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During the heyday of the failroads, when America's rail system provided the bulk of the country's passenger and freight transportation, various types of railroad cars were in service to accomplish the varied tasks handled by the railroads. One type of car that was not available for public use prior to the Civil War, however, was a sleeping car; ideas for sleeping cars abounded at the time, 4 but these ideas were unworkable. It unfortunately took the death of a president to make the sleeping Line ' 65.20. 2 car a viable reality.

Cabinet-maker George M. Pullman had recognized the demand for sleeping cars and had worked on developing experimental models of sleeping cars in the decade leading up to the Civil War. However, in spite of the fact that he had made successful test runs on the Chicago and Alton Railroads with his models, he was unable to sell his idea because his models were too wide and too high for existing train stations and bridges. In 1863, after spending time working as a storekeeper in a Colorado mining town, he invested his savings of twenty thousand dollars, a huge fortune at that time and all the money that he had in the world, in a luxurious sleeping car that he named the Pioneer. Pullman and friend Ben Field built the Pioneer on the site of the present-day Chicago Union Station. For two years, however, the Pioneer sat on a railroad siding, useless because it could not fit through train stations and over bridges.

Following President Lincoln's assassination in 1865, the state of Illinois, Lincoln's birthplace, wanted to transport the presidential casket in the finest fashion possible. The Pullman Pioneer was the most elegant car around; in order to make the Pullman part of the presidential funeral train in its run from Springfield to Chicago, the state cut down station platforms and raised bridges in order to accommodate the luxurious railway car. The Pullman car greatly impressed the funeral party, which included Lincoln's successor as president, General Ulysses S. Grant, and Grant later requested the Pioneer for a trip from Detroit to Chicago. To satisfy Grant's request for the Pioneer, the Michigan Central Railroad made improvements on its line to accommodate the wide car, and soon other railroads followed. George Pullman founded the Pullman Palace Car Company in partnership with financier Andrew Carnegie and eventually became a millionaire.

Which of the following best states the main idea of the passage?

- (A) America's railroads used to provide much of the country's transportation.
- President Lincoln's assassination in (B) 1865 shocked the nation.
- George Pullman was the only one to (C) come up with the idea for a sleeping car.
- Pullman's idea for a sleeping car (D) became workable after Lincoln's death: QUAR

42. A "heyday" in line 1 is most probably a

(A) time for harvest ->) low - u (B) a period with low prices a period of great success a type of railroad schedule

43. It can be inferred from the passage that before the Civil War, sleeping cars

- (A) were used abundantly (B) were thought to be a good idea were only used privately (C) (D) were used by presidents
- 44. The word "test" in line 9 could best be replaced by which of the following?

Exam ---(A) Trial (B) Inspection (C) (D) Scientific

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What was the initial problem that made 45. Pullman's cars unusable?

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- 31,14 They were too large. (A) They were too expensive. \rightarrow (B) They were too slow. -(C)
- (D) They were too unusual.

46. What is stated in the passage about George Pullman?

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- (A) He once had a job in a store.
- (B) He always lived in Chicago
- (C) He worked in a mine.
- (D) He saved money for his project.

47. The word "site" in line 14 is closest in meaning to which of the following?

- (A) Factory
- (B) View
- (C) Location (D) Foundation
 - D) roundation

48. Why did the state of Illinois want to use the Pullman in Lincoln's funeral train?

- (A)/ It was superior to other cars.
- (B) It was the only railroad car that could make it from Springfield to Chicago.
- (C) Ulysses S. Grant requested it.
- (D) The Pullman Palace Car Company was a major Illinois business.

49. It can be inferred from the passage that the Michigan Central Railroad

- (A) was owned by George Pullman
- (B) controlled the railroad tracks between Detroit and Chicago
- (C) was the only railroad company to accommodate wide cars
- (D) was the sole manufacturer of the Pioneer

50. This passage would most likely be assigned in which of the following courses?

- (A) Engineering
- (B) Political science
- (C) Finance

(D) History

Questions 20-31

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Just two months after the flight of *Apollo 10*, the *Apollo 11* astronauts made their historic landing on the surface of the Moon. This momentous trip for humanity also provided scientists with an abundance of material for study; from rock and soil samples brought back from the Moon, scientists have been able to determine much about the composition of the Moon as well as to draw inferences about the development of the Moon from its composition.

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The Moon soil that came back on *Apollo 11* contains small bits of rock and glass which were probably ground from larger rocks when meteors impacted with the surface of the Moon. The bits of glass are spherical in shape and constitute approximately half of the Moon soil. Scientists found no trace of animal or plant life in this soil.

In addition to the Moon soil, astronauts gathered two basic types of rocks from the surface of the Moon: basalt and breccia. Basalt is a cooled and hardened volcanic lava common to the Earth. Since basalt is formed under extremely high temperatures, the presence of this type of rock is an indication that the temperature of the Moon was once extremely hot. Breccia, the other kind of rock brought back by the astronauts, was formed during the impact of falling objects on the surface of the Moon. This second type of rock consists of small pieces of rock compressed together by the force of

Moon. This second type of rock consists of sman pieces of rock compressed togenal by impact. Gases such as hydrogen and helium were found in some of the rocks, and scientists believe that these gases were carried to the Moon by the solar wind, the streams of gases that are constantly emitted by the Sun.



27. According to the passage, breccia was formed

- (A) when objects struck the Moon
- (B) from volcanic lava
- when streams of gases hit the surface (C)
- of the Moon from the interaction of helium and (D) hydrogen
- It is implied in the passage that scientists 28. believe that the gases found in the Moon rocks
 - were not originally from the Moon
 - (A) were created inside the rocks (B)
 - (C) traveled from the Moon to the Sun
 - (D) caused the Moon's temperature to rise
- 29. The word "emitted" in line 18 is closest in
 - meaning to
 - (A) set off
 - (B) vaporized sent out (C)

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30. The author's purpose in this passage is to

(A) describe some rock and soil samples (B) explain some of the things learned from space flights

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- (C) propose a new theory about the creation of the Moon
- demonstrate the difference between (D) basalt and breccia

31. It can be inferred from the passage that

- (A) the only items of importance that astronauts brought back from the Moon were rock and soil samples scientists learned relatively little from (B)
- the Moon rock and soil samples scientists do not believe that it is (C)
- necessary to return to the Moon rock and soil samples were only some (D) of a myriad of significant items from the Moon