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- C. Sometimes violence occurs at Black Friday events.
- D. There are large crowds and lots of shoving.

**XII. Reading the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the question:**

After the United States purchased Louisiana from France and made it their newest territory in 1803, President Thomas Jefferson called for an expedition to investigate the land the United States had bought for \$15 million. Jefferson's secretary, Meriwether Lewis, a woodsman and a hunter from childhood, persuaded the president to let him lead this expedition. Lewis recruited Army officer William Clark to be his co-commander. The Lewis and Clark expedition led the two young explorers to discover a new natural wealth of variety and abundance about which they would return to tell the world.

When Lewis and Clark departed from St. Louis in 1804, they had twenty-nine in their party, including a few Frenchmen and several men from Kentucky who were well-known frontiersmen. Along the way, they picked up an interpreter named Toussant Charbonneau and his Native American wife, Sacajawea, the Shoshoni "Bird Woman" who aided them as guide and peacemaker and later became an American legend.

The expedition followed the Missouri River to its source, made a long portage overland through the Rocky Mountains, and descended the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean. On the journey, they encountered peaceful Otos, whom they befriended, and hostile Teton Sioux, who demanded tribute from all traders. They also met Shoshoni, who welcomed their little sister Sacajawea, who had been abducted as a child by the Mandans. They discovered a paradise full of giant buffalo herds and elk and antelope so innocent of human contact that **they** tamely approached the men.

The explorers also found a hell **blighted** by mosquitoes and winters harsher than anyone could reasonably hope to survive. They became desperately lost, then found their way again. Lewis and Clark kept detailed journals of the expedition, cataloging a dazzling array of new plants and animals, and even unearthing the bones of a forty-five-foot dinosaur.

When the party returned to St. Louis in 1806 after travelling almost 8,000 miles, they were eagerly greeted and grandly entertained. Their glowing descriptions of this vast new West provided a **boon** to the westward migration now becoming a permanent part of American life. The journals written by Lewis and Clark are still widely read today.

**Question 43.** The purpose of the Lewis and Clark expedition was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to purchase land from France.
- B. to explore territory purchased by the United States.
- C. to find the source of the Missouri River.
- D. to establish trade with the Otos and Teton Sioux.

**Question 44.** Where in the passage does the author mention hardship faced by the expedition?

- A. Paragraph 4
- B. Paragraph 3
- C. Paragraph 2
- D. Paragraph 1

**Question 45.** It can be inferred that Sacajawea \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. is a well-known American heroine
- B. demanded tribute from the traders
- C. married a Shoshoni interpreter
- D. abducted a child

**Question 46.** The word "**they**" in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Shoshoni and Mandans
- B. the members of the expedition
- C. elk and antelope
- D. buffalo herds

**Question 47.** The word "**blighted**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. driven
- B. swollen
- C. ruined
- D. increased

**Question 48.** Lewis and Clark encountered all of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. buffaloes
- B. dinosaur herds
- C. mountains
- D. friendly people

**Question 49.** The word "**boon**" in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. benefit
- B. conclusion
- C. power
- D. hurdle

**Question 50.** It can be inferred from the passage that the Lewis and Clark expedition \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. encouraged Americans to move to the West.
- B. experienced more hardships than successes.
- C. caused the deaths of some of the explorers.
- D. probably cost the United States more than \$15 million.

THE END