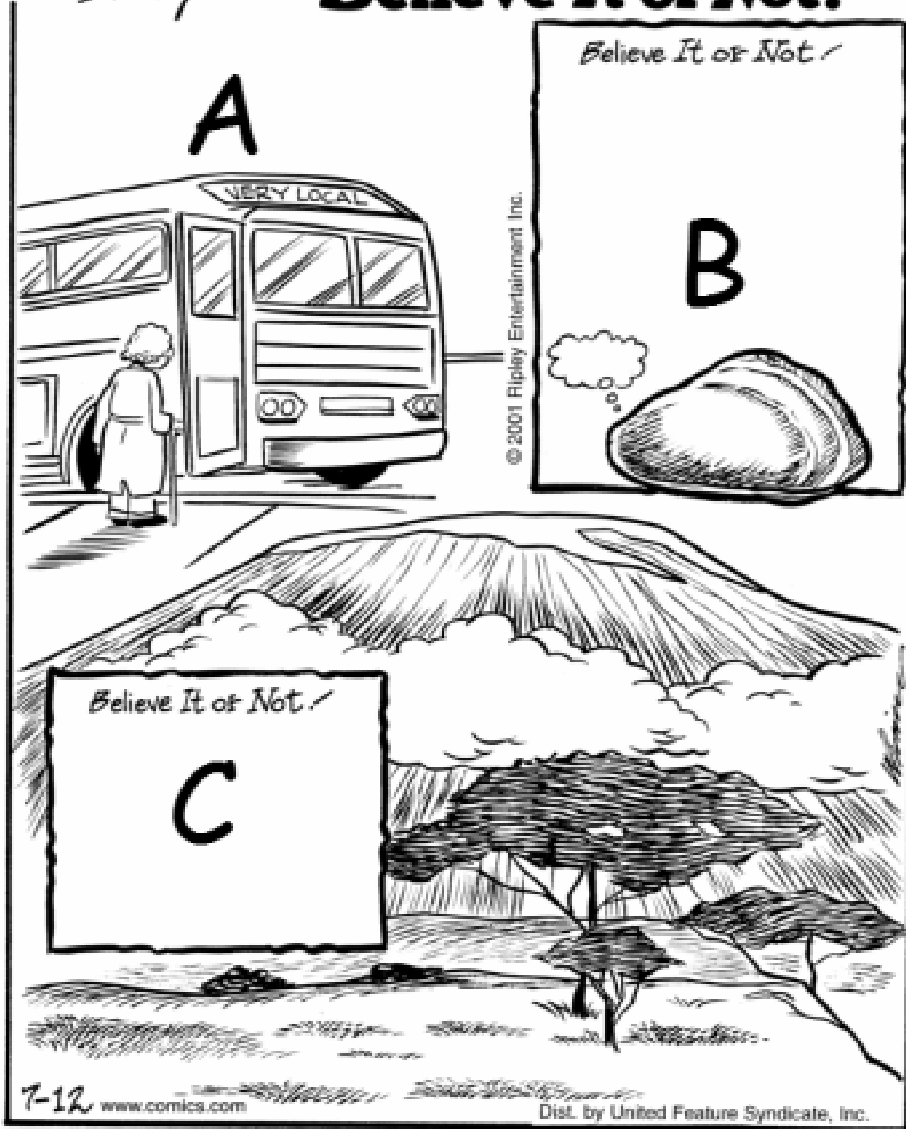


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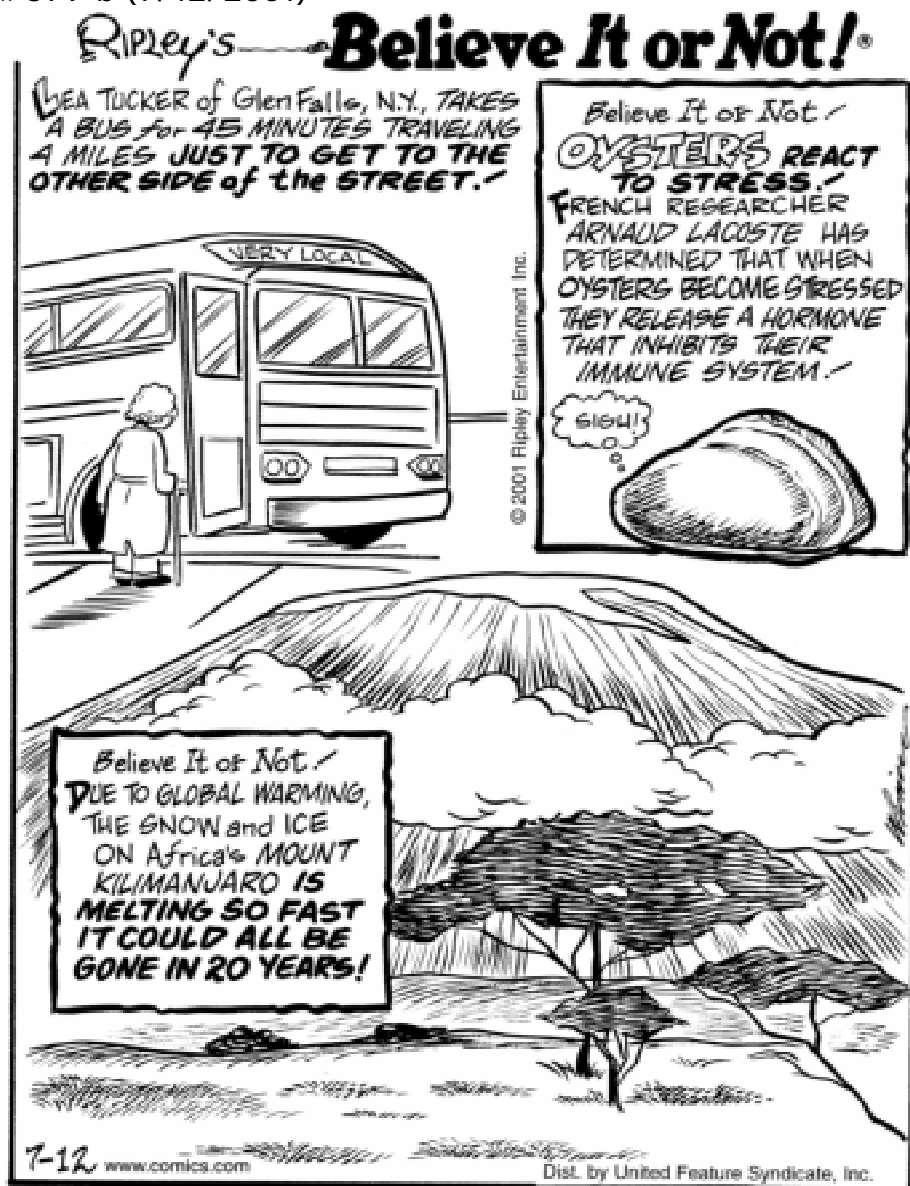


< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ Due to global warming, the snow and ice of Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro is melting so fast it could all be gone in 20 years!
- (2) _____ Lea Tucker of Glen Falls, N.Y., takes a bus for 45 minutes traveling 4 miles just to get to the other side of the street!
- (3) _____ Oysters react to stress! French researcher Arnaud Lacoste has determined that when oysters becomes stressed they release a hormone that inhibits their immune system! "Sigh!"

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) What has made the snow and ice of Mount Kilimanjaro melting?
- (5) How does Lea get to the other side of the street?
- (6) According to the researcher, when do oysters release a hormone that inhibits their immune system?



