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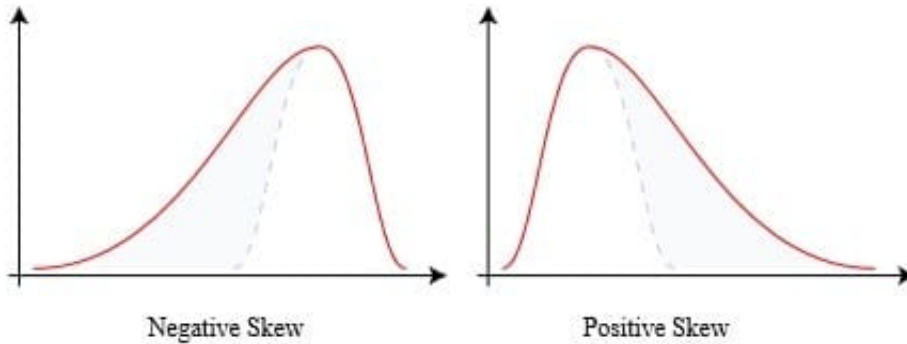
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QUESTION 1

For the distributions shown in the attached image, which will be the better measure of the center of the data set?



- A. mean or median
- B. median or mode
- C. mean only
- D. mode only

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 2

A student is writing a research report on the Civil War. Here is a draft of that report.

The American Civil War erupted after years of tension between the North and the South. Differing views on westward expansion, states' rights, and possibly most notably slavery, Abraham Lincoln's win in the 1860 presidential election was the trigger that sparked the war. Eleven states announced their secession from the Union and the Confederate States of America was born.

As the southern states banded together to fight for their rights against a president and government they feared was trying to abolish their way of life and ruin their economy, the Civil War pitted brother against brother in some cases. Those who supported the abolition of slavery supported the northern Union army. Those who saw value in slavery fought for the Confederate south. As shots were fired at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, the deadliest war for American soldiers was officially underway.

The fighting would last another four years. Each side celebrated victories and suffered defeats during that time, but the North ultimately won. On April 9, 1865, three days shy of four years after it began, the Civil War came to an end. General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House in Appomattox County, Virginia.

Read the attached essay draft and answer this question about it. Which three of the following sentences provide the best evidence to support the main idea of the paper?

1.

It has been estimated that 620,000 American soldiers died in the Civil War.

2.

The period following the Civil War is known as the Reconstruction Era when much of the South was rebuilt and the southern states were readmitted back to the United States.

3.

The Battle of Gettysburg is one of the most well-known Civil War battles.

4.

Also known as "The War Between the States," the Civil War divided the nation over very fiery topics: the idea of central power and a federal government mandating state's rights and the issue of slavery.

5.

The North was better equipped and had more men to fight than the South.

