ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Synonymous Sentences Paraphrasing/Restatement MCQ Test With Answers – Mini Comprehension Exercise 3

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Explanations

1. Choose the "restatement" that is closest in meaning to the original sentence. More than one choice may be factually correct, but you should choose the one that is the closest "restatement" of the first sentence.
Some sociologists contend that poverty is one of the major causes of crime.
✓ C) Poverty is claimed by some sociologists to be one of the major causes of crime.
Contend means **claim**, so 'some sociologists contend that X' becomes the passive **X is claimed by some sociologists to be…**, with the same cause (poverty) and effect (crime). Not 'crime is one of the major causes of poverty', because that reverses cause and effect. 'Without poverty there would be no crime' goes too far: 'one of the major causes' is not the only cause.

2. ***It is never too small a job for the Vazgeçmezoğlu Company.***
✓ B) The Vazgeçmezoğlu Company undertakes small jobs as well as large-scale ones.
'**Never too small a job**' means no job is too small for the company: it accepts small jobs too, not only big ones. The other options say the company refuses or dislikes small jobs, or that it is a small company, which the original never says.

3. ***Less is known about the cause of the common cold than about the causes of many more serious diseases.***
✓ C) The fact is that we know less about the cause of the common cold than we do about the causes of more serious diseases.
The original compares what we know: we know **less** about the cause of the common cold than about the causes of more serious diseases. Only the correct option keeps this comparison. The others add ideas that are not there: 'should know less', 'deserves', or 'completely unknown'.

4. ***While attempting to rob a poorly-protected branch office of our bank, two gunmen were apprehended by a plain-clothes policewoman.***
✓ E) Two gunmen were apprehended by a plain-clothes policewoman as they attempted to rob one of our bank's not-so-well protected branch offices.
The gunmen were caught **while** they were trying to rob the branch, so **as they attempted to rob** keeps the meaning. **Poorly-protected** = **not-so-well protected**, and **apprehended** = caught. The options beginning 'Attempting…/Robbing…, a plain-clothes policewoman…' wrongly make the policewoman the robber.

5. ***It is unlikely that our English teacher will tell us the results of last week's test before next week.***
✓ A) Next week is probably the earliest date that anyone in our class will know how they did in last week's English test.
'**It is unlikely** that the teacher will tell us the results **before next week**' means we will probably not know our results until next week at the earliest. The correct option says this with 'next week is probably the **earliest date**'. Not 'likely… later than next week', because the original says nothing about after next week.

6. ***Our firm used to have its head office in Denizli, where most of our factories are, but it was moved to İzmir a short while ago.***
✓ A) Most of our firm's factories are in Denizli and until recently the head office was also there; but now it is in İzmir.
Used to have and **was moved… a short while ago** show that the head office was in Denizli until recently and is now in İzmir. The factories are still mostly in Denizli. The other options wrongly put the move in the future ('is about to', 'will shortly') or add new plans for the factories.

7. ***Being overcareful not to upset her employees' feelings, Mrs Employer even abstains from inviting them to account for their faulty actions.***
✓ A) Mrs Employer is so anxious not to hurt her employees' feelings that she even prefers to overlook their faulty actions.
Overcareful not to upset = **so anxious not to hurt**. **Abstains from inviting them to account for their faulty actions** means she does not ask them to explain their mistakes, so she **overlooks** them. The option 'Nobody ever worries…' describes a possible result, not a restatement of the sentence.

8. ***This painting, which dates from the fifteenth century, is more expensive than any other work of art in the exhibition.***
✓ C) None of the other works of art in the exhibition is as expensive as this fifteenth-century painting.
'**More expensive than any other**' means it is the most expensive work, so **none of the others is as expensive as** this painting. Not 'a great majority… are less expensive', because that suggests some works may cost more. The other options say the painting is cheaper than some works or not the most expensive, which is the opposite.

9. ***The moral of the play is perfectly clear: Marry in haste, repent at your leisure.***
✓ D) The conclusion that we are meant to deduce from the play is easy to see: One must beware of rash decisions in getting married.
The **moral** of a play is the lesson it teaches. 'Marry in haste, repent at leisure' warns that if you marry too quickly, you will regret it for a long time. So the lesson is to beware of **rash** (hasty) decisions about marriage. Not 'morale', which means confidence or spirit, and not 'Mary', which is a play on the word **marry**.

10. ***The events in this film are entirely fictitious and any resemblance to historical facts is purely coincidental.***
✓ A) It is only a coincidence if any of the fictitious incidents in this film makes you recall certain historical events.
Fictitious means invented, not real. **Purely coincidental** means it happens only by chance. So if any invented event in the film reminds you of real history, this is **only a coincidence**. The other options say real history was used on purpose, which contradicts the original.

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