exciting thing about your trip, is being able to eat different food.

B) While some people go to quiet and faraway places, others like travelling to busy and crowded cities.

C) At first, exploring a different place sounds fascinating, but most towns and cities do not meet people's expectations in the end.

D) I think the pleasure of discovering something new is what makes them enthusiastic about travelling to those places.

E) It mostly depends on the amount and range of activities people can do in those places; otherwise they wouldn't feel attracted.

144. Journalist:

- Do you believe planting a row of trees down the middle of an avenue in an urban area is really good for a city?

Scientist:

- I think it could be highly beneficial, because trees have been said to reduce urban heat and pollution.

Journalist:

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Scientist:

I've never heard of it. Though it seems to be true, trees are a great source of oxygen, which means cleaner air.

A) You're right. Having trees, regardless of their location in an urban area, always helps to deal with pollution.

B) That's true, but research shows that a line of trees along a road may prevent the flow of fresh air.

C) Absolutely! Trees play an important role in reducing heat and pollution, but it largely depends on the size of a city.

D) Not only can they combat heat and pollution but also they provide people with areas for leisure and recreational activities.

E) Actually, people should plant more trees to cope with urban heat, because we've already been threatened by climate change.

145. Interviewer:

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Buzz:

- **If we don't, humanity might die out here on Earth.**

Interviewer:

- **Do you think that we're doing enough?**

Buzz:

- **Not really. We need to increase the budgets of current projects and look for other planets that are suitable for human life.**

- A) Why is it essential for us to keep focusing on space?
- B) What do you think could be done to stop global warming?
- C) Do you think we should be looking at alternative living arrangements, such as artificial islands?
- D) Some people are against space travel. What's your opinion?
- E) How do you think we can go to Mars?

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146. Okan:

- **What do you think about the physicist Stephen Hawking?**

Buket:

- **Well, he's considered one of the greatest scientists of the 20th century.**

Okan:

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Buket:

- **You're right. He just proves that being a person with disabilities doesn't necessarily mean that you can't be successful.**

- A) A Brief History of Time includes Hawking's theories about time and space, which he started to form in his Harvard years.
- B) Hawking Radiation about black holes is the most well-known contribution he has made to theoretical physics.
- C) In my opinion, what makes him outstanding is that he's made huge contributions to science despite being severely handicapped.
- D) His disability is caused by an illness known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and his doctors didn't expect him to live very long.
- E) More and more people with disabilities should be encouraged to participate in scientific studies and also to take part in the working life.

147. Lisa:

- **Have you heard about FutureFest, a festival of ideas and innovations that took place in the heart of east London?**

Arthur:

- **No! But fantastic! What kind of activities did it contain?**

Lisa:

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Arthur:

- That must have been awesome. I wish I had chance to join it and meet these innovative people.

- A) There were compelling talks, technology demos and crowd-sourced experiments with the opportunity to be with creative minds .
- B) The themes of the festival were emerging technologies, extending life, our impact on the Earth and the political economy of the future.
- C) The festival is organized by an independent charity with a mission to help people bring great ideas to life.
- D) It aims to create an immersive experience of what the world might feel like over the next few decades.
- E) To tell you the truth, I was really stunned by the variety of exhibitions, and I could find more than I expected.

148. Murat:

- **Norway would be a good place to work, wouldn't it?**

Elif:

- **You're right, it's got oil, and you can imagine all the benefits that it brings.**

Murat:

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Elif:

- **Apparently, the unemployment rate is below 3 percent, together with free health care and education for all its citizens.**

- A) I've heard there are great job opportunities in the food sector, aren't there?
- B) I think the country can benefit from having more foreign workers, can't it?
- C) Do you know what the country's current inflation rate is?
- D) All I know is that it's the third richest nation per capita. What else?
- E) Would you consider encouraging your son to study there?

149. Alper:

- **Is height determined mostly by the father?**

Onur:

- **No. It's determined by a combination of genes, diet and hormones.**

Alper:

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Onur:

- **Yes. It seems that height can only be partly predicted by looking at the height of the parents.**

A) So our genes have a role to play, but there're some other factors to take into account.

B) Are you saying that the height of the mother also has an effect?

C) I see, so the height of the parents can actually have no influence at all.

D) Where do you get all this information from? Are you also interested in human anatomy?

E) Does that mean diet and hormones are not as good a predictor as our genes?

150. Pelin:

- **Recently, the number of shopping malls in our city has been rising very rapidly.**

Ayça:

- **But few of them are as frequently visited and well-known as the others.**

Pelin:

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Ayça:

- **Location is also an important factor. The ones close to the city-centre are more crowded than those in the suburbs.**

A) Nearly every month, an event like concert or exhibition is held at a shopping mall.

