CSS English Topic 4 Comprehension Passage

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i.The primary purpose of the passage is to

A. Differentiate between and characterise igneous and sedimentary rocks
B. Explain the factors that may cause rocks to change in form
C. Show how the scientific names of rocks reflect the rocks' composition
D. Define and describe several diverse kinds of rocks
E. Explain why rocks are basic parts of the earth's structure

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ii.It can be inferred from the passage that the chronological order of the geologic periods is.

A. Paleocene,Miocene,Triassic,Mesozoic
B. Paleocene,Triassic,Mesozoic,Miocene
C. Miocene,Paleocene,Triassic,Mesozoic
D. Mesozoic,Oligocene,Paleocene,Miocene
E. Mesozoic,Paleocene,Eocene,Miocene

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In this search for energy the fungus has become the earth's major source of not and decay.Wherever you see mold forming on a piece of bread,or a pile of leaves turning to compost,or a blown-down tree becoming pulp on the ground,you are watching a fungus eating.Without fungus action the earth would be piled high with the dead plant life of past centuries.In fact,certain plants which contain resins that are toxic to fungi will last indefinitely;specimens of the redwood,for instance,can still be found resting on the forest floor centuries after having been blown down.

iii.The authors statements that"you are watching a fungus eating" is best described as?

A. Figurative
B. Ironical
C. Parenthetical
D. Erroneous
E. Contradictory

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A. Describe the properties and uses of water
B. Illustrate the importance of conserving water
C. Compare water with other liquids
D. Reveal the extent of the earth's ocean masses

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vii.The author's tone in the passage can best be described as

A. Meditative
B. Objective
C. Ironic
D. Concerned
E. Bombastic

Q-3. For me,scientific knowledge is divided into mathematical sciences,natural sciences dealing with the natural world (physical and biological sciences).and sciences dealing with mankind(psychology sociology all the sciences of cultural

sciences dealing with mankind(psychology,sociology, all the sciences of cultural achievements,every kind of historical knowledge).Apart from these sciences is philosophy,about which we will talk shortly.In the first place,all this is pure or theoretical knowledge sought only for the purpose of understanding in order to fulfil the need to understand that is irtrinsic and comsubstantial to man.What distinguishes man from animal is that he knows and needs to know.If man did not know that the world existed,and that the world was of a certain kind,that he was in the world and that he himself was of a certain kind,he wouldn't be man.The technical aspects of applications of knowledge are equally necessary for man and are of the greatest importance,because they also contribute to defining him as man and permit him to a pursue a life increasingly more truly human.
But even while enjoying the results of technical progress,he must defend the primacy and autonomy of pure knowledge.Knowledge sought directly for its practical applications will have immediate and foreseeable success,but not the kind of important result whose revolutionary scope is in large part unforeseen,except by the imagination of the Utopians.Let me recall well-known example.If the Greek mathematicians had not applied themselves to the investigation of conic sections,zealously and without the least suspicion that it might someday be useful it would not have been possible centuries later to navigate far from shore.The first men to study the nature of electricity could not imagine that their experiments,carried on because of mere intellectual curiosity,would eventually lead to modern electrical technology without which we can scarcely conceive of contemporary life.Pure knowledge is valuable for its own sake,because the human spirit cannot resign itself to ignorance but in addition it is the foundation for practical results that would not have been reached if this knowledge had not been sought disinterestedly.

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iii.It can inferred from the passage that to the author man's need to know is chiefy important in that it?

A. Allows the human race to progress technically
B. Encompasses both the physical and social sciences
C. Demonstrates human vulnerability
D. Defines man's essential humanity
E. Has increased as our knowledge of the world has grown

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vi.With which of the following proverbial expressions about human existence would the author be most likely to agree?

A. It's a cruel world.
B. All the world's stage.
C. A short life.but a merry one.
D. Footprints in the sands of time.
E. The more things change the more they remain the same.

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vi.Which of the following methods is NOT used by the author?

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B. Classification and discussion
C. Comparison and contrast
D. Observation and hypothesis
E. Cause and effect

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iii.The passage would be most likely to appear in a.

A. Technical article for geologists
B. Teaching manual accompanying an earth science text
C. Pamphlet promoting conservation of natural resources
D. Newspaper feature explaining how oil is found
E. Nonfiction book explaining where to find the results of sedimentation

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A. Humorous
B. Objective
C. Patronising
D. Esoteric
E. Archaic

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iii.Which of the following characteristics of water does the author mention in the passage?
I.Water expands when it is frozen.
II.Water is a good solvent.
iii.Water can absorb heat.

A. I only
B. II only
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iii.Which of the following words could best be substituted for "homologous" in passage without substantially changing the author's meaning?

A. Altered
B. mammalian
C. Corresponding
D. Divergent
E. Tactile

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C. DNA and heredity
D. Nucleus and cell wall
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ii.According to the passage,fish can survive in the oceans because

A. They do not need ocxygen
B. Ice floats
C. Water absorbs heat
D. There are currents in the oceans
E. Evaporation and condensation create a water cycle

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A. Comparison and contrast
B. Juxtaposition of true and untrue ideas
C. General statements followed by examples
D. Hypothesis and proof
E. Definition of key terms

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18	**humans) or to fungi.** **In this search for energy the fungus has become the earth's major source of not and decay.Wherever you see mold forming on a piece of bread,or a pile of leaves turning to compost,or a blown-down tree becoming pulp on the ground,you are watching a fungus eating.Without fungus action the earth would be piled high with the dead plant life of past centuries.In fact,certain plants which contain resins that are toxic to fungi will last indefinitely;specimens of the redwood,for instance,can still be found resting on the forest floor centuries after having been blown down.** i.Which of the following words best describes the fungus as depicted in the passage?	A. Unevolved B. Sporadic C. Enigmatic D. Parasitic E. Toxic
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20	**Q-6.Ocean water plays an indispensable role in supporting life.The great ocean basins hold about 300 million cubic miles of water.From this vast amount,about 80,000 cubic miles of water are sucked into the atmosphere each year by evaporation and returned by precipitation and drainage to the ocean.More than 24,000 cubic miles of rain descend annually upon the continents.This vast amount is required to replenish the lakes and streams,springs and water tables on which all flora and fauna are dependent.Thus the hydrosphere permits organic existence.** **The hydrosphere has strange characteristics because water has properties unlike those of any other liquid.One anomaly is that water upon freezing expands by about 9 per cent,whereas most liquids contract on cooling.for this reason,ice floats on water bodies instead of sinking to the bottom.If the ice sank,the hydrosphere would soon be frozen solidly except for a thin layer of surface melt water during the summer season,Thus,all aquatic life would be destroyed and the interchange of warm cold currents,which moderates climate,would be notably absent.** **Another outstanding characteristic of water is that water has a heat capacity which is the highest of all liquids and solids except ammonia.This characteristic enables the oceans to absorb and store vast quantities of heat,thereby often preventing climatic extremes in addition water dissolve more substances than any other liquid.It is this characteristic which helps make oceans a great storehouse for minerals which have been washed down from the continents.In several areas of the world these minerals are being commercially exploited.Solar evaporation of salt is widely practised,potash is extracted from the Dead Sea,and magnesium is produced from sea water along the American Gulf Coast.** vii.Which of the following statements would be most likely to begin the paragraph immediately following the passage?	A. Water has the ability to erode the land. B. Magnesium is widely used in metallurgical processes C. Now let us consider the great land masses. D. Another remarkable property of ice is its strength E. Droughts and flooding are two types of disasters associated with water.