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Readers must pay close attention when they are reading an informational text. The author will sometimes directly state all of the information that a reader needs in order to understand a text. Often readers must make inferences. They can use the author's words and the context to make inferences. An inference is a conclusion based on evidence from the text, as well as the reader's own knowledge. The reader will never be directly told the answer. There should be evidence in the text to support any inference that is made.

Read the following text:

People had been attempting to create a mobile or wireless telephone since the early 1900s. Phones that could make calls from cars existed as early as the 1940s. Only a small percentage of the population used early mobile phones. Companies continued to work on the technology. In the 1970s, a completely mobile phone was created. In 1973, a phone company first made a call to a car company for a wireless phone. This was the first time a mobile phone was used in the United States.

One inference that can be made is that companies knew there would be interest in a mobile or wireless phone.

What evidence in the text supports this inference?

Which of the following inferences is supported by evidence in the paragraph?

- A. The development of mobile phones was a quick and inexpensive process.
- B. Car phones were expensive for most people.
- C. Only the companies that were interested in the development of a mobile phone.
- D. It was unlikely that many people would be interested in purchasing a mobile phone.

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The first truly mobile phone call was made in the 1970s. It took several years before that technology was made available to the general public. Mobile phones began to be used in the 1980s and 1990s. The first cell phones that were available for sale were heavy, with some weighing over two pounds. They took a long time to be desired. Some of the first cell phones took several hours to charge and could only be used for thirty minutes. The security of calls made from cell phones was also a concern. It was very easy for people to use a scanner in order to listen in on calls made on some of the first cell phones.



Technology of cell phones eventually began to advance. Cellular networks became more reliable and secure. Cell phones quickly became smaller and cheaper. Cell phones also began to offer a variety of features. When people considered a landline, they often found it difficult to use. It was not until the 1980s and 1990s that cell phones became a necessity throughout the United States and did not replace landlines.

Answer the following questions based on the passage.

1. Which quote from the passage BEST supports the inference that cell phone service providers knew providing a secure line was important to customers?
 - A. "...it was very easy for people to use a scanner in order to listen in on phone calls..."
 - B. "The technology of cell phones eventually became more reliable and secure."
 - C. "Cellular networks became more reliable and secure."
 - D. "Cell phones quickly became smaller and cheaper."
2. What inference can be made about landlines?
 - A. During the 1980s and 1990s, people were looking for an alternative to landlines.
 - B. Landlines were considered a more reliable method of communication in the 1980s and 1990s.
 - C. The majority of people did not have a landline.
 - D. Most people did not feel that landlines were reliable enough to replace cell phones.

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Cell phone technology advanced throughout the 1990s and early 2000s. What was once something that only the wealthy could afford soon became viewed as essential. People who went to their entrapments without a cell phone were suddenly much less likely to leave their homes without it. The technology was affordable and reliable. Soon the majority of people initially viewed cell phones as a convenience, but the landline and not a replacement for it.

The design of cell phones changed during this time period. People wanted smaller and slimmer phones. Flip phones were common because they protected the number keys on the phone. Early cell phones had a small display, but that later changed. Soon displays came in color and cell phone manufacturers were able to offer larger displays.

People could purchase content on their phone in the 2000s. Individuals began to download a custom ringtone. One popular choice was to purchase a ringtone that included part of a song. Some people even bought many songs so they could listen to different parts of a song. People also downloaded games to play on their phones. The technology of this time period cell phones could not download content. Someone downloaded custom content and their phone was a slow sometimes expensive process.

Devices that could be considered smartphones had existed in one form or another for quite some time. They looked very different from modern smartphones. Very early types of smartphones included calendars, calculators and other tools that were meant to help the people that used them. In the 2000s, smartphone devices were ideal for people that needed regular access to their email and other internet services. Early smartphone devices had a full keypad and an easily recognizable look. Many of these devices did not have color displays. Some early smartphones required a stylus. Smartphones from that time period did not have a touch screen.

The first smartphone with a full touch screen was released in 2007. It quickly became popular and soon a new industry was born. Many people began to view smartphones as their primary source of communication and got rid of their old cell phones. Now companies compete to develop the most advanced smartphones possible. Recent smartphone features now include completely waterproof devices and wireless charging. The real winners of this competition are customers that are willing to pay a high price in order to have the most advanced technology. The technological advancements of mobile phones have now reached a point where it seems that developers are only limited by their own imaginations.



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Choose the best answer for the following questions.

1. Cell phones became more affordable by the late 1990s and early 2000s. What evidence from the passage supports this inference?

- A. "Cell phone technology advanced throughout the 1990s and early 2000s."
- B. "What was once something that only the wealthy could afford soon became viewed as essential."
- C. "People who went to their entrapments without a cell phone were suddenly much less likely to leave their homes without it."
- D. "The design of cell phones changed during this time period."

2. People were interested in customizing their cellphones before smartphones were widely available. What evidence from the passage supports this inference?

- A. "Early cell phones had a small display, but that later changed."
- B. "Soon displays came in color and cell phone manufacturers were able to offer larger displays."
- C. "The design of cell phones changed during this time period."
- D. "One popular choice was to purchase a ringtone that included part of a song."

3. What inference can be made about landlines now?

- A. Landlines are considered optional by most people.
- B. Landlines are too expensive for many.
- C. Landlines are considered necessary by most people.
- D. The majority of people have landlines.

4. What inference can be made about the market of smartphones now?

- A. Smartphone makers want to offer the most affordable devices.
- B. Smartphone makers want to offer the most secure devices.
- C. Smartphone makers want to offer the most advanced devices.
- D. Smartphone makers want to offer the largest devices.

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