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Page 115	<p>Below is the correct answer for question 5. on page 114</p> <p>18. (E)</p> <p>The author's conclusion (signaled by the contrast structural clue "Nevertheless") is that funding for preservation of wetlands should be increased despite the fact that funding has grown much more quickly in the past than the area of wetlands needing such protection. To reconcile this conclusion to the evidence cited, we need to find an answer choice that explains why funding is still inadequate despite the fact that it has been increasing more quickly than the total area of wetlands needing protection. (E) clears up the mystery: If funding was almost nonexistent ten years ago, as choice (E) states, then it is quite possible that even though it has increased sixfold, it is still inadequate. If (E) is true, the conclusion seems reasonable despite the discrepancy in growth rates cited in the evidence.</p> <p>(A) might explain why spending for preservation of wetlands has risen so dramatically in the last ten years (the money has been wasted), but would not provide us with a reason why funding should be augmented in the future. In fact, one could argue that if the money is being spent inefficiently, then it's best to spend that money in areas where it can be used to achieve more substantial results.</p> <p>(B) may explain one of the reasons why the government is spending more to preserve wetlands now than it was ten years ago, but it does not explain why we should spend even more to preserve wetlands in the future. Raising scientists' salaries does not justify even more spending, especially considering that the funding has increased so much over the last ten years. Nothing in this answer choice gives us a reason to believe that current funding is inadequate and should be increased.</p> <p>(C) If anything, the fact that scientists can identify wetlands in need of restoration earlier would reduce the need for drastic, desperate measures.</p> <p>(D) mentions all natural resources while the stimulus only mentions wetlands.</p>