

Sample FCAT Cause and Effect Questions

39. Balancing on the log is difficult because the log is

- A. partially hidden.
- B.

structurally weak.

- C. irregularly shaped.
- D. completely submerged.

42. Why does Doug change his mind about investigating the object left by the spaceship?

- F. His fear is lessened by the jet fighter.
- G. He decides to go rather than risk ridicule.
- H. His curiosity makes him disregard the danger.
- I. He determines that the box presents no real danger.

3. The client was deeply affected by his experience at the creek because

- A. the weather was perfect, and the fish were colorful.
- B. he was given the opportunity to participate after all.
- C. he was a natural at the sport, and he performed very well.
- D. the trip was successful since he caught more than expected.

5. The narrator's view of the family changes when she understands that they

- A. appreciate the ranch activities
- B. know the meaning of struggle
- C. have more skills than she expected.
- D. have planned this trip for a long time.

18. What important effect did swing music have on the people of this country during the Depression?

- F. It permitted people to learn about new clothing styles.
- G. It allowed people to focus on positive aspects of their lives.
- H. It encouraged people to use songs as a means of promoting patriotism.
- I. It encouraged people to focus on physical fitness rather than television.

19. According to the article, what happened directly after World War II that influenced the popularity of swing music?

- A. Swing music began to reflect its jazz origins.
- B. Big band leaders quit recording dance music.
- C. Swing music performers looked less talented on television.
- D. Music fans redirected their energies to their domestic lives.

30. Why does the author swim back toward the shore?

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- F. He is forced back by the tide.
- G. He is unable to see his spotter.
- H. He is unable to see the bottom.
- I. He is swarmed by the silversides.

32. What allowed Georgia O’Keeffe to become established in the world of art?

- F. her successful studies in Chicago
- G. her enrollment in the convent school
- H. the enormous size of her flower paintings
- I. the invitation to display her work in New York

40. According to the article, what would happen if the federal government had the power to stop the press from criticizing public officials?

- F. United States security would be enhanced.
- G. The First Amendment would be threatened.
- H. Dishonest officials would no longer be elected.
- I. Additional reporters would be hired immediately.

3. The author of “Woman with Flower” suggests that “Too eager tenderness” will most likely

- A. prompt a loved one to flee.
- B. compel a loved one to be resentful.
- C. amplify the anxieties of a loved one.
- D. restrict the development of a loved one.

9. Which experience influenced Jim Reid to change his career?

- A. finding 2,500 golf balls a week
- B. collecting 652,000 golf balls in 1993
- C. retrieving 2,000 golf balls in one day
- D. earning eight cents a golf ball for retrieval

15. Dawkins regrets having misspelled a person’s name in a profile he wrote. Why is this error more embarrassing to him than other errors he has made?

- F. His subject was a schoolteacher.
- G. He had a reputation to maintain.
- H. His editor failed to catch the error.
- I. He had no excuse for such an error.

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20. What is the function of the “proteinase inhibitors” in tomato plants?

- F. They produce electrical impulses.
- G. They create nutritional substances.
- H. They protect the plant from insects.
- I. They protect the plant from diseases.

32. According to the article, why have faults not affected the heights of the mountains in the Himalaya range?

- A. The faults run from east to west.
- B. The faults are in the wrong places.
- C. The faults are too deep and too wide.
- D. The faults have been inactive too long.

36. How can snowcapped mountain peaks exist despite glacial erosion?

- F. Glacial scouring may miss a few parts of a mountaintop.
- G. Glacial formation occurs below the snow line of a mountain.
- H. Glacial force is not strong enough to remove all the snow from a mountaintop.
- I. Glacial movement is very rapid and leaves some snow behind on the mountain.