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PASSAGE IV

Popcorn

Popcorn is an integral part of North American heritage. The Wampanoag Indians, who had been using the food for thousands of years, brought popcorn to the first Thanksgiving. The European newcomers, they took such a

liking to the popped kernels that it made them a regular part of their diet. The Pilgrims, in fact, created the first breakfast cereal when they started topping their popcorn with sugar and milk.

While few kitchens have been without a bag of popcorn since then. In the 1970s the introduction of "gourmet popcorn" gave the food new status. Before that time, popcorn was popcorn, and manufacturers didn't try to differentiate brands on the basis of taste. Then dozens of new companies appeared, each claiming that its' product had a more distinctive flavor and fewer dud kernels than the others.

Within the past two decades, the development of microwave popcorn has been a noteworthy event. For years, researchers had been

puzzled by their lack of inability to pop popcorn in a microwave oven without turning it into

46. F. NO CHANGE
G. newcomers
H. newcomers who
J. newcomers that

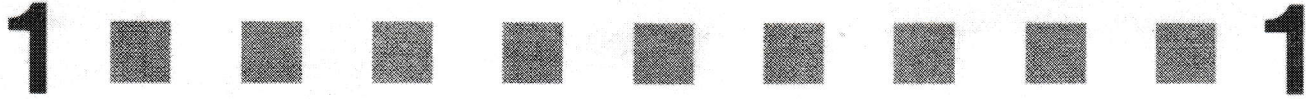
47. A. NO CHANGE
B. made it
C. made them
D. they made them

48. F. NO CHANGE
G. then, and in
H. then, in
J. then; in

49. A. NO CHANGE
B. it's
C. its
D. there

50. Which choice most clearly and effectively indicates that a new development in the popcorn industry has given popcorn manufacturers added success with consumers?
F. NO CHANGE
G. generated even greater sales.
H. significantly increased the price of popcorn.
J. been considered a scientific achievement within the food industry.

51. A. NO CHANGE
B. ruffled by their lack of skill
C. tricked by their incompetence
D. stumped by their inability



burned carbon. ⁵² Because popcorn is an excellent insulator, scientists had difficulty finding a way to pop all the kernels without burning them. They later solved the problem by developing metallic squares that concentrate the microwaves at the bottom of the bag, ensuring that every kernel gets popped perfectly. Today,

microwave brands are now in grocery stores and generate

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sales that constitute nearly half of the popcorn market.

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It is clear that popcorn has been given

a permanent role in the modern American diet.

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However, one reason for such continuing

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popularity, is that popcorn is high in fiber and low in

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calories. As long as consumers don't succumb to the temptation of topping it with melted butter, caramel, or

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cheese. One quart of popcorn has only ninety calories.

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52. At this point, the writer is considering adding the following true statement:

A microwave is an electromagnetic wave usually between one millimeter and one meter in wavelength.

Would this be a relevant addition to make here?

- F. Yes, because it supports the point that researchers had to do a great deal of experimenting before they could get popcorn to pop in a microwave.
G. Yes, because it provides scientific information that helps the reader to understand why microwave popcorn was so successful.
H. No, because it distracts the reader from the focus of the essay and does not logically fit at this point.
J. No, because the information presented is too detailed for such an informal essay.
53. Which choice presents an image that most effectively illustrates the popularity of and demand for microwave popcorn?
A. NO CHANGE
B. take up more and more supermarket shelf space
C. can sometimes be found in groceries
D. sit waiting to be bought by consumers
54. F. NO CHANGE
G. sales, in fact, that constitute
H. sales purchasing that constitutes
J. sales, which constitute the buying of
55. Which choice best emphasizes the writer's belief that America's interest in popcorn will continue into the future?
A. NO CHANGE
B. an early role
C. a genuine position
D. a reasonable purpose
56. F. NO CHANGE
G. Therefore, one
H. Still, one
J. One
57. A. NO CHANGE
B. popularity is,
C. popularity is:
D. popularity is
58. F. NO CHANGE
G. doesn't succumb
H. haven't been succumbing
J. hasn't succumbed
59. A. NO CHANGE
B. cheese, one
C. cheese one
D. cheese; one

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opponent in the direction of the attack, thus at once
avoiding the attack and using the opponent's force as
part of her own counterattack. She is "giving way" and,

in doing so, her own strength was doubled by adding to it

the strength of her opponent.

"Mutual welfare and benefit" is the second motto of judo. All of its techniques are designed so that they can be practiced with full force but without injury to competitors. Judo practitioners learn how to throw their opponents to the mat without harming them. ⁶⁹ In fact, they are taught how to fall safely themselves before being taught how to throw their opponents. The gentleness of judo is apparent not only in the execution of its techniques but also in the

ritual of courtesy, that is an essential part of the sport.

Judo can be practiced for fitness and self-defense,
the adaptability of its unifying principles enables the

sport to have become popular throughout the world.

Consider an everyday situation such as rush-hour traffic.

If in this situation, you choose to act decisively and
efficiently but also with the intention of protecting both

66. Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would NOT be acceptable here?

- F. simultaneously
- G. not only
- H. both
- J. OMIT the underlined portion.

67. A. NO CHANGE
B. her own strength had been doubled
C. doubled her own strength
D. doubling her own strength

68. F. NO CHANGE
G. the strength of her opponent, no matter what color belt that opponent may wear.
H. her opponent's strength, regardless of level of experience as indicated by belt color.
J. OMIT the underlined portion and end the sentence with a period.

69. The writer is considering revising the first part of the preceding sentence so that it reads:

Judo practitioners, wearing the traditional outfits constructed of heavy white cotton cloth, learn how to throw their opponents . . .

Should the writer make this revision?

- A. Yes, because the revision emphasizes the traditions that are a part of the sport of judo.
- B. Yes, because the additional information helps to explain this judo technique.
- C. No, because the additional information is not relevant to the focus of this paragraph.
- D. No, because the revision fails to describe the opponent in a similar way.

70. F. NO CHANGE
G. courtesy that is
H. courtesy, that is,
J. courtesy; that is,

71. A. NO CHANGE
B. Many people practice judo
C. Although judo is practiced
D. Judo is practiced

72. Which choice most effectively introduces the main point being made in the final two sentences of this essay?

- F. NO CHANGE
- G. serve as a model for a way of living.
- H. be practiced by males and females of all ages.
- J. be both enjoyable and physically invigorating.

73. A. NO CHANGE
B. If, in this situation
C. If in this situation;
D. If, in this situation,