B) This can be due to the entertainment facilities and the diversity of shops inside them .

C) People prefer to go shopping less than they did in the past because of increasing prices.

D) I really don't understand why people spend so much time just wandering inside a shopping mall.

E) I've heard some of them will soon be closed because they haven't been making huge profits

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151. Pelin:

- **I read in a magazine that "A day without laughter is a day wasted." said Charlie Chaplin, and behavioural psychologists agree with him.**

Buket:

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Pelin:

- **They say it's a skill to be able to call on memories to make us laugh when we feel hijacked by negative emotions.**

Buket:

- **I totally agree. Recalling happy past events makes me laugh and calms me down when I feel angry.**

A) Do they think we can feel happy just by laughing?

B) What is the connection between Charlie Chaplin and psychology?

C) Do they say anything about whom we laugh at most?

D) Our funny friends generally make us laugh, don't they?

E) What do they put forward about this issue?

152. Darren:

- **Don't you have a degree in psychiatry?**

Albert:

- **Yes, I do. I studied medicine with the intention of becoming a psychiatrist.**

Darren:

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Albert:

- **I wasn't convinced that I'd really be able to help people.**

A) Were you an idealistic medical student?

B) Why is psychiatry growing more dominant in our culture?

C) Do you think psychiatry is a profession that requires much effort?

D) Why didn't you pursue the profession?

E) How did you decide to study medicine?

153. Cansu:

- **These days, I can't sleep easily, or I wake up too early and can't get to sleep again.**

Okan:

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Cansu:

- **I can't stop thinking about stressful problems before I go to bed.**

Okan:

- **You should try to resolve them, or you can note down your problems to deal with them later.**

A) Do you know going to bed at the same time each night provides a good night's sleep?

B) Do you think there is something that disturbs your sleep?

C) Why don't you make your bedroom as calm as possible so that going to bed is a peaceful experience

D) Are you planning to get professional help to overcome your sleeping problem?

E) Why don't you try avoiding drinks that contain caffeine after 8 p.m.?

154. William:

- **Can animals be allergic to humans?**

Harriet:

- **Yes, they can. Some cats and dogs are known to react badly to their owners.**

William:

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Harriet:

- **The dust around the house that contains large amounts of dead skin falling from us can cause coughing, shortness of breath or itching.**

- A) Can excessive cold or heat also cause an animal to be allergic to humans?
- B) How can we solve such a problem before it gets worse?
- C) What will happen if they are constantly exposed to human allergens?
- D) What is the reason for the allergic reactions in animals?
- E) Do animals display aggressive behaviour when they're affected by allergens?

155. Journalist:

- **Why do we need to better understand food preferences?**

Dietician:

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Journalist:

- **So, people can avoid obesity by changing their food preferences, can't they?**

Dietician:

- **Exactly, they can shape their diets by replacing high-calorie foods with lower-calorie dishes that still trigger a satisfactory sense of pleasure.**

- A) Many think of their food preferences as being tied to cultural structures.
- B) They determine what we eat, and thus have a huge impact on our health.
- C) It might be difficult to find out whether they depend on genes or traditions.
- D) Well, we definitely need to know where our food comes from.
- E) We know there are genes regulating the receptors for bitter, salty, sour and sweet taste.

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156. Sinem:

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Buse:

- **Well, I think enthusiasm, a high level of self-motivation and good communication skills will be considered important.**

Sinem:

- **Yes, I think those are some of the most important qualities they want in an employee.**

Buse:

- **Don't worry so much. I'm sure that you'll do very well.**

- A) I believe I've got the relevant experience needed for the job, haven't I?
- B) What do you suggest me to do before the interview?
- C) I'm really nervous about my interview. What do you think they'll be looking for?
- D) Why haven't you also applied for such a rewarding job?
- E) Isn't it good that my salary will be based on my performance at work?

157. Gözde:

- **To be good at sports, you need to be naturally gifted.**

Kaya:

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Gözde:

- **That's important as well. However, they say people have a certain level of ability in sports.**

Kaya:

- **On the other hand, they say by working hard, you can do a lot to change that level.**

Gözde:

- **Well, you might be right.**

- A) Do you mean that we should discover our skills for doing sports?
- B) So, if I'm not gifted, I shouldn't do sports? Is that what it means?
- C) Then, if a person plays basketball for many years, can we say that he or she is gifted?
- D) I think they're the ones who have the minds of champions.
- E) I think it's more important to learn techniques and practise them regularly.

