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Writing: The Numbers' Game, KEY

Instructions: Match each number or statistic on the left with the most appropriate explanation regarding writing on the right.

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| 1. <u>C</u> 30% of writers | A. from prescription errors in 2007; 1.5 mil. injured; bad handwriting |
| 2. <u>G</u> \$170,000 | B. <i>Finnegans Wake</i> ; therefore, it should take reader 40 yrs to understand, JJ |
| 3. <u>E</u> 1 ounce of example | C. show recognized dysfunctional traits; 13% for pop. as whole; '96 |
| 4. <u>A</u> 7000 died annually | D. amount John Milton sold his rights to <i>Paradise Lost</i> , millions sold later |
| 5. <u>J</u> \$129 | E. is worth a ton of generalities. Para. Henry James; concrete beats the general |
| 6. <u>H</u> 1 ton of newsprint | F. length of Jack Kerouac's <i>On the Road</i> , 1951, \$2.4 mil. in 2001, 20 days to write |
| 7. <u>B</u> 40 years to write | G. cost of "Mont Blanc Solitaire Mountain Massif Skeleton" 2006, \$250,000 in '24 |
| 8. <u>F</u> 119' long MS scroll | H. requires 37.5 lbs. of sulfur to make. |
| 9. <u>D</u> £5 or c. \$10 | I. average production of a good journalist |
| 10. <u>I</u> 1000 words/hour | J. cost of a Livescribe pen, which blends written notes w/ 800 hrs. of audio, 2010 |

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| 1. <u>B</u> 220 of 250 words | A. of <i>Moby Dick</i> were sold in Melville's life |
| 2. <u>F</u> 70 hours | B. Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss) used to write <i>The Cat in the Hat</i> |
| 3. <u>H</u> \$73,690 | C. <i>Look Homeward, Angel</i> by Asheville's Thomas Wolfe |
| 4. <u>J</u> 250 words/15 min. | D. portion of any novel visible to the reader; Hem's theory of omission |
| 5. <u>I</u> pi = 3.2 in 1897 | E. is good for 45,000 words, or a line 45 miles long; treadmill? CU/G'ville+15 |
| 6. <u>D</u> 1/8 of an iceberg | F. time it takes to speak all of Shakespeare's 884,647 words. 3 days; 38 plays 154 sonnets... |
| 7. <u>A</u> 50 copies | G. rate at which Lewis Carroll corresponded for 37 years: c. 100,000 total; email/text? |
| 8. <u>G</u> 7.3 letters / day | H. median annual wage for writers and authors in US, 2023 |
| 9. <u>C</u> rejected 17 times | I. in Indiana, b/c 3.14159 was too hard for kids. Passed In. house, not senate; Bible=3.0 |
| 10. <u>E</u> 1 #2 pencil | J. goal Anthony Trollope set for himself, very clerkish. 49 novels in 35 yrs. Cartland... |

MORE:

Don Quixote, some say the first "true" novel, has sold over 500 million copies since 1605; Japanese *Tale of the Genji*, 1010 AD; Petronius's *Satyricon*, Roman satire, c. 90 AD; etc.

Hemingway wrote 47 endings to *Farewell to Arms*. His writing goal was 500 words per day.

Jane Smiley became a writer b/c at 6' 2" she was too tall to be a jockey, her dream job.

Jennifer Egan read c. 150 books about NYC before writing *Manhattan Beach* in 2017. Research!

Thoreau took back 706 of the 1000 copies of *A Week on the Concord and Merrimac* and then bragged about the size of his library. He took it well. [poor sales]

Before 1850, England imported 27 million goose and swan quills from Russia. In 1850, they switched to steel nibs.

Isaac Asimov wrote or edited 500+ books.

UK's Barbara Cartland is considered the most prolific romance novelist, with 723 titles, sold over a billion copies. D. 1901-2000