

CHAPTER 6 READING 2 -- Frequently Asked Questions From The Bitcoin Website (pp.160-163)

READING COMPREHENSION

Answer the questions below according to the text on pages 160-163.

1. Which of the following is NOT one of the main characteristics of Bitcoin according to questions 1-4?
 - a. Bitcoin is a peer-to-peer, digital currency with a triple-entry bookkeeping system.
 - b. It was created by an anonymous person who called himself Satoshi Nakamoto.
 - c. It is decentralized, so not regulated by governments or banks. It works like cash.
 - d. It is impossible to protect the authenticity of the transactions carried out by using it.

2. In question 2 (lines 21-22) the identity of Bitcoin's inventor is compared with the identity of paper's inventor in that _____.
 - a. the unique features of these two products always made people curious about their inventors
 - b. they both have had full control of these two products since the first day they created them
 - c. they enable these products to be more effective by supporting the central authority behind them
 - d. their contribution is confined within the boundaries of the alterations made by today's developers

3. According to questions 5 & 6, which of the following is NOT one way of acquiring Bitcoins?
 - a. by selling things and accepting them for payment
 - b. getting them as an interest for your money
 - c. earning them through mining.
 - d. buying them on a bitcoin exchange

4. According to question 8, which of the following is one of the advantages of Bitcoin?
 - a. easy to transfer money except public holidays
 - b. high fees only for international purchasers
 - c. less control over transactions of sellers
 - d. cryptographic security of its protocol

5. According to question 9, which of the following about Bitcoin is NOT TRUE?
 - a. still not many people using it
 - b. price can fluctuate
 - c. still new, needs more work
 - d. it has a predictable feature

6. What does the pronoun “their” in question 10, line 113 refer to?
 - a. Bitcoins’
 - b. individuals’
 - c. bitcoin miners’
 - d. mining processes’

7. What does the word “demand” in question 12, line 144 closest in meaning to?
 - a. quantity
 - b. request
 - c. stock
 - d. inventory

8. Why does the writer give the German mark as an example in question 13?
 - a. To claim that the value of Bitcoin is stable
 - b. To emphasize the unreliable aspect of Bitcoin
 - c. To ensure Bitcoin’s success as opposed to German mark
 - d. To show the technical superiority of Bitcoin

CHAPTER 8 READING 1 -- In Praise Of Slowness: Turning The Tables On Speed (pp.210-212)

READING COMPREHENSION

Answer the questions below according to the text on pages 210-212.

1. What does the word “mirrored” in paragraph B, line 10 closest in meaning to?
 - a. reflected
 - b. optimized
 - c. enhanced
 - d. developed

2. According to paragraph B, which of the following is NOT one of the “scientific tricks” that farmers use?
 - a. rigorous breeding
 - b. chemical fertilizers
 - c. antibiotic constraint
 - d. growth hormone

3. The Slow Food movement started _____ according to paragraph D.
 - a. when Petrini saw a McDonald’s in the middle of Rome and he was disappointed
 - b. when Petrini wanted to use the traditional recipes of his ancestors in Rome
 - c. when McDonald’s opened a restaurant next to his and challenged his business
 - d. When “eco-gastronomy” became very popular and he wanted to be a part of it

4. What does the word “culinary” in paragraph D, line 30 closest in meaning to?
 - a. the art of cultivating
 - b. growing upward
 - c. concerned with cooking
 - d. selected from many

5. What does the pronoun “its” in paragraph F, line 42 refer to?
 - a. modern message’s
 - b. planet’s
 - c. member’s
 - d. Slow Food’s