

## Interpretation of Sentences Worksheet #1

1. "The President always makes the right decision," means the same as:
  - a. The President never makes the wrong decision.
  - b. The President should always make the decision.
  - c. The President it never wrong.
  - d. The President is always right.
  - e. All of the above mean the same thing.
  
2. "Joel loves Susan more than Susan loves Joel," means the same as:
  - a. Joel and Susan are in love.
  - b. Susan never loves Joel.
  - c. Susan loves Joel less than Joel loves Susan.
  - d. Sometimes Joel loves Susan more than Susan loves Joel.
  - e. All of the above mean the same thing.
  
3. "Teachers of young children have to have a lot of patience," expresses the same idea as:
  - a. Children require a lot of patience.
  - b. Teachers have to have a lot of patience.
  - c. It takes patience to teach children.
  - d. Children often require additional care.
  - e. All of the above express the same idea.
  
4. "Not all American cars are unreliable," means the same as:
  - a. Most American cars are reliable.
  - b. Foreign cars are more reliable than American cars.
  - c. Some American cars are reliable.
  - d. Not all foreign cars are unreliable.
  - e. All of the above mean the same thing.
  
5. "Just because you live in America doesn't mean that you're rich," means the same as:
  - a. Some Americans are rich.
  - b. You can't equate being American with being wealthy.
  - c. There are many Americans who are not rich.
  - d. Most people think Americans are rich.
  - e. All of the above mean the same thing.

## Interpretation of Sentences Worksheet #2

6. "Don't believe everything you hear," means the same as:
  - a. There are some things that you can't believe.
  - b. Some things that you hear are false.
  - c. Some things that you hear are true.
  - d. Not all things that you hear should be believed.
  - e. All of the above mean the same thing.
  
7. "That there is much in common between objective relativism and dualism has doubtless becomes sufficiently clear in the course the preceding lecture,"<sup>1</sup> means the same as:
  - a. Objective relativism and dualism are important philosophical principles.
  - b. Objective relativism and dualism have much in common.
  - c. The preceding lecture showed that dualism and objective relativism are very common philosophies.
  - d. The main point of the previous lecture was to show that objective relativism and dualism share many common traits.
  - e. All of the above mean the same thing.
  
8. "The strongest validation of Milankovitch's ideas has come from deep cores drilled from the Greenland and Antarctic ice caps,"<sup>2</sup> expresses the same idea as:
  - a. Milankovitch drilled in Greenland and Antarctica.
  - b. Milankovitch's ideas were confirmed by deep core drills.
  - c. Not all of Milankovitch's ideas were validated in Greenland and Antarctica.
  - d. Deep core drills from Greenland and Antarctica provide evidence about features of ice caps.
  - e. All of the above express the same idea.
  
9. "Worse things could have happened," means the same as:
  - a. It is not the worst thing that could have happened.
  - b. Bad things happen at times.
  - c. Don't give up because good things could happen as well.
  - d. There is a reason for everything that happens.
  - e. All of the above mean the same thing.

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<sup>1</sup> Lovejoy, A. O., The Revolt Against Dualism, Open Court, 1960, p. 125.

<sup>2</sup> Schoch, R., Voices of the Rocks, Harmony Books, 1999, p. 146

### Interpretation of Sentences Worksheet #3

10. "It is true that some of [Leonardo's] notes on this [subject] are no more than excerpts from the works of Jordanus Nemorarius and his school, but on the other hand they furnish evidence that he extended the theories borrowed from these works and applied them to fresh problems,"<sup>3</sup> expresses the same idea as:
- Leonardo is guilty of plagiarism.
  - Leonardo used Nemorarius' theories.
  - Leonardo's notes are excerpted directly from the works of other thinkers.
  - Leonardo borrowed ideas from Nemorarius, but applied the ideas in new ways.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
11. "Political Science majors often make good law students," means the same as:
- Studying Political Science is frequently good preparation for studying Law.
  - Many lawyers started by studying Political Science.
  - Most law students started out in Political Science.
  - Political Science students often go on to study law, and they often gave success doing so.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
12. "Most nurses are female," means the same as:
- You have a better chance of becoming a nurse if you are female.
  - Men do not occupy the majority of nursing positions.
  - Most females are nurses.
  - Generally, women are more suited than men to be nurses.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
13. "In order to become a professional athlete, you must practice many hours every day," means the same as:
- Professional athletes practice many hours every day.
  - Practice may be an essential part of working to be a professional athlete.
  - You can't become a professional athlete without practicing every day.
  - All athletes who have become professional have practiced many hours every day.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.

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<sup>3</sup> Dijksterhuis, E. J., The Mechanization of the World Picture, Oxford, 1961, p. 255.

## Interpretation of Sentences Worksheet #4

14. "Thus, the Portuguese may have approached the whole business of the slave trade more humanely than their Northern European confreres, in practice there was not much difference between them"<sup>4</sup> expresses the same idea as:
- The Portuguese practiced the business of the slave trade humanely.
  - Portuguese and Northern European slave traders had similar practices.
  - Northern Europeans were more humane than the Portuguese in the treatment of slaves.
  - Practicing slavery is wrong under all conditions because people are born free and have the right to freedom.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
15. "The more education you get, the higher your earnings are likely to be" expresses the same idea as:
- There are many wealthy people (such as businessmen) who never got a formal education.
  - People who don't graduate from college will probably not make a lot of money.
  - If you get a lot of education, you will make more money.
  - You will probably make more money if you get more education.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
16. "What happens when the people of the world are locked in a conflict over the remaining oil? That is going to strain the relative international order that has allowed the global economy to function smoothly—order that we have taken for granted"<sup>5</sup> expresses the same idea as:
- There will be wars fought over oil. These wars will increase the likelihood that the global economy will collapse.
  - Oil is the foundation of our society and our economy and needs to be protected.
  - Battles over oil will strain the stability of the international economy.
  - We have taken global order for granted.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.

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<sup>4</sup> Thomas, Hugh, The Slave Trade, Simon and Schuster, 1997, p. 414.

<sup>5</sup> Kunstler, James Howard, The Long Emergency, Atlantic Monthly Press, 2005, p. 128.

## Interpretation of Sentences Worksheet #5

17. "People who quit their jobs before finding a new one often regret their decision" expresses the same idea as:
- It's a bad idea to quit your job.
  - You should probably have a new job before you quit your old one.
  - It's hard to find a job after you quit one.
  - People often regret their decisions.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
18. "All CEOs are well paid" means the same as:
- If you are a CEO, you are well paid.
  - If you are not a CEO, you are not well paid.
  - There is at least one CEO who is not well paid.
  - CEOs enjoy their work because they are well paid.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
19. "Young children learn languages easier than adults do" means the same as:
- Adults have a more difficult time than children with learning a language.
  - Children's brains are better equipped to learn languages than adults' brains.
  - Children have more chances to practice learning a language.
  - Adults do not learn languages easily.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.
20. "The secret to a happy life is learning how to enjoy the moment" means the same as:
- People who don't enjoy the moment will probably be miserable.
  - Enjoying the moment is the best thing that you can do with life.
  - If you want to be happy, you should enjoy the moment.
  - Happiness in life is not that hard to get.
  - All of the above mean the same thing.

## ANSWERS

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. D
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. D
11. A
12. B
13. C
14. B
15. D
16. C
17. B
18. A
19. A
20. C