158. Ali:

- **Why is trade essential to countries?**

Pelin:

- **Trade creates wealth and jobs by encouraging countries to produce goods that can be exported.**

Ali:

- **Yes, but its benefits are not evenly spread across all countries.**

Pelin:

- **Why do you say so?**

Ali:

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Pelin:

- **You're right. Exporting cars or computers is more lucrative than exporting food.**

- A) When countries import more than they export, they can't prosper.
- B) In addition to goods, countries may also trade internationally in services.
- C) Rich countries export expensive products and they make huge profits.
- D) Countries may try and harmonize the rules that govern buying and selling.
- E) Oil, for example, is produced and exported by a few countries.

159. Emel:

- **I wish people could see the price the next generations will pay**

Evren:

- **What are you talking about?**

Emel:

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Evren:

- **Yes, you're right. It's time we realized that there is nothing more important than the environment.**

- A) They believe humans are more creative and productive than they were in the past.
- B) People still think they have limitless resources and so consume more than they need.
- C) If we run out of resources, we'll be able to find substitutes?
- D) There've been several important attempts worldwide to save the environment.
- E) I think we can go to the Moon or mine asteroids to find alternative energy resources.

160. Onur:

- **Do you think it's cruel to ask employees to work extra hours?**

Hasan:

- **Yes, it's not fair to keep people away from their families.**

Onur:

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Hasan:

- **That's true. As long as the payment is satisfactory, it could be a reasonable thing to ask for.**

- A) Many employers don't even pay more for these extra working hours.
- B) Yet, payment for extra working hours can increase motivation among employees .
- C) Definitely! People should have a good family-work balance.
- D) Recent research indicates that employees asked to work extra often feel frustrated.
- E) But family life is more important than being paid overtime.

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161. Yeşim:

- **Have you heard about the personal trainer who will take on the challenge of gaining 40 kg and then losing it again all within a year?**

Pelin:

- **That sounds ridiculous! Why would anyone do that?**

Yeşim:

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Pelin:

- **That's something to be addressed by health experts, not amateurs!**

- A) He looks really fit though, don't you agree? He must be following a very strict diet
- B) I guess you're one of those who are struggling with their weight.
- C) I don't know what he's thinking, but losing weight isn't difficult for me.
- D) Well, he'll do this on a TV program every week to raise awareness about obesity.
- E) If you ask me, one's weight also has to do with his or her height.

162. Reporter:

- **Do you reward your employees based on individual performance or group work?**

Businessman:

- **I think placing people with different skills and knowledge together improves the overall quality of the work, so I promote team work.**

Reporter:

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Businessman:

- **Yes. Last month, one of my employees won the lottery and gave some money to his colleagues. Since then, they all have been communicating effectively and making important decisions.**

A) In fact, people with certain characteristics may fail to work in a group and feel uncomfortable. Do you have any employees of that sort

B) I've interviewed many businessmen, and you're one of the most successful ones. I'm sure your employees respect you a lot, am I wrong?

C) But many say one member's behaviour or experience in a team leads to changes in others' performances. Do you agree?

D) Surveys show many employers don't care about their workers' demands. Are there any areas your employees complain about?

E) Suppose that one of your employees weren't able to complete his or her work on time. How would you react to it?

163. Emel:

- **Lately, I've noticed that I'm getting lines around my eyes and mouth.**

Zeynep:

- **You should try drinking more water to prevent them.**

Emel:

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Zeynep:

- **Certainly, you'll notice the difference in your skin in a few months.**

A) That's really interesting. How much water should I drink in a day?

B) I've never heard such a benefit of water. Does it really work?

C) Facial expressions like smiling or frowning also make existing wrinkles worse.

D) Have you read anything that states water is the best solution for kidney disorders?

E) I'm not sure whether it'll work. Can the lines be the symptoms of an illness?

164. Serdar:

- **One of the most exciting things about travelling is seeing how big the world actually is.**

Ayça:

- **That sounds wonderful, but I've never had the chance to leave my hometown yet. I hope that someday I experience this feeling.**

Serdar:

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Ayça:

- **I really appreciate your support. I'll need to save up some money and ask my parents, but maybe this is a possibility for us to consider in the near future.**

A) I can help you achieve that goal. Let's just plan a small trip to somewhere not so far from here but still something very different from what you're used to.

B) I can't believe that you've never left this town. I'm sure that there'll be many chances for you to travel as you're young and still studying.

C) I've seen many parts of the world, and I must admit that no other country compares to my own.

D) You've an interest in exploring more of what the world can offer, but it might be dangerous for a person at your age to go to a distant place alone.

E) If you haven't travelled yet, then it seems that you won't have many chances to do so in the future.