A. sentences 1, 4, and 5

B. sentences 1, 2, and 3

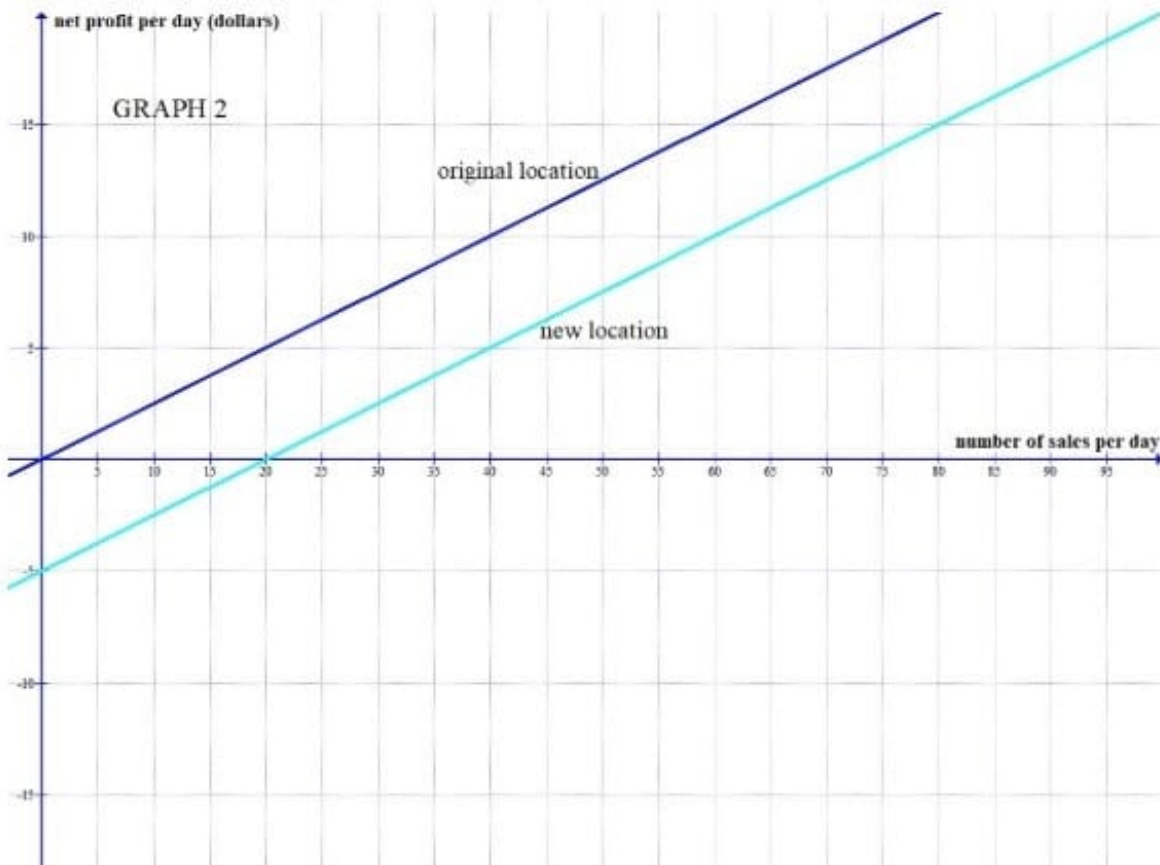
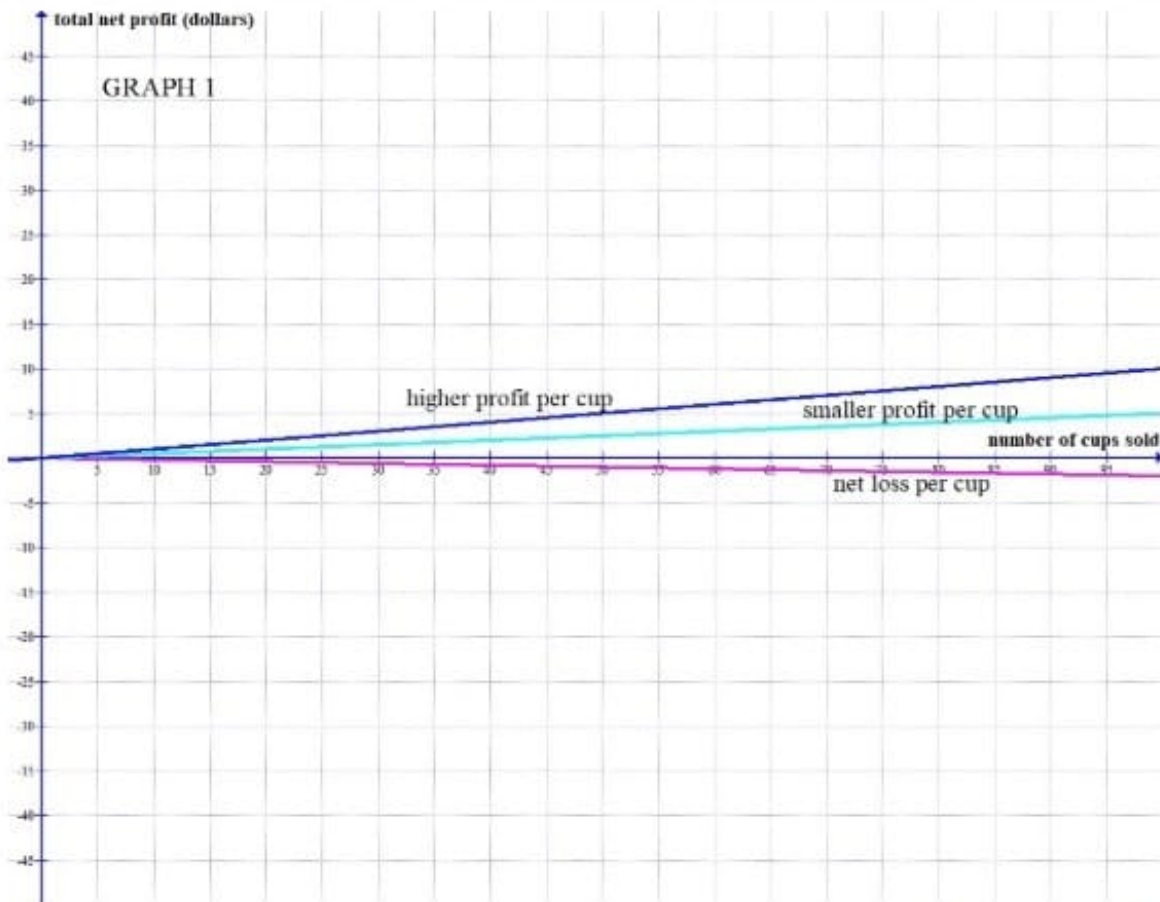
C. sentences 2, 3, and 5

