

PARAGRAPH COMPLETION

Read the paragraphs below and decide which of the following sentences should come in the blank in each paragraph.

- 1- Archeologists have a duty, both to colleagues and to the general public, to explain what they are doing and why. _____. Further, their work can also be enjoyed by the wider public which, after all, has usually paid the bill for the work, however indirectly.
 - A. Up to 60% of modern excavations apparently remain unpublished.
 - B. Archeologists often prefer to dig new sites rather than devote time to laborious post excavations analysis.
 - C. Many projects depend upon the willing hands of amateur enthusiasts.
 - D. Unfortunately, some archeologists hoard their finds and prevent colleagues from gaining access to them.
 - E. Basically, this means publishing the discoveries so that the results are available to other scholars.

- 2- Well into the 1860s the American West remained divided from the East by the harsh nature of the country's interior. _____. Their aim was to build a railroad across the formidable mountains lands of Sierra Nevada. They were ridiculed on all sides, but the ambitious enterprise eventually succeeded.
 - A. Their high-flying goal comes with similarly steep challenges.
 - B. Top engineers had agreed that the Sierra Nevada could not be crossed by road or rail
 - C. Naturally, politicians were not in favor of uniting East and West.
 - D. Then four merchants began raising money to fund a seemingly impossible project.
 - E. The high peaks of the Sierra Nevada were acknowledged as being impassable.

3- In the annals of computing, nothing has caused as much disappointment as putting ideas on paper. _____. However, with the coming of the inkjet printer it was soon possible to print really high quality images.

- A. For decades, printing computer files was a thankless task for users seeking to reproduce precisely what they saw on their screens.
- B. To start with, thermal inkjets were no match for the costlier laser printers that had just been introduced.
- C. For all its originality the idea behind the inkjet is far from new.
- D. The first inkjet printers were slow, messy machines, but they gradually got better and better.
- E. Designers of printers grew more ambitious and they started to want color, speed and low costs.

4- Most Western industrialized nations have an individualistic orientation, which values independence and self-assertiveness. _____. They stress the interdependence of people within the community.

- A. There is no internal evidence to suggest this.
- B. Individuals in collectivist Asian cultures are even less likely to commit such errors.
- C. In contrast, many non-Western cultures have a more collectivist orientation.
- D. This is why Americans tend to use psychological traits to describe themselves.
- E. Actually, situational factors also play quite an important role.

ANSWER KEY TO PARAGRAPH COMPLETION QUESTIONS

1- E 2- D 3- A 4- C