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EXERCISE

Reading Comprehension

Level: B



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SPIDERS

Although all spiders kill their prey by injecting them with poison, only a few are dangerous enough to cause people or large animals any harm. The poison of the spider is injected by way of the pair of powerful fangs it possesses. Their venom is injected into its prey and for most insects and sometimes small animals, it is fatal. The most dangerous spiders are the black widow spiders. The European black widow can cause serious illness in a human victim whereas the North American black widow is known to have caused the death of people on several occasions.

Most spiders

- A) can cause the death of people.
- B) inject poison with their fangs.
- C) eat widow spiders.
- D) are found in Europe and America.
- E) are of the family of the black widow.

The venom of the spider

- A) will kill any animal.
- B) is powerful against fangs of insects.
- C) is deadly to most insects and small animals.
- D) effects large animals quicker than small.
- E) has human victims as well as others.

The black widow spiders

- A) are only dangerous when they are found in Europe
- B) are fatal to all.
- C) have poison in their venom.
- D) have a much stronger poison in their venom than other types of spiders.
- E) usually causes illnesses in Europeans.

The European black widow spiders

- A) are less dangerous than the North American black widow spiders.
- B) are the most perilous insects.
- C) are not poisonous at all.
- D) have two pairs of strong fangs.
- E) are also found in other continents.

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BONUS QUESTION:

There is nothing that man fears more than the touch of the unknown. He wants to see what is reaching towards him, and to be able to recognize or at least classify it. Man always tends to avoid physical contact with anything strange. In the dark, the fear of an unexpected touch can lead to panic. Even clothes give insufficient security: it is easy to tear them and pierce through to the naked, smooth, defenceless flesh of the victim. All the distances which men create round themselves are dictated by this fear. They shut themselves in houses which no one may enter, and only there they feel some measure of security. The fear of burglars is not only the fear of being robbed, but also the fear of something touching you in the darkness.

According to the passage, what frightens people most is

- A) the thought of being robbed at night.
- B) the unexpected contact with something unknown.
- C) a sense of insecurity.
- D) being alone in the dark.
- E) the knowledge that they won't be protected.