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Anotace: Four short texts with the question to each of them.

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1 Read the short texts and answer the questions below.

SAVED BY A FLASH

A woman was watching the sun set over the frozen coast of St. Peter-Ording in northern Germany on a webcam when she saw a flash of light. She was hundreds of mile away, sitting in front of her computer in the warm. The flash happened again and again and eventually the woman reported what she saw to the police.

They investigated and found that a German tourist who wanted to get a better photograph had walked onto the sea ice and got lost. He had used his camera flash to attract attention. The tourist was guided back to the coast by the headlights on the police car.

How was the lost photographer saved?

- A) The woman saw the man on the sea ice and helped him.
- B) The photographer got frozen.
- C) The photographer's flash was seen by the webcam.
- D) The police found him by coincidence.

HAMBURGER MAN

54-year-old man from Wisconsin has eaten a Big Mac nearly every day since 1972 - that means 23,000 hamburgers in total.

It is surprising that this diet has not led to obesity. At 6-foot-2 and 185 pounds, the man keeps himself in good shape by walking up to 10 miles a day.

He stopped eating hamburgers only for eight days when for various reasons he wasn't able to eat one. One of these days was when his mother died, two other days were due to critical situations at work, three days when he was travelling and the last two occasions were a snowstorm in 1982 and Thanksgiving Day in 2000.

Which statement is true?

- A) The man keeps eating hamburgers since 1972 and he is obese.
- B) Although the man keeps eating hamburgers since 1972, he isn't obese.
- C) The man ate hamburgers only 8 days in his life.
- D) The man stopped eating hamburgers and stuck to diet.

FINDING GOD WITH THE HELP OF GPS

When a 76-year-old British pensioner and his wife installed a new GPS into their Renault and set out on a trip to Europe, they sure didn't expect to get as close to God as they finally did.

While driving through Germany on their way from Austria to France, the pensioners didn't notice that their GPS developed a fault and so when the car's satnav said "turn right", the driver did as he was told. Despite there being no road, the couple turned off the country lane and smashed directly into a 19th-century chapel near Freundpolz, Bavaria.

The couple spent the night in hospital suffering from shock and bruises.

What happened in the text?

- A) The driver didn't obey the instructions of his new GPS and crashed.
- B) The couple visited a 19th-century chapel.
- C) The couple tried to find God.
- D) The driver obeyed the instructions of his new GPS and crashed.

PYTHON VS. ALLIGATOR

"I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!" goes an old English saying. But could you eat an alligator? It seems a Burmese python tried to do just that in an American national park in Florida. After a big battle the python managed to gulp down his opponent whole but the alligator was too much to swallow and the snake's belly burst open, leaving the tail of the alligator sticking out from it. Neither predator survived the encounter.

What happened in the text?

- A) The horse was eaten.
- B) The alligator and the python fought and both of them died because of the battle.
- C) After trying to eat alligator, python died.
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