

In a sequence of bestsellers, including *The Language Instinct* and *How the Mind Works*, Pinker has argued the swathes of our mental, social and emotional lives may have as evolutionary adaptations, well suited to the lives our ancestors eked out on the Pleistocene Savannah. Sometimes it seems as if nothing is from being explained this way. Road rage, adultery, marriage, altruism, our tendency to reward senior executives with corner offices on the top floor, and the smaller number of women who become mechanical engineers—all may have their in natural selection, Pinker claims. The controversial implications are obvious: that men and women might in their inborn abilities at performing certain tasks,

for example, or that parenting may have influence on personality.

1. origin originating originate originated
2. protected immune convinced prohibited
3. roots values demands needs
4. differ interested complicate indulge
5. little many a few few

B. Video-Conferencing Technology -exam questions

Never has the carbon footprint of multi-national corporations been under such intense scrutiny. Inter-city train journeys and long-haul flights to face-to-face business meetings contribute significantly to greenhouse gases and the resulting on the environment. The Anglo-US company Teliris has introduced a new video-conferencing technology and partnered with the Carbon Neutral Company, enabling corporate outfits to become more environmentally responsible. The innovation allows simulated face-to-face meetings to be held across continents without the time or environmental burden of international travel. Previous designs have enabled video-conferencing on a point-to-point, dual-location basis. The firm's VirtuaLive technology, however, can bring people together from up to five locations anywhere in the world – with transmission quality.

1. produce generate create conduct
2. gases steam strain affect
3. stress limit pressure press
4. separate each respectively single
5. unreliable unrivalled unrealistic unreasonable

C. Social Isolation

Sound depressing, even apocalyptic? Well, it could be the future. If government are right, about 20 years from now, two out of five households will be single And there is evidence the situation is already According to a report, *Social Isolation in America*, published in the *American Sociological Review* in 2006, the average American today has only two close friends. Twenty-five percent of those surveyed said they do not have anyone to talk with about important things—And yet, while some are a crisis in our ability to make friends, others are saying exactly the opposite. For example, MSN's *Anatomy of Friendship Report*, published last November, suggests that the average Briton has 54 friends -a rise of 64 percent since 2003.

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2. occupancy occupied household family
 3. deteriorating improving damaging recovering
 4. declaring requiring announcing releasing
 5. spectacular amazing special applause

Horror fiction is a genre of literature that intends to frighten its readers and it often involves supernatural and non-supernatural characters. Focusing on death and the afterlife, this genre is rooted in folklore and religious traditions. *The Castle of Otranto*, by Horace Walpole, is generally regarded as the novel which initiated this literary genre. Published in 1764, it remained extremely popular from its release until the mid-19th century. The novel blended fantastic situations, such as walking paintings and helmets falling from the sky, with realistic

human characters, who reacted to such events in a seemingly natural way. Walpole also included religious motifs throughout the novel.

What is the main point of this paragraph?

- A. they are recorded by official organisations.
- B. the general public have an interest in them.
- C. they are affected by plans and policies.
- D. they assist in driving public issues.

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- Founded after World War II by 51 "peace-loving states" combined to oppose future aggression, the United Nations now counts 192 member nations, its newest members, Nauru, Kiribati, and Tonga in 1999, Tuvalu and Yugoslavia in 2000, Switzerland and East Timor in 2002, and Montenegro in 2006.

United Nations Day has been on October 24 since 1948 and celebrates the objectives and accomplishments of the organization, which was established on October 24, 1945.

- The UN in peacekeeping and humanitarian missions across the globe. Though some say its has declined in recent decades, the United Nations still plays a tremendous role in world politics. In 2001 the United Nations and Kofi Annan, then Secretary-General of the UN, won the Nobel Peace Prize "for their work for a better organized and more peaceful world."

Since 1948 there have been 63 UN peacekeeping 16 are currently under way. Thus far, close to 130 nations have contributed personnel at various times; 119 are currently providing peacekeepers. As of August 31, 2008, there were 16 peacekeeping operations underway with a total of 88,230 personnel. The small island nation of Fiji has taken part in virtually every UN peacekeeping operation, as has Canada.

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C. S. Lewis, or Jack Lewis, as he preferred to be called, was born in Belfast, Ireland (now Northern Ireland) on November 29, 1898. He was the second son of Albert Lewis, a lawyer, and Flora Hamilton Lewis. His older brother, Warren Hamilton Lewis, who was known as Warnie, had been born three years

years in 1895.

Lewis's early childhood was relatively happy and carefree. In those days Northern Ireland was not yet

yet by bitter civil strife, and the Lewises were comfortably off. The family home, called Little Lea, was a large, gabled house with dark, narrow passages and an overgrown garden, which Warnie

and Jack played in and together. There was also a library that was crammed with books - two of Jack's favorites were *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson and *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

This somewhat idyllic boyhood came to an end for Lewis when his mother became ill and died of cancer in 1908. Barely a month after her death the two boys were sent away from home to go to boarding school in England.

Lewis hated the school, with its strict rules and hard, headmaster, and he missed Belfast terribly. Fortunately for him, the school closed in 1910, and he was able to return to Ireland.

After a year, however, he was sent back to England to study. This time, the proved to be mostly positive. As a teenager, Lewis learned to love poetry, especially the works of Virgil and Homer. He also developed an interest in modern languages, mastering French, German, and Italian.