

## 501 Critical Reading Questions

47. If the MEAL Act is passed, consumers would see
- menus that tell them how to select the healthiest complete meal.
  - menus that look like nutritional labels on packaged food.
  - restaurants with more extensive information on their websites.
  - less television advertising of fast food restaurants.
  - restaurants that serve healthier food choices.

### Answers

1. c. The answer may be found in lines 4 and 5, which state that Russell wanted *an alternative to his scratched and warped phonograph records*. You may infer that the problem with such records was their poor sound quality.
2. e. Lines 26–27 state that the detector’s function is to convert data collected by the laser into music.
3. b. While the paragraph explains the function of semiconductor lasers in reading the information on CDs, it does not say anything about why they were invented.
4. a. Evidence may be found in lines 23–24, which state that today’s models are quirkier and less perfect than the supermodels.
5. c. A resumé is literally the summary of one’s job experience, education, and skills. The author is saying that there is nothing one can say about these models except that they look great; their figurative resumé has only one item on it. Being great-looking isn’t work experience (choice **a**), one would not literally list “great-looking” alone on a resume (choices **b** and **d**), and *pathos* is a feeling of pity or sorrow (choice **e**).
6. e. To *wax* means to become, and *rhapsodic* means excessively enthusiastic. Although rhapsodic can also mean like a musical composition of irregular form, this definition does not fit with the rest of the sentence.
7. e. Lines 5–7 mention calculators (adding machines), computers, card punches, and manuals. The only item not mentioned is kitchen scales.
8. c. A sneer is a facial expression that signals contempt or scorn. Accountants and bookkeepers didn’t like the comptometer, because as lines 13–14 explain, it performed their job faster than they could.
9. b. The Museum has a collection of computer-related magazines, manuals, and books (line 7). They would not contain informa-

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- tion on the inventor of the telephone (choice **a**), other museums in California (choice **c**), the profession of comptometer operation (choice **d**), or why video games are harmful (choice **e**). Since IBM played, and continues to play, an important role in the development of computers and computer-related technology, it could most likely be researched at the Museum.
- 10. d.** Lines 4–5 explain that there was a social component to a trip to the marketplace. To be social means to be around others, suggesting that people sought out interaction with one another.
- 11. c.** The prefix *ante-* means earlier, as does *pre-*. Additional context clues may be found in the first paragraph, which explains the similarities between historical marketplaces (those of long ago), and the malls of today, and in line 6, which states the mall is a descendant of the marketplace.
- 12. a.** This information is not given in the passage.
- 13. b.** The answer is in lines 27–29: *It was constructed according to a unified plan, rather than as a random group of stores. Nichols' company owned and operated the mall, leasing space to a variety of tenants.*
- 14. e.** Lines 31–34 explain that Gruen took the shopping mall to the next level by intending it to take the place of a city center, with leisure and entertainment opportunities as well as shopping and dining.
- 15. b.** All of the other choices are mentioned in lines 46–48.
- 16. a.** Lines 36–38 list some of Southdale's offerings, such as shops, restaurants, a school, a post office, a skating rink, works of art, and fountains. These are also available in a city, and may be considered among the pleasures of urban life.
- 17. e.** All of the other choices were mentioned in the last two paragraphs as positive impacts of megamalls. However it is unlikely that a mall in Minnesota would be in direct competition for visitors with a Mall located on the other side of the world.
- 18. a.** Salad is the best choice, because (lines 4–7) at the time, Americans were beginning to eat healthier foods, such as vegetables.
- 19. e.** Lines 33 and 34 explain that he skipped the fermentation process, which means that the fish was fresh, or raw. If you answered choice **b**, check back to the passage. There is no reason to believe that sushi with fermented rice was not being consumed in Edo before Yohei's innovation. If you answered choice **d**, note that the passage does not indicate when, or with whom, *wasabi* began being used as a condiment with *nigiri zushi*.
- 20. c.** It states in lines 42 and 43 that *ama ebi* is raw shrimp, and *shime saba* is marinated mackerel. You can infer that *ebi* means shrimp,