

Forming logically strong sentences
English 1A
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Chose which best completes the thought:

1. If you are going to take risks in life, take them while you are young. If you wait until you are old,
 - a. You may not have enough money.
 - b. You may not be able to recover if you fail.
 - c. You may be financially stable, and not want to take risks.
 - d. You may have grandchildren and not want to take risks.

2. In order to be a professional athlete, you have to train many hours every day. Because there is so much competition, however, even training many hours per day may not be enough:
 - a. It is also important to train well.
 - b. You must also have good genes.
 - c. It helps if you pick a sport that not many people are good at.
 - d. You also need to be in good shape.

3. If Brazil's economy continues to grow at its current pace for another twenty years, it will be the third largest economy in the world, behind only the United States and Japan. Since it appears that Brazil will continue to grow at this pace,
 - a. The Brazilian people will probably suffer the ill effects of a booming economy.
 - b. Drugs will probably become widespread in Brazil, as they have in the United States.
 - c. It appears that Brazil will be a major economic influence in the coming decades.
 - d. Banks should begin calling Brazil's loans as soon as possible.

4. If Michael Jackson is guilty of child molestation as he is charged,
 - a. He should be given consideration because he is a celebrity.
 - b. He should suffer more severe penalties than others because he is a celebrity, and his case is more damaging.
 - c. He should receive the penalty that other such offenders receive.
 - d. He can probably be helped with therapy.

5. Identity theft is becoming one of the most prevalent crimes in the world. One of the significant problems that the US faces in prosecuting those who steal identities is that they often do not live in the United States. Even when identified, local authorities in other countries are often powerless to prosecute those who are guilty of identity theft because local laws may not make it a crime. In order to deter identity theft, then,

6. The author argues that the welfare system in the US is overburdened. He says that too many people are on welfare, and that the cost to the taxpayer is so great that we should consider elimination of the system entirely. However,

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9. In his article, "There Are No Lessons To Be Learned From Littleton", Gary Kleck argues that by focusing on mass murders rather than more common forms of violence, we lose sight of what really causes these more prevalent forms of violence: poverty. If he is correct, the solution to much of the violence in the United States is

10. The government of the United States claimed that Iraq needed to be disarmed forcefully because it possessed weapons of mass destruction in violation of international sanctions. After invading Iraq, the government discovered (and admitted) that there were no weapons of mass destruction. This implies that