165. Ender:

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Aylin:

- **Are you having problems with concentrating?**

Ender:

- **Yes, but even without any distractions, I can't seem to focus intensely on anything for more than half an hour.**

Aylin:

- **Actually, that's perfectly normal. Most people can only focus for 20 to 30 minutes.**

A) The new boss has introduced a very strict regime. He's even stopped our coffee breaks.

B) I'm finding the new job quite challenging, but my colleagues are so helpful that we generally work in collaboration with each of us.

C) I've just been promoted, but I'm not really sure if this is really what I want to do.

D) There's so much going on at work. I don't seem to be able to finish anything.

E) It's such a dull place to work, because there is no entertainment of any kind, and it'd be better for me to leave this job soon.

166. Oya:

- I wish I could live a simpler life like people who lived 100 years ago.

Selin:

- Why would you want that? I think life must have been really boring back then.

Oya:

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Selin:

- You have a point. Sometimes I feel like throwing away my cell phone and my computer.

A) But there was also more simplicity. Nowadays, we spend all our time being overwhelmed with technology.

B) Maybe, but imagine being alive in the era of such adventure. Wouldn't that be exciting?

C) True, life was much more difficult for most people. You have to admit though, for some people it was great.

D) If you don't like the past, would you prefer to live at some point in the future?

E) I suppose you are right. I couldn't imagine life without the Internet.

167. Birgül:

- I have an interesting job and I'm earning a good salary, why do I still feel so stressed?

Eda:

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Birgül:

- What do you mean by that?

Eda:

- I have read it in an article. It says that as you gain more responsibility, your level of stress increases.

A) Perhaps, you should talk to your boss instead.

B) Maybe you're suffering from the stress of having to do too much.

C) You have such a calm personality to be so stressed.

D) Don't you think you're exaggerating this time?

E) Have you considered doing yoga to relieve your stress?

168. Okan:

- There are now almost a dozen studies showing that mind power can be increased over time by doing simple exercises.

Berkay:

- Really? That's very interesting. What kind of exercises are you talking about?

Okan:

- Things like sitting up straight instead of lying down and brushing your teeth with your less dominant hand.

Berkay:

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A) So, what you're saying is that we should keep doing the same things over and over again.

B) Scientists always come up with fresh claims about fitness and exercising for a healthy life

C) I've never realized such simple exercises could contribute to the development of our brain.

D) That's not new to me. I've been trying to improve my memorization skill for a very long time.

E) Studies on the brain tend to be quite popular nowadays, but this one doesn't sound very appealing.

169. İpek:

- Can you say which foreign language is easier to learn?

Nilüfer:

- I've studied French, but it's very different from Turkish and the pronunciation is really hard.

İpek:

- So maybe I should just give up on learning a foreign language.

Nilüfer:

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A) You're right. Learning a language is both enjoyable and brings in many advantages.

B) You shouldn't quit. Learning anything new takes time and hard work.

C) Sure, that's an interesting way of learning a foreign language in a short time.

D) Yes, it's better to go to the country where the language is actually spoken.

E) Definitely, you can ask someone else about learning German or Spanish.

170. Doruk:

- **You know I have been hosting a guest from Egypt. He has come to celebrate Children's Festival with us.**

Ozan:

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Doruk:

- **Certainly. He wants to visit us again this summer. He has also invited me to spend a month in his country.**

Ozan:

- **Really? You're so lucky. That sounds very exciting.**

A) Sure, you told me all about it the day he arrived. How could you forget that?

B) No, I haven't heard anything about it. When will you introduce him to me?

C) Well, isn't that the country your family was working in previously?

D) I'm really looking forward to seeing him on stage while performing their traditional dance.

E) Oh, that's great. Has he been enjoying his time here with you?

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171. Barry:

- **Do you remember Uri Geller?**

Steve:

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Barry:

- **That's right. He claimed to be able to bend metal with the power of his mind.**

Steve:

- **It turns out he was just a fraud, wasn't he?**

A) What happened to his powers?

B) Yes, wasn't he famous in the 1970s?

C) Not really. Can you tell me about him?

D) What made you think about him?

E) Yes, do you remember him as well?

172. James:

- **Did you read about that 13-year old who climbed Mt. Everest?**

Steve:

- **No, when was that?**

James:

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Steve:

- **You're right. What was his father thinking?**

A) For a teenager, he was extremely brave.

B) He went last summer with his father and three friends.

C) Last summer, with his father. Too young, wasn't he?

D) He was really lucky that his father decided to take him.

E) I think he was the first teenager ever to have climbed Mt. Everest.

