**GMAT Verbal Test Peper**

This test will review your knowledge and skill at the variety of questions in the GMAT Verbal Section. Good luck.

More and more these days people are eating vegetables as a means to a better diet and exercising regularly, because being healthy is important.

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A group of workers in the computer industry, one who is a famous programmer, will be attending the 2010 Computing Convention in New York.

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The following questions involve the following passage. It was written by Little Steven and published in Rolling Stone magazine. Read it, then answer the questions:

“Eric Clapton is the most important and influential guitar player that has ever lived, is still living or ever will live. Do yourself a favor, and don’t debate me on this. Before Clapton, rock guitar was the Chuck Berry method, modernized by Keith Richards, and the rockabilly sound popularized by George Harrison. Clapton absorbed that, then introduced the essence of black electric blues to create an attack that defined the fundamentals of rock & roll lead guitar.  
Maybe most important of all, he turned the amp up—to eleven. That alone blew everybody’s mind in the mid-Sixties. In the studio, he moved the mike across the room from the amp, which added ambience; everybody else was still close-miking. Then he cranked the thing. Sustain happened; feedback happened. The guitar player suddenly became the most important guy in the band.”

To read the rest, go to Rolling Stone.com, it’s an awesome article.

Question: What’s the main purpose of the article?

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|  | To support an opinion |
|  | To answer a question using examples |
|  | To compare two differing opinions |
|  | To reconcile two differing opinions |

Refer to the passage in the previous question and answer this question:

What was the result of Clapton’s most important contribution to rock music?

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|  | Chuck Berry and George Harrison became less famous |
|  | Sustain and feedback became popular effects |
|  | He turned the amp up |
|  | The microphone moved away from the amp |
|  | The guitar became the most important instrument in a band |

Refer again to the Clapton passage and answer me this:

The passage mentions many players and different methods used by those players. Which of these correctly matches a player to his style?

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|  | Keith Richards used rockability sound |
|  | The three Kings popularized Chuck Berry’s method |
|  | George Harrison used black electric blues |
|  | Buddy Guy was a rockability player |
|  | Eric Clapton played black electric blues |

The music industry’s concern that illegal downloading of songs causes musicians to lose a large precentage of their revenue is exaggerated. Most illegal downloading is done by occasional fans who wouldn’t buy an artist’s album anyway. Therefore the loss to the industry is not significant, because…

Which of the following best completes the passage above?

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|  | most people who download songs illegally would not purchase them even if purchasing was the only way to get the songs. |
|  | most people who download songs illegally would not play them much. |
|  | Even if the industry got the money off illegal downloads, it would be in financial trouble. |
|  | The total market of illegal downloads is small compared with the overall music industry that contains concerts and other merchandise in addition to songs. |
|  | Illegal downloading is a growing concern. |

An advertisement on TV shows 5 dentists, 4 of whom agree that Pasty Toothpaste is healthy for you, and 1 who doesn’t. The ad then claims that 4 out of every 5 dentists agree the product is great, so you should buy Pasty Toothpaste.

Which of the following best points out the fault in this logic?

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|  | A healthy product is not necessarily a great product |
|  | 1 dentist didn’t agree, so the product can’t be that good |
|  | The sample size is too small to make any reasonable claim that 4 of out every 5 dentists agree |
|  | TV ads should never be believed, since they’re based on false claims |
|  | Pasty Toothpaste will leave your mouth tasting minty-fresh |

Lake pollution in the environment is a growing concern. Despite that fact that there are laws against dumping waste in lakes, the lakes are still polluted, which suggests that companies might be breaking the law.

Which of the following would be a good thing to check to verify this hypothesis?

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|  | Checking company’s ethical codes of conduct regarding pollution |
|  | Checking with the legal officials who approved the law |
|  | Checking where the waste produced by plants goes |
|  | Checking the waste levels in the lake |
|  | Checking pollution levels around the lake’s natural environment |