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Question: 1

Which of the following describes this type of writing?

A. Technical
B. Narrative
C. Persuasive
D. Expository

> **Answer: A**

Explanation:
Technical passages focus on presenting specific information and have a tone of formality. They also usually prompt a response from their recipient. Expository passages reveal information to the reader. This passage does give information, but the information is specific, technical, and meant to prompt action from the students receiving the email. Therefore, technical (A) is the best answer. Narrative writing focuses on telling a story, and the passage offers no indication of this. Persuasive writing attempts to persuade the reader to agree with a certain position; the instructor offers the students information and advice but leaves the decision up to each student.

Question: 2

Which of the following quotes offers the best summary for the instructor's motive in sending the email to the students?

A. By now, many of you have probably seen your grade and are a little concerned, since this accounts for 70% of your final grade. (And if you're not concerned, you should be—at least a bit!)
B. With each class comes a new challenge, however, and as any good instructor will tell you, sometimes the original plan has to change.
C. The purpose of the group project is to allow students to work together and arrive at a stronger response than if each worked individually.
D. At the beginning of the semester, I informed the class that I have a strict grading policy and that all scores will stand unquestioned.

> **Answer: B**

Explanation:
This question asks for the best summary of the instructor's motive. In the opening paragraph, the instructor notes that his original grading plan has to change to reflect the exam scores. Because they were low, he now wants to give students a chance to make up for their low scores. Choice B thus summarizes his motive effectively by stating that he recognizes the need for a change in the policy. The instructor introduces his email with the notes about the scores being posted, but given the information

that is provided in the message, this is not the sole motive for his writing, so choice A is incorrect. Choice C limits the motive to the details about the group project, but the instructor provides three options. Choice D overlooks the instructor's further note about how the grading policy sometimes has to bend to reflect circumstances.

Question: 3

Based on the passage, which of the following is the most logical conclusion?

A. The professor will offer another extra credit project later in the semester.
B. Students who choose two extra-credit options will be given double the extra credit.
C. Students who choose the third option will receive one quarter of the offered extra credit.
D. Students are most likely to earn maximum extra credit by choosing the first option.

Answer: D

Explanation:
The professor is designing the project in option one, so this project is guaranteed to be an acceptable alternative to the essay exam. The professor encourages students to choose this option, as the other two options may not yield projects that are acceptable alternatives. If students choose options two or three, there is a chance they may not be eligible for the entire 150% of the point value the professor is offering.
The professor states that there will be no additional extra credit opportunities and emphasizes that each student may only choose one extra-credit option, so choices A and B are incorrect. Option three states that each student will receive equal credit, but it does not state that the 150% of the point value will be divided among the students, so choice C is incorrect.

Question: 4

The word "filters," as used in this passage, most nearly means:

A. Alternates
B. Reverses
C. Ignores
D. Depends

Answer: C

Explanation:
The sentence reads, "Your brain filters [your nose] out," which means your brain ignores it.

Question: 5

The word "retina," as used in this passage, most nearly means:

A. Optical illusion
B. Part of the eye
C. Pattern
D. Blindness

Answer: B

Explanation:
Only choice B reflects the meaning of the term "retina," which is a part of the eye's anatomy.

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