173. John:

- **I can't believe this! Psychologists believe that gossip can be a healthy social activity.**

Kate:

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John:

- **Well, apparently through gossip, people can make social comparisons, and learn what is and isn't acceptable.**

Kate:

- **That sounds reasonable.**

A) Which group of psychologists would be right in this matter?

B) What did they say against gossiping?

C) What if they were all wrong and people were right?

D) Why do they have to make comments like that?

E) What sort of claim are they making?

174. Paul:

- **Did you hear the news that they found a whale in the River Thames in the middle of London?**

Henry:

- **Yes, I did. No one knows why the poor whale ended up in the river.**

Paul:

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Henry:

- **Well, that's a credible explanation.**

A) I think people have petitioned to have it placed in the zoo.

B) They say the cause of its death can only be known after an autopsy.

C) Do you think a whale has to eat in order not to get dehydrated?

D) I guess it was too young to find its way out to the North Sea.

E) Whales always use their sense of navigation not to get lost.

175. Robert:

- **Do you think the planet Mars can have an effect on life on Earth?**

Luis:

- **Well, some astrologers claim that it can, while others reject the idea completely.**

Robert:

- **Which one do you agree with?**

Luis:

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A) Not everyone is convinced that there are real effects.

B) Astrology doesn't have the answer to that question.

C) It's hard to say but the former is more appealing.

D) There are signs that Mars is getting closer to Earth.

E) It has nothing to do with when you were born.

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176. Carl:

- **When does your bus leave?**

Brian:

- **At 8.30. So we've got a couple of hours.**

Carl:

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Brian:

- **That's just what I was going to suggest.**

- A) Fine. Then let's go and get something to eat.
- B) Are you hungry by any chance?
- C) We can't do much in two hours.
- D) Where's your luggage? Do you only have the one bag?
- E) It's been good seeing you! Come again soon!

177. Richard:

- **There must be an explanation for why gossiping is so popular.**

Mary:

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Richard:

- **Isn't it more likely to disconnect us from the people we gossip about?**

Mary:

- **I see your point, but what they mean is "nice" gossip.**

- A) Yes, it is done intensively all over the world.
- B) In fact, there is. Psychologists say that gossip makes us feel connected to others.
- C) Well, what's your explanation?
- D) When there is gossip about public figures, it seems to make them more human.
- E) People may say they don't gossip – but usually they do!

178. Interviewer:

- **Are you unhappy about the lack of privacy?**

Film Star:

- **Not at all. Privacy has never been that important to me.**

Interviewer:

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Film Star:

- **Well, why would you choose this sort of a life and then worry about privacy?**

- A) That's exactly what I think about it.
- B) So, you're complaining about it?
- C) Really? That surprises me .
- D) That sounds like a good idea.
- E) My private life has to be my own.

179. Liz:

- **What did you think of the play?**

Bob:

- **It was great fun to watch. There was so much colour and activity in it.**

Liz:

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Bob:

- **No; not really. I must watch it again to get the main idea.**

- A) Wasn't the scene where they danced terrific?
- B) I wish they had included some music to make it more enjoyable.
- C) Even though the stage was very small and dark.
- D) What did you think of the acting?
- E) Yes; that's true. But did you understand it?

180. Peter:

- **Are you going to join one of the further training schemes the bank is offering?**

James:

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Peter:

- **Yes; you really ought to. But at least explain the situation to the manager.**

James:

- **Good idea. I'll do that.**

- A) No; I'm content with things as they are.
- B) No; I like to keep my evenings free.
- C) I'm not sure. I'll think it over.
- D) No, I'm not. Things are difficult at home as you know. But I know I ought to.
- E) Perhaps. I'm still thinking about it. What about you?

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28.	C	73.	D	118.	E	163.	B
29.	C	74.	D	119.	A	164.	A
30.	C	75.	E	120.	D	165.	D
31.	C	76.	A	121.	C	166.	A
32.	B	77.	D	122.	B	167.	B
33.	B	78.	E	123.	D	168.	C
34.	A	79.	C	124.	E	169.	B
35.	C	80.	B	125.	D	170.	E
36.	E	81.	A	126.	E	171.	B
37.	D	82.	A	127.	A	172.	C
38.	D	83.	C	128.	E	173.	E
39.	E	84.	A	129.	B	174.	D
40.	A	85.	E	130.	B	175.	C
41.	C	86.	A	131.	A	176.	A
42.	D	87.	D	132.	B	177.	B
43.	B	88.	C	133.	B	178.	C
44.	C	89.	C	134.	B	179.	E
45.	D	90.	E	135.	C	180.	D

