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D-2 A Orange Peels and the Environment

The Central American country of Costa Rica takes pride in its rich, unspoiled environment. Given this fact, it might seem unlikely that a private company would be allowed to dump its waste in one of the country's national parks. However, in 1997, that is exactly what a deal with the government allowed a local fruit juice company called Del Oro to do. ( 26 ) the company was required to give the park some nearby land that it owned, which would expand the park's size.

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● Question 26

- 1 In other words
- 2 In exchange
- 3 Despite this
- 4 For instance

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D-3 A New York City vs. the Car

Over the years, concerns about heavy traffic and the effect of cars on air quality have led New York City officials to make various attempts to reduce traffic on the island of Manhattan. The first was a 1971 proposal by then mayor John Lindsay to ban automobiles from entering a crowded area of Manhattan's business district during the daytime. The plan, promoted as a solution to the air pollution problem, was widely applauded by citizens. Unfortunately, a recession made local businesses worry the no-car zone would keep away potential customers, so the proposal was defeated.

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● Question 32 Why was the 1971 plan to ban cars from entering Manhattan's business district never put into effect?

- 1 Although officials claimed it would reduce air pollution, it had little effect when tested in other neighborhoods.
- 2 It only covered a limited area, so critics pointed out it would fail to reduce traffic in Manhattan as a whole.
- 3 Although it was generally popular, there were concerns it would have a negative economic effect on the area.
- 4 The mayor stopped promoting it because citizens complained it would force them to shop at inconvenient times.

D-3 C The Zoot Suit Riots

During the late 1930s and early 1940s, a fashion trend in the United States caused such controversy that it led to violence and rioting. The zoot suit an oversized and colorful suit, accompanied by a long keychain and fedora-style hat was initially worn by young African-Americans, and was subsequently adopted by second-generation Mexican-Americans known as pachucos. According to Mexican writer Octavio Paz, the pachucos adopted the zoot suit out of a desire to distance themselves from mainstream America, which they felt had rejected them. It not only gave them a distinct identity but also signified their rebelliousness. Instead of trying to fit in, as their parents had, the pachucos sought to stand out, both in their choice of clothing and in the way they behaved. As the pachucos' opposition to authority sometimes crossed the line into minor crimes and drug use, the zoot suit began to be associated with criminal behavior. This in turn strengthened the anti-establishment status of those who wore it, increasing the zoot suit's popularity to the point where working-class white men and even teenage girls began to adopt it.

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Little attempt was made to look into the circumstances behind the riots, and both the low economic status of the minority youths and the fact that they were viewed by many as

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second-class citizens were overlooked as causes. While the social, economic, and racial elements of the riots are now widely accepted, few Americans at the time were ready to acknowledge them. The zoot suit may have been as much a fashion as a political statement, but there is no denying the significant effect the zoot suit riots had on the attitudes of an entire generation of socially disadvantaged youths. The political awareness and discontent caused by the conflict helped make possible the activism of minorities in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, which eventually led to greater equality and opportunity for all.

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● Question 41 Which of the following statements best describes the American public's reaction at the time of the riots?

- 1 Most people failed to link the riots to the disadvantaged backgrounds of minority youths and their unequal status in society.
- 2 People on both sides of the riots chose to give the zoot suit a political significance which it did not, in reality, possess.
- 3 The riots were widely regarded as arising from anger over treatment of minority groups in the United States.
- 4 The riots were thought to be occurring because disadvantaged youths lacked the political awareness necessary to change their situation peacefully.

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