<ANSWERS>

- (1) C (2) A (3) B
- (4) Global warming has.
- (5) She takes a bus for 45 minutes traveling 4 miles.
- (6) They do so when they becomes stressed.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

Lea Tucker (人名)
 Glen Falls, N.Y. (地名)
 takes a bus for 45 minutes traveling 4 miles
 「45分間バスに乗って4マイル移動した」
 just to ~ 「ただ~するために」
 get to the other side of the street 「通りの反対側に渡る」

Oysters 「カキ」(貝種名)
 react to stress 「ストレスに反応する」
 French researcher 「フランス人研究者」
 Arnaud Lacoste (人名)
 has determined that ~ 「~という結論に達した」
 when oysters becomes stressed 「カキがストレスを感じると」
 they release a hormone 「(それらは)ホルモンを出す」
 ... that inhibits their immune system
 「免疫システムを抑制する...」

"Sigh!" 「ふう」(ため息)
 Due to global warming 「地球温暖化により」
 the snow and ice of ~ 「~の雪や氷」
 Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro
 「アフリカ(大陸名)にあるキリマンジャロ山(山岳名)」
 is melting so fast ... 「とても速く溶けているので」
 it could all be gone in 20 years
 「それ(雪や氷)は20年もするとすべてなくなってしまう」