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Verbal Reasoning: Question 1 of 30

Sophisticated people tend not to be very impressed by palm readers.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 2 of 30

Features of a person's hand do not provide clues to his/her job.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 3 of 30

Hands do not reveal anything about someone's level of hygiene.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 4 of 30

The reproduction of flora involves many aspects for horticulturalists to consider.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 5 of 30

All seeds will germinate, given the right environmental conditions.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 6 of 30

The rate at which seeds sprout can decline after the first year of being packaged.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 20 of 30

Removing work-life balance strategies could result in an associated reduction in absenteeism.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 21 of 30

The cost of implementing flexible working strategies is not dependent on the number of employees.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 22 of 30

Biotechnology has been rejected in Europe.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 23 of 30

Biotechnology is ethically neutral.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 24 of 30

Most of European society is opposed to genetically modified food.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 6 of 30

The debate surrounding the ethics of genetically modified food contributed to its rejection in some countries.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 4 of 30

The European population is more concerned with the environmental ethics of genetically modified food than other societies.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 5 of 30

Genetically modified food could help nations to fight starvation.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 10 of 30

All scientists believe the earth's climate is changing.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 11 of 30

At the beginning of the 20th century, sea levels were lower.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 12 of 30

Reducing methane emissions will have a detrimental impact on global industry.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 25 of 30

People will catch more tropical diseases due to climate change.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 26 of 30

Only the difference in velocity distinguishes current climate shifts from previous shifts.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 27 of 30

The enormity of alterations to our climate system has never been experienced by human beings before.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 28 of 30

Regular first-aid training has equipped airline staff to react more quickly.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 29 of 30

An increasing amount of people need first-aid attention from airline staff.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 30 of 30

Flight attendants must be able to identify their first-aid training requirements.

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As in the tradition of haute couture catwalks and magazines, an effective shop window must display items in such a way that engenders customers' aspirations to lead a certain lifestyle and consequently stimulate their desire to purchase the merchandise. Financial success may also depend on how frequently the window display is altered, as this will encourage customers to regularly enter the shop to inspect new stock. It may also induce an anxiety that the pieces may be removed imminently and thereby increase customer spending, as well as catch the attention of passers by because a constantly evolving window display suggests something exciting is happening. The display items should be large and bright in colour to ensure that they are visible from a distance and a themed window (e.g. Christmas) often improves sales considerably. A common drawback of placing items in a shop window is that they are more liable to be stolen.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 1 of 30

Repeat customers are less likely to return when the window displays are changed frequently.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 3 of 30

Customers are often disappointed when they cannot purchase the items displayed in shop windows.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 4 of 30

The majority of employees feel isolated following relocation.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 5 of 30

Some people may feel guilty about the consequences of relocating.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 6 of 30

The potential benefits of job relocation are seen, by some, to be worth the associated distress and strain.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 7 of 30

Oil shortages, more than a lack of water, are likely to result in war.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 8 of 30

In 20 years time most countries will have inadequate water supplies.

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Lack of water is an ever-worsening global crisis, with over forty percent of the world's population now suffering from regular and severe water shortages. Increases in population mean that there is less water available per capita. In addition, pollution-related global warming is making some countries, which were already short of water, even hotter and drier. Demand for water is doubling every twenty years and there are predictions that, in the future, nations may go to war to fight for its control.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 9 of 30

Neither climate change nor population expansion are exacerbating the water shortage problem.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 10 of 30

Affluent individuals want to manage their own assets rather than use financial service providers.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 11 of 30

Individuals may become 'affluent' through inheriting old money.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 12 of 30

Inherited old money will be completely replaced by new affluent money.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 13 of 30

GTC is a sound investment.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 14 of 30

European producers cannot meet demand in their home territories.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 15 of 30

Central America will, in the future, begin to export less to Europe

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 16 of 30

Insurance companies are experiencing a depression in their core markets.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 17 of 30

Insurance companies that are cautious in responding to change will prevail in the long term.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 18 of 30

Insurance companies are competing to provide the best prices to customers.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 19 of 30

Jobs are more secure in the natural resource sector.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 20 of 30

Skilled workers are less restricted in their ability to cross borders

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 21 of 30

The relative ease of relocating goods production across countries eases poverty.

