

General Knowledge and Logical Reasoning

- 1** You want to buy a house in your local area with three bedrooms and a garage. However, you only want to spend €150,000. Houses in your local area with three bedrooms and a garage never sell for less than €200,000. You will have to spend more to get the house you want.

Which one of the following most closely matches the logical structure of the above argument?

- A** You want a large powerful car that is fuel efficient. Large powerful cars are never fuel efficient, so you will have to spend more on fuel if you want a large powerful car.
- B** You want to study mathematics but you don't like numerical reasoning. Mathematics is essentially numerical reasoning, so you should choose a different subject.
- C** You want either the green jacket or the blue jacket. The green jacket looks good and the blue jacket is a bargain, so there are advantages in buying either one.
- D** You want a well-paid job with lots of holiday and the chance to retire early. Such jobs do not exist, so you need to adjust your expectations.
- E** You want to buy the painting at the auction. Lots of other people want to buy it, so you have to be prepared to bid a lot of money to be successful.

- 2** Competition between restaurants is fierce and restaurateurs are trying to gain recognition for the quality of their food. Research from Oxford University might just give them that edge over their competitors. More than a hundred people participated in a series of experiments to see if the taste of food was affected by the cutlery used to eat it. The study found that desserts tasted better when eaten using small spoons. Similarly yoghurt tasted creamier when eaten with a black spoon. Cheese cut with a heavy knife tasted more expensive than cheese cut with a lighter knife.

Which one of the following is a conclusion that can be drawn from the above passage?

- A** Restaurants should think carefully about what cutlery they use.
- B** Customers pay attention to the cutlery they are using.
- C** Variety of cutlery is more important than quality of food.
- D** People choose restaurants only because of the quality of the food.
- E** Restaurants should pay less attention to food presentation.