D. sentences 3, 4, and 5

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

Aimee plans to open a lemonade stand. She wants to determine whether to sell an 8 ounce or 10 ounce cup of lemonade. Each 8-ounce cup costs 2 cents and 10 ounce cups are 3 cents each. The lemons to make a half-gallon of lemonade cost 5 dollars and the sugar for the half-gallon costs 85 cents. She already has all the materials needed to make the stand and she can use the location at no cost. Aimee notices that about 150 people pass by the location of her stand each day and thinks that 20 percent of these people will buy a cup of lemonade. You have made the 2 accompanying graphs to help Aimee make business decisions.



Read the attached passage and consult the attached graphs. Which of these unit conversions will you need to use to calculate the costs per cup?

1.
dollars to cents
 2.
gallons to ounces
 3.
gallons to cups
 4.
pounds to ounces
- A. conversions 1 and 2
B. conversion 3 only
C. conversions 1 and 4
D. conversion 2 only

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 4

Read the text attached.

Workplace Diversity The twenty-first century workplace features much greater diversity than was common even a couple of generations ago. Individuals who might once have faced employment challenges because of religious beliefs, ability differences, or sexual orientation now regularly join their peers in interview pools and on the job. Each may bring a new outlook and different information to the table; employees can no longer take for granted that their coworkers think the same way they do. This pushes them to question their own assumptions, expand their understanding, and appreciate alternate viewpoints. The result is more creative ideas, approaches, and solutions. Thus, diversity may also enhance corporate decision-making.

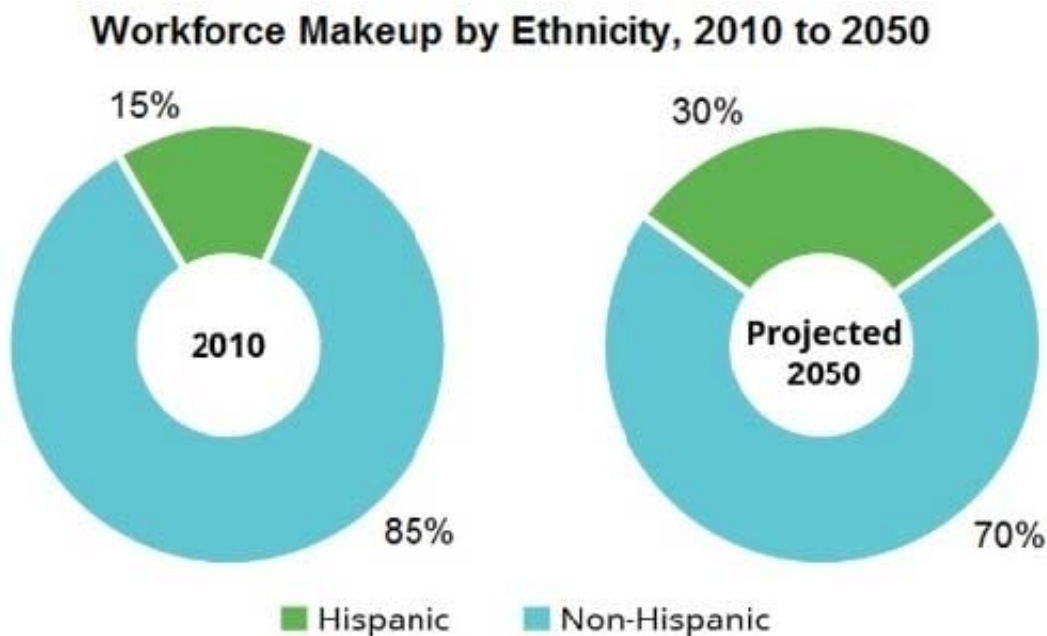
Communicating with those who differ from us may require us to make an extra effort and even change our viewpoint, but it leads to better collaboration and more favorable outcomes overall, according to David Rock, director of the Neuro-Leadership Institute in New York City, who says diverse coworkers "challenge their own and others\' thinking."² According to the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), organizational diversity now includes more than just racial, gender, and religious differences. It also encompasses different thinking styles and personality types, as well as other factors such as physical and cognitive abilities and sexual orientation, all of which influence the way people perceive the world. "Finding the right mix of individuals to work on teams, and creating the conditions in which they can excel, are key business goals for today\'s leaders, given that collaboration has become a paradigm of the twenty-first century workplace," according to an SHRM article.³

