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*Model SAT questions provide authentic practice with multiple-choice question stems and distractors.*

**MODEL SAT® QUESTIONS**

**Directions:** These Model SAT® Questions show how making inferences might be tested on the SAT®. Underline important ideas in the passage and use them to make the annotations under the head in the margin. Try the multiple-choice questions and then review the answer and the explanation.

The Information Explosion adds knowledge at an incredible rate. In the nineteenth century, it took about fifty years to double the world's knowledge. ... of knowledge doubles in less than a year. What is behind ... g growth? What spurs people on to new inventions and ... ions of existing technology? Ralph Hinton, an American ... had an unusual answer: "The human capacity for being ... an man's social or natural needs, lies at the root of man's ... ."

1. The author indicates which of the following about the Information Explosion?

A) It may result in an overreliance on technology.  
B) It will eventually saturate the world's capacity for knowledge.  
C) Its major effect has been felt in the field of inventions.  
D) Its growth rate shows no signs of slowing down.

**Strategy:** This question asks you to identify information explicitly stated in the passage. The passage does not mention an overreliance on technology or knowledge saturation, so choices A and B are incorrect. The passage only briefly mentions inventions, so choice C is incorrect as well. The best answer is choice D because the first four sentences in the passage highlight how the Information Explosion has an incredible growth rate that is only increasing.

2. Based upon the quotation from Ralph Hinton (lines 6–7), it can be reasonably inferred that

**QUICK TIP**  
Inference questions often combine other skills. For example, one of the questions asks you to infer, while another tests you on the skill of determining purpose. (See Lesson 5.)

Annotate for Implicit Meaning

**QUICK TIP**  
Once you make an inference, watch for new information that confirms or changes it. Based on this new evidence, revise your original inference or make a new inference.

*Quick Tips sidebars offer test-taking strategies to help students identify question types and avoid wrong answers.*