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Questions Questions 1-2 are based on the following. Companies O and P each have the same number of employees who work the same number of hours per week. According to records maintained by each company, the employees of Company O had fewer job-related accidents last year than did the employees of Company P. Therefore, employees of Company O are less likely to have job-related accidents than are employees of Company P.

1. Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen the conclusion above?

(A) Company P manufactures products that are more hazardous for workers to produce than does Company O.

(B) Company P holds more safety inspections than does Company O.

(C) Company P maintains a more modern infirmary than does Company O.

(D) Company O paid more for new job-related medical claims than did Company P.

(E) Company P provides more types of health-care benefits than does Company O.

2. Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the conclusion above?

(A) The employees of Company P lost more time at work due to job-related accidents than did the employees of Company O.

(B) Company P considered more types of accidents to be job-related than did Company O.

(C) The employees of Company P were sick more often than were the employees of Company O.

(D) Several employees of Company O each had more than one job-related

accident. (B) (E) The majority of job-related accidents at Company O involved a single machine. 3. In comparison to the standard typewriter keyboard, the EFCO keyboard, which places the most-used keys nearest the typist's strongest fingers, allows faster typing and results in less fatigue. Therefore, replacement of standard keyboards with the EFCO keyboard will result in an immediate reduction of typing costs. Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the conclusion drawn above? (A) People who use both standard and EFCO keyboards report greater difficulty in the transition from the EFCO keyboard to the standard keyboard than in the transition from the standard keyboard to the EFCO keyboard. (B) EFCO keyboards are no more expensive to manufacture than are standard keyboards and require less frequent repair than do standard keyboards. (C) The number of businesses and government agencies that use EFCO keyboards is increasing each year. (D) The more training and experience an employee has had with the standard keyboard, the more costly it is to train that employee to use the EFCO keyboard. (E) Novice typists can learn to use the EFCO keyboard in about the same amount of time it takes them to learn to use the standard keyboard. Questions 4-5 are based on the following. Half of the subjects in an experiment the experimental group consumed large quantities of a popular artificial sweetener. Afterward, this group showed lower cognitive abilities than did the other half of the subjects the control group who did not consume the sweetener. The detrimental effects were attributed to an amino acid that is one of the sweetener's principal constituents. 4.

Which of the following, if true, would best support the conclusion that some ingredient of the sweetener was responsible for the experimental results? (A) Most consumers of the sweetener do not consume as much of it as the experimental group members did. (B) The amino acid referred to in the conclusion is a component of all proteins, some of which must be consumed for adequate nutrition. (C) The quantity of the sweetener consumed by individuals in the experimental group is considered safe by federal food regulators. (D) The two groups of subjects were evenly matched with regard to cognitive abilities prior to the experiment. ( D ) (E) A second experiment in which subjects consumed large quantities of the sweetener lacked a control group of subjects who were not given the sweetener.

5. Which of the following, if true, would best help explain how the sweetener might produce the observed effect? (A) The government ' s analysis of the artificial sweetener determined that it was sold in relatively pure form. (B) A high level of the amino acid in the blood inhibits the synthesis of a substance required for normal brain functioning. (C) Because the sweetener is used primarily as a food additive, adverse reactions to it are rarely noticed by consumers. (D) The amino acid that is a constituent of the sweetener is also sold separately as a dietary supplement. ( B ) (E) Subjects in the experiment did not know whether they were consuming the sweetener or a second, harmless substance.

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