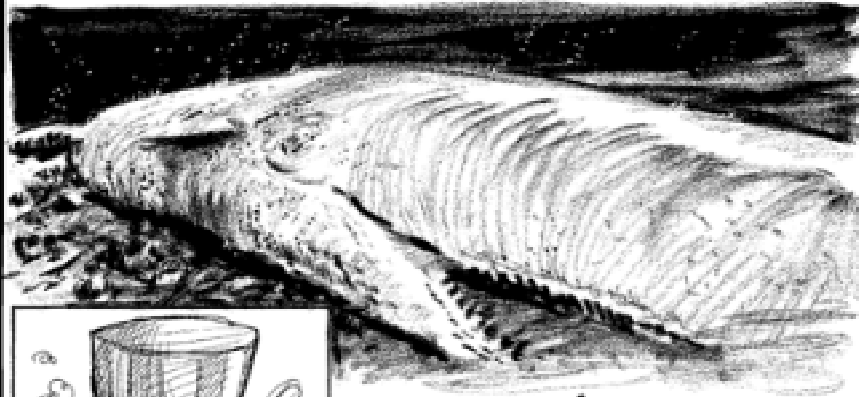


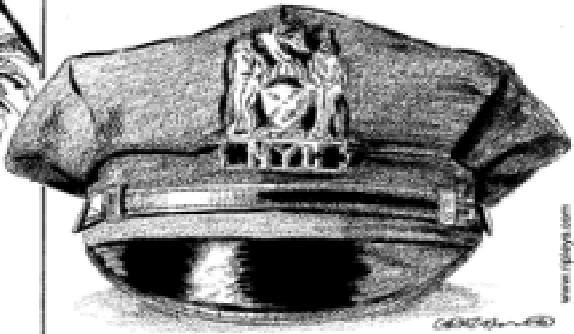
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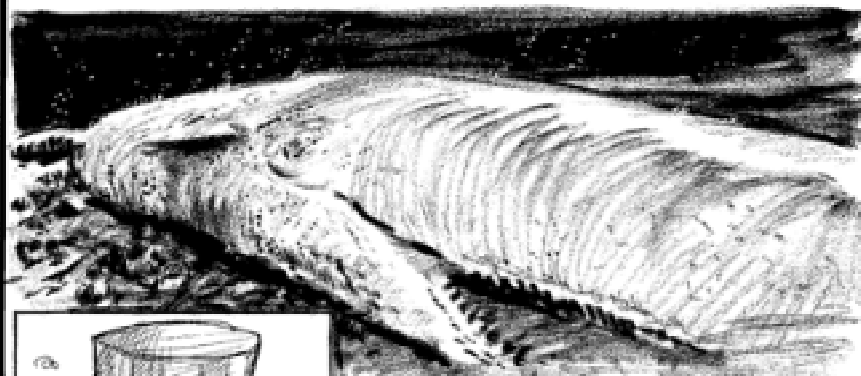
< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ In 1828, New York City instituted its first organized police force --- as a result of a riot on Christmas Day!
- (2) _____ Three countries have refused to adopt the International System of Units (the metric system): Liberia, Myanmar and the United States of America!
- (3) _____ When a dead whale sinks to the bottom of the sea, its body provides enough nutrients to feed bottom-dwelling worms, crabs and bacteria --- for decades!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) For what purpose did New York City institute its first organized police force?
- (5) Does the U.S.A. adopt the International System of Unites?
- (6) How many dead whales are needed to provide enough nutrients to feed bottom-dwelling worms, crabs and bacteria for decades?

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WHEN A DEAD WHALE SINKS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, ITS BODY PROVIDES ENOUGH NUTRIENTS TO FEED BOTTOM-DWELLING WORMS, CRABS AND BACTERIA FOR DECADES!

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THREE COUNTRIES HAVE REFUSED TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (THE METRIC SYSTEM): LIBERIA, MYANMAR AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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IN 1828, NEW YORK CITY INSTITUTED ITS FIRST ORGANIZED POLICE FORCE AS A RESULT OF A RIOT ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) C (2) A (3) B
- (4) It instituted it in order to bring a riot on Christmas Day under control.
- (5) No, it doesn't.
- (6) Only one is.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

Three countries have refused to ~ 「3つの国が~することを拒んでいる」
 adopt ~ 「~を採用する」
 the International System of Units 「国際単位」
 the metric system 「メートル法」
 Liberia 「リベリア」(国名)
 Myanmar 「ミャンマー」(国名)
 the United States of America 「アメリカ合衆国」(国名)

When a dead whale sinks to ~ 「鯨が死んで~に沈むと」
 the bottom of the sea 「海底」
 its body provides enough nutrients to ~ 「その(鯨の)体からは~するのに十分な栄養物が供給される」
 feed bottom-dwelling ~ 「海底に生息する~に食糧を与える」
 worms, crabs and bacteria 「ムシ、カニ、バクテリア」
 for decades 「数十年にわたって」

In 1828 「1828年に」
 New York City 「ニューヨーク市」(地名)
 instituted ~ 「~を設けた」
 its first organized police force 「その(ニューヨーク市)最初の警察組織を設置した」
 as a result of ~ 「~の結果として」
 a riot on Christmas Day 「クリスマスの日に起きた暴動」