Attracting workers who are not all alike is an important first step in the process of achieving greater diversity. However, managers cannot stop there. Their goals must also encompass inclusion, or the engagement of all employees in the corporate culture. "The far bigger challenge is how people interact with each other once they\'re on the job," says Howard J. Ross, founder and chief learning officer at Cook Ross, a consulting firm specializing in diversity. "Diversity is

being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance. Diversity is about the ingredients, the mix of people and perspectives. Inclusion is about the container?he place that allows employees to feel they belong, to feel both accepted and different."4

Workplace diversity is not a new policy idea; its origins date back to at least the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (CRA) or before. Census figures show that women made up less than 29 percent of the civilian workforce when Congress passed Title VII of the CRA prohibiting workplace discrimination. After passage of the law, gender diversity in the workplace expanded significantly. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the percentage of women in the labor force increased from 48 percent in 1977 to a peak of 60 percent in 1999. Over the last five years, the percentage has held relatively steady at 57 percent. Over the past forty years, the total number of women in the labor force has risen from 41 million in 1977 to 71 million in 2017.5 The BLS projects that the number of women in the U.S. labor force will reach 92 million in 2050 (an increase that far outstrips population growth).

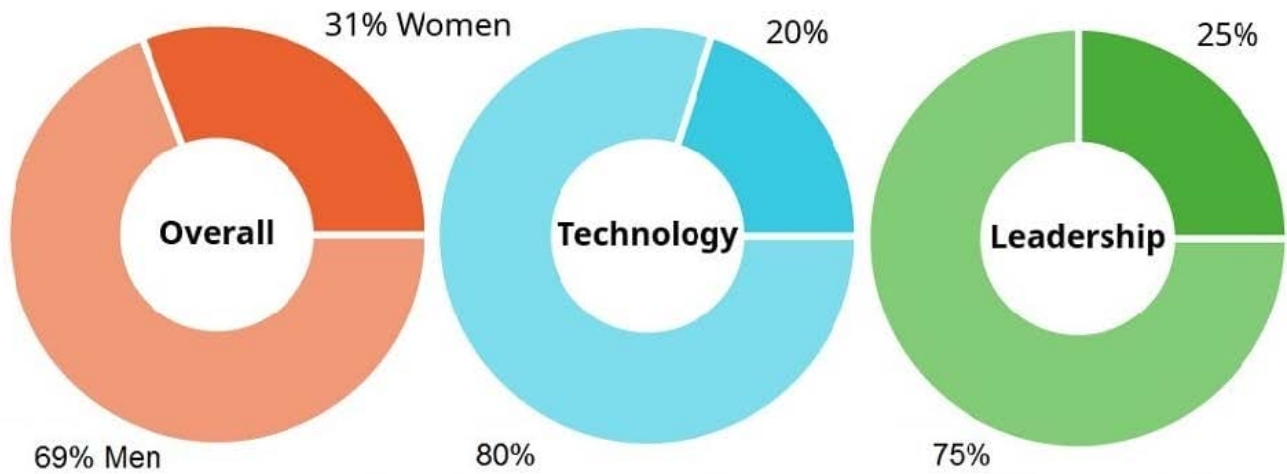
The statistical data show a similar trend for African American, Asian American, and Hispanic workers (Figure 8.2). Just before passage of the CRA in 1964, the percentages of minorities in the official on-the-books workforce were relatively small compared with their representation in the total population. In 1966, Asians accounted for just 0.5 percent of private-sector employment, with Hispanics at 2.5 percent and African Americans at 8.2 percent. 6 However, Hispanic employment numbers have significantly increased since the CRA became law; they are expected to more than double from 15 percent in 2010 to 30 percent of the labor force in 2050. Similarly, Asian Americans are projected to increase their share from 5 to 8 percent between 2010 and 2050.



