

## Test your knowledge!

This school year the West Virginia Department of Education added world-class rigor to traditional core subjects and aligned state standards with national and international standards. West Virginia's curriculum is measured each May with the WESTEST 2. Test your high school reading skills.

### Excerpt from A Novel Idea!

Do you use your phone to access your e-mail? Do you make a lot of calls on your cell phone? Do you spend a lot of time on your cell phone? Do you IM with your friends? Have you ever thought about reading a book on your phone? It's all the rage in Japan!

Cell phone novels, called keitai shosetsu, are becoming increasingly trendy in Japan and are starting to gain popularity in China and South Korea. The spread of cell phone novels is mainly due to their appeal to young adults, the same audience with whom blogging, IMing, text messaging, and cell phone use are all the rage.

Since cell phone screens are so small, only about a line and a half will display at one time. Because of its size, a cell phone provides an intimate tool for reading. It is portable, private, and allows easy access anywhere readers can receive a cell phone signal.

A reader can store entire novels, even an entire series, in a phone. While some of the cell phone novels are traditional classics, some are created specifically for this medium. Manga, serialized novels, and even SAT preparation materials are among the selections readers find when they click in to a service provider...

### Old West Virginia Educational Standards Test (WESTEST) Reading/Language Arts

Paragraph 1 is what type of literary device?

- A. foreshadowing
- B. personification
- C. narrative hook
- D. overstatement

Correct Answer: C

### New West Virginia Educational Standards Test 2 (WESTEST 2) Reading/Language Arts

What is the effect of the series of rhetorical questions at the beginning of this article?

- A. They draw readers into the article by making them think about their answers to the questions.
- B. They illustrate the point that so many people now have cell phones at their disposal.
- C. They point out that the article's main purpose is to talk about the many uses of cell phones.
- D. They show how American readers can become successful novel writers using their cell phones.

Correct Answer: A

### SAT\*

#### Sample SAT\* Reading Passage

"The rock was still wet. The animal was glistening, like it was still swimming," recalls Hou Xianguang. Hou discovered the unusual fossil while surveying rocks as a paleontology graduate student in 1984, near the Chinese town of Chengjiang. "My teachers always talked about the Burgess Shale animals. It looked like one of them. My hands began to shake." Hou had indeed found a *Naraoia* like those from Canada. However, Hou's animal was 15 million years older than its Canadian relatives.

It can be inferred that Hou Xianguang's "hands began to shake" (line 5) because he was

- A. afraid that he might lose the fossil
- B. worried about the implications of his finding
- C. concerned that he might not get credit for his work
- D. uncertain about the authenticity of the fossil
- E. excited about the magnitude of his discovery

Correct Answer: E

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