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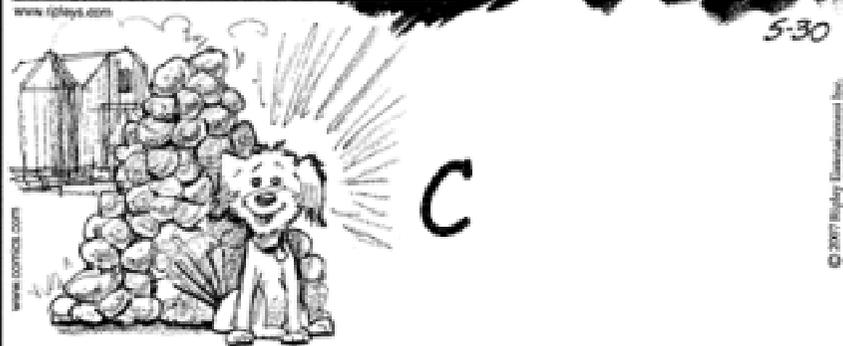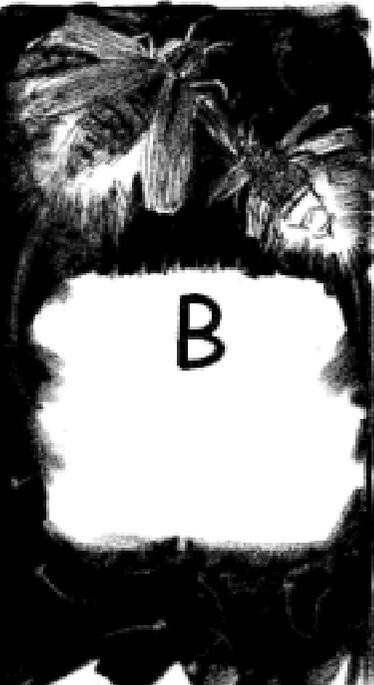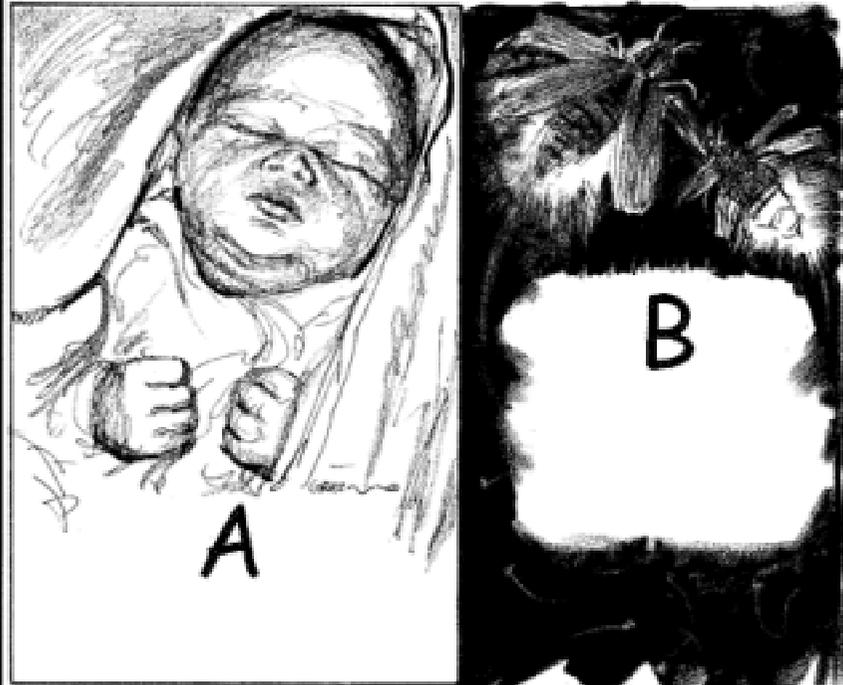
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< TASK 1 >   Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

(1)   Egypt's 2006 census shows that a baby is born
every 23 seconds and the country has increased its
population by 20% in just 10 years!

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(2)   If 7 farms each had 7 dogs that killed 7 moles
that would have each eaten 7 plants that would
have produced 7 potatoes --- the dogs protected a
total of 16,807 potatoes!

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(3)   Most male fireflies throughout the world flash
their lights randomly, but on the riverbanks of
Southeast Asia they flash simultaneously!

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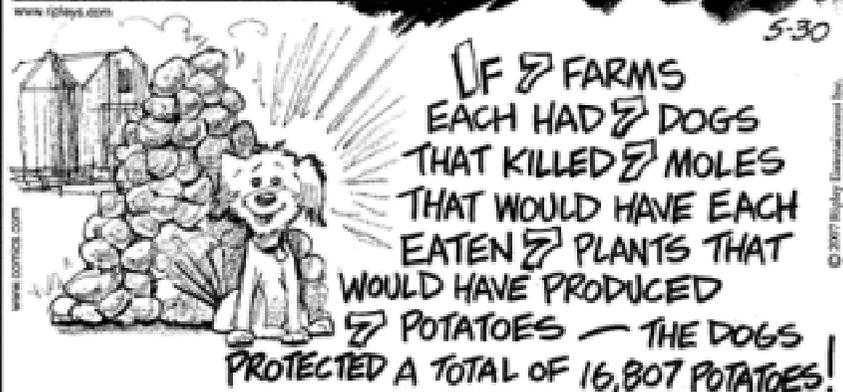
<TASK 2>   Answer the questions.

(4) How much has Egypt increased its population in just 10
years?

(5) If 7 farms each had 7 dogs that killed 7 moles that would
have each eaten 7 plants that would have produced 7
potatoes, how many potatoes did the dogs protect all
together?

(6) Do all of the male fireflies throughout the world flash their
lights in the same way?

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<ANSWERS>

(1) A   (2) C   (3) B
(4) It has increased its population by 20%
(5) They protected a total of 16,807 potatoes.
(6) No, they didn't.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

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                          7   7
… that killed 7 moles   7   …
… that would have each eaten 7 plants
                                          7
… that would have produced 7 potatoes   7   …
the dogs protected a total of 16,807 potatoes
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