Source: Toossi, Mitra. "Projections of the Labor Force to 2050: A Visual Essay." *Monthly Labor Review*. Oct.2012. Data from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Figure 8.2There is a distinct contrast in workforce demographics between 2010 and projected numbers for 2050. (credit: attribution: Copyright Rice University, OpenStax, under CC BY 4.0 license) Much more progress remains to be made, however. For example, many people think of the technology sector as the workplace of open-minded millennials. Yet Google, as one example of a large and successful company, revealed in its latest diversity statistics that its progress toward a more inclusive workforce may be steady but it is very slow. Men still account for the great majority of employees at the corporation; only about 30 percent are women, and women fill fewer than 20 percent of Google's technical roles (Figure 8.3). The company has shown a similar lack of gender diversity in leadership roles, where women hold fewer than 25 percent of positions. Despite modest progress, an ocean-sized gap remains to be narrowed. When it comes to ethnicity, approximately 56 percent of Google employees are white. About 35 percent are Asian, 3.5 percent are Latino, and 2.4 percent are black, and of the company's management and leadership roles, 68 percent are held by whites.

Google Workforce by Gender



Source: Donnelly, Grace. "Google's 2017 Diversity Report Shows Progress Hiring Women, Little Changes for Minority Workers." *Fortune*. June 29, 2017

Figure 8.3

Google is emblematic of the technology sector, and this graphic shows just how far from equality and diversity the industry remains. (credit: attribution: Copyright Rice University, OpenStax, under CC BY 4.0 license)

Google is not alone in coming up short on diversity. Recruiting and hiring a diverse workforce has been a challenge for most major technology companies, including Facebook, Apple, and Yahoo (now owned by Verizon); all have reported gender and ethnic shortfalls in their workforces.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has made available 2014 data comparing the participation of women and minorities in the high-technology sector with their participation in U.S. private-sector employment overall, and

the results show the technology sector still lags.⁸ Compared with all private-sector industries, the high-technology industry employs a larger share of whites (68.5%), Asian Americans (14%), and men (64%), and a smaller share of African

Americans (7.4%), Latinos (8%), and women (36%). Whites also represent a much higher share of those in the executive category (83.3%), whereas other groups hold a significantly lower share, including African Americans (2%), Latinos

(3.1%), and Asian Americans (10.6%). In addition, and perhaps not surprisingly, 80 percent of executives are men and only 20 percent are women. This compares negatively with all other private-sector industries, in which 70 percent of

executives are men and 30 percent women.

Technology companies are generally not trying to hide the problem. Many have been publicly releasing diversity statistics since 2014, and they have been vocal about their intentions to close diversity gaps. More than thirty technology

companies, including Intel, Spotify, Lyft, Airbnb, and Pinterest, each signed a written pledge to increase workforce diversity and inclusion, and Google pledged to spend more than \$100 million to address diversity issues.⁹

Diversity and inclusion are positive steps for business organizations, and despite their sometimes slow pace, the majority are moving in the right direction. Diversity strengthens the company's internal relationships with employees

and

improves employee morale, as well as its external relationships with customer groups. Communication, a core value of most successful businesses, becomes more effective with a diverse workforce. Performance improves for multiple reasons, not the least of which is that acknowledging diversity and respecting differences is the ethical thing to do.

What is the best explanation of the impact the last sentence of the attached passage has on the overall tone of the text? "Performance improves for multiple reasons, not the least of which is that acknowledging diversity and respecting differences is the ethical thing to do."

- A. The reader is reminded that this goes beyond being nice or fair, but that diversity not only improves performance in the business but is a moral responsibility employers have as people.
- B. The reader is encouraged to apply for that job he or she didn't think they would get because they wouldn't fit in as employers are looking to increase their diversity.
- C. The reader is confused by the double-standard taking place; companies claim to value diversity but continue to hire a very narrow section of society.
- D. The reader is warned that if employers don't increase the diversity and inclusion within their workforce, performance will suffer and the company may fail.

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 5

A student is writing a report for class about his favorite movie. Choose the two sentences that are correctly punctuated.

1.

"The Princess Bride" is full of interesting characters, and memorable lines of dialogue.

2.

My favorite character is Inigo Montoya, whose focus on avenging his father's death at the hands of the six-fingered man is admirable.

3.

Montoya regularly practices what he will say to the six-fingered man when he finds him: "Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die."

4.

Ultimately, Montoya is successful and he gets his revenge on the man who killed his father, but it is a suspenseful motif that recurs throughout the film.

- A. sentences 2 and 4
- B. sentences 3 and 4
- C. sentences 1 and 3

D. sentences 1 and 2

Correct Answer: B

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