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In recent years, many issues have been considered when attempting to ameliorate the wellbeing of patients and the efficiency of hospital administration. Patients have often complained about endless waiting lists, low standards of cleanliness, poor hospital food, and unsatisfactory doctor-patient communication and now, according to an expert from a leading image consultancy, doctors' dress codes and their general appearance must come under close scrutiny. If healthcare professionals have an unwashed appearance, dirty nails or unkempt hair, this exudes the impression of recklessness and untrustworthiness; wearing red reminds patients of blood; and power dressing is discouraged because patients may feel undermined and less relaxed. Although campaign groups approve of healthcare professionals leading by example with high standards of hygiene in hospitals, some individuals argue that this potential new image legislation is merely a case of jumping on the bandwagon of the current media trend for home and lifestyle makeovers.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 22 of 30

It is always preferable for healthcare professionals to wear blue instead of red.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 23 of 30

New hospital legislation states that healthcare professionals must have clean fingernails.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 24 of 30

Individuals have argued that the current media trend for lifestyle make-overs is a direct result of the concern over the image of healthcare professionals.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 25 of 30

Unless combined with psychotherapy, medication is rarely effective in the treatment of mental disorders.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 26 of 30

It cannot be concluded that psychotherapy can be as effective as medication in the treatment of every form of mental disorder.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 27 of 30

Psychotherapy, often combined with medication, is used more and more by mental health professionals.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 28 of 30

There are conditions for which the combination of psychotherapy and medication does not improve the outcome in comparison to the use of medication alone.

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With the rapid technological advancement today, bridges are becoming increasingly more sophisticated, and are spanning significantly greater distances. Earthquakes, however, remain a potential threat to these immense structures as they may do irreparable and costly damage to an important bridge. As a bridge's major vulnerability to earth movement lies in its supportive structures, a promising solution has been found to be a self-anchored suspension bridge. This bridge design is one in which the pull of the cables is opposed by the push of the deck, thus eliminating the supporting anchorages.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 28 of 30

The self-anchored suspension bridge is the established solution to the threat of earthquake damage.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 29 of 30

Earthquakes inevitably cause costly damage to the bridge's structure.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 30 of 30

Modern bridges have different structural features to those built before the technological advancement of today.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 25 of 30

A possible solution to the risk of earthquake damage is the self-anchored suspension bridge as the forces of the cables and the anchorages oppose each other.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 26 of 30

The increased sophistication of bridges today outweighs the risk of earthquake damage.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 27 of 30

The elimination of the anchorages has been a proposed solution to the threat of damage caused by seismic activity.

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The location of a shop operated by a charity in an affluent neighbourhood could be deemed extremely advantageous because this increases the potential for a continuous supply of highly valuable donations. However, this may be counterbalanced by an exorbitant rent for the property. Of fundamental importance to the success of the shop is a dedicated group of volunteers who should sort through donations promptly to ensure that items are quickly made available for purchase, in order to promote financial prosperity. Volunteers and staff must be vigilant of thieves, to which these shops are particularly susceptible, usually due to a lack of security cameras or bar codes on the items.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 1 of 30

The only factor affecting the financial success of a shop operated by a charity is its location.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 2 of 30

It is less likely that shops operated by charities which are situated in affluent neighbourhoods will have volunteers who are more dedicated, than those in less wealthy neighbourhoods.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 3 of 30

Shops operated by charitable organisations are particularly vulnerable to shoplifters if there are no security cameras or bar codes on items.

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Water, the most common liquid used for cleaning, has a property called surface tension. Molecules in the body of the water are surrounded by other molecules, but at the surface a 'tension' is created as molecules are only surrounded by other molecules on the waterside. This tension inhibits the cleaning process, as it slows the wetting of surfaces due to tension causing the water to bead up. This is where water droplets hold their shape and do not spread. For effective cleaning to take place 'surface tension' must be reduced so that water can spread. Surface-active agents, or surfactants, are chemicals which are able to do this effectively.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 4 of 30

Water is the only known liquid used for cleaning.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 5 of 30

The molecules on the waterside hinder the cleaning process.

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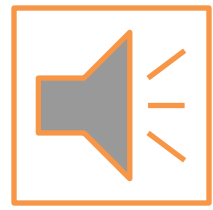
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Verbal Reasoning: Question 6 of 30

Water droplets will not spread where there are high levels of surface tension.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 7 of 30

If surfactant chemicals are added to water when cleaning a surface, surface tension will occur.

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Water, the most common liquid used for cleaning, has a property called surface tension. Molecules in the body of the water are surrounded by other molecules, but at the surface a 'tension' is created as molecules are only surrounded by other molecules on the waterside. This tension inhibits the cleaning process, as it slows the wetting of surfaces due to tension causing the water to bead up. This is where water droplets hold their shape and do not spread. For effective cleaning to take place 'surface tension' must be reduced so that water can spread. Surface-active agents, or surfactants, are chemicals which are able to do this effectively.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 9 of 30

Surface active agents, or surfactants, are only used for cleaning.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 28 of 30

In the past, all scientific equipment required for research in astronomy was very expensive.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 29 of 30

It is widely felt that cheap technology will facilitate amateur-professional interaction.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 30 of 30

Amateur-professional collaboration will contribute to the advancement of astronomy.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 1 of 30

The genetic link between intelligence and short-sightedness has recently been proven.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 2 of 30

People from all families stand an equal chance of being short-sighted.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 3 of 30

Intelligence is to a large extent inherited.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 2 of 30

No one knows for sure what connects intelligence and short-sightedness.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 7 of 30

Sport has more to teach about management success than warfare does.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 8 of 30

Communication is more important in sport than in warfare.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 9 of 30

The parallels between sport and management have been highlighted frequently.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 10 of 30

All manufacturers have introduced new production practices to survive.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 11 of 30

Manufacturers who do not take up modern manufacturing methods will not automatically produce inferior items.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 12 of 30

Introducing just-in-time inventory control is the best way to remain responsive to market demands.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 25 of 30

Criminal gangs could use computer viruses to blackmail companies.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 26 of 30

These specific computer viruses have long been causing serious disruption.

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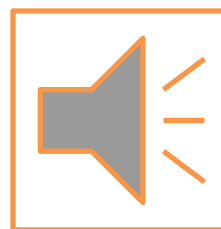
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Verbal Reasoning: Question 27 of 30

It is necessary for hackers to establish bank accounts so that they can extort money from software companies.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 28 of 30

The anisotropies of the CMB show solely that the primordial plasma was not uniform.

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The wavelengths of the foreground signals are disregarded once they have been distinguished from the CMB.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 30 of 30

Through studying the cosmological microwaves, one may learn about the forces of gravity in the early universe.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 25 of 30

Scientific research on the effects of hypnosis on memory and pain perception started a few decades ago.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 26 of 30

Under hypnosis most individuals participate in entertaining activities.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 27 of 30

Few people think that when hypnotised, individuals do things that they would not normally have done.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 16 of 30

An individual's mood will have no effect on how negative feedback is received.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 17 of 30

Accepting negative feedback involves a trade-off between short-term and long-term costs and benefits.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 18 of 30

Managers are increasingly taking employees' moods into consideration when providing them with negative feedback regarding their performance.

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In general, the longer a customer stays with a company, the more that customer is worth. Long term customers buy more whilst costing less to service; they take up less of a company's time and are less sensitive to price. They are also more likely to bring in other new customers. Senior managers usually gauge company performance on the basis of cash flow and profit. They rarely study the statistic that reflects how much real value the company is creating - customer retention.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 4 of 30

Long-term customers purchase fewer goods than newer customers.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 5 of 30

Long-term business success depends mainly on cash flow and profitability.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 6 of 30

Senior managers pay due attention to customer retention.

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Over the past decade there has been a steady growth in the holiday industry whilst the number of travel agencies has declined. This is due to the increasing number of customers who are booking their holidays online, because of a quicker and more financially viable service. However, specialist travel agencies, such as those focusing on particular regions or holiday activities, remain successful as they have an in-depth understanding of a region and the customers who go there. The staff are also multilingual, and thanks to their specialised knowledge they can provide good deals, meaning that their prices are often lower than non-specialist travel agents and online companies.

Verbal Reasoning: Question 19 of 30

A travel agent's specialist knowledge can be used to the financial benefit of the customer.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 20 of 30

More people are booking their holidays online rather than through a travel agent, even though it takes longer to find the right holiday this way.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 21 of 30

Specialist travel agents visit certain regions in order to gain a detailed knowledge of these areas and the customers they attract.

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Verbal Reasoning: Question 19 of 30

The radiance of furnace flames has no direct impact on the amount of fuel used in the glass-forming process.

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Glass of a higher quality is produced when the float furnace is at its maximum temperature.

Remember to base your answers only on the information given in the passage.

- True
- False
- Cannot Say

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Significant advances in float furnace design and operation, in the development of glass compositions, and in the glass forming process itself have all played a role in the optimisation of glass manufacturing. For example, thermodynamic modelling assists with the enhancement of glass composition and offers control over devitrification characteristics, and studies examining burner design, to ensure flames have maximum luminosity and impinge on the glass at the correct angle, aid the minimisation of fuel consumption. The exploitation of such advanced research allows glass manufacturers to reduce their expenditure on fuel, decrease their defect rates and produce glass of the highest quality, all of which are important if they are to retain their commercial standing and customer loyalty.

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Glass companies should not avail themselves of the latest research in thermodynamics should they want to maintain their commercial reputation.

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