146. The evidence demonstrates that the mentioned disorder is

- a. more prevalent among males
- b. an abnormality calling for hard evidence
- c. the malady brought about by offenders
- d. the most common affliction physicians face

147. The disorder discussed in the text

- a. makes the afflicted function more perceptively
- b. afflicts most persons in the society
- c. may suppress the sense of frustration
- d. accounts for most violent offenses

148. The psychopathic patients usually lack......

- a. impulsivity
- b. aggression
- c. empathy
- d. frustration

149. It is implied that the 'cold-hearted' patients

- a. would show more offensive behavior to the treatment conducted before their adulthood
- b. would respond more positively to the treatment if treated during childhood or adolescence
- c. tend to exhibit less offensive behavior following the transition to adulthood
- d. can be treated satisfactorily provided a definite program is already designed

150. The specific structural brain abnormalities

- a. account for showing empathy with distressed people
- b. typically influence mood more than behavior
- c. underlie the excessive aggressive behavior
- d. profoundly lead to opposing empathic people

Passage 4

As for the runny nose that accompanies cold, we don't yet know if it benefits us or viruses, but we certainly need to know in order to decide if nose sprays will help or harm us. Much of clinical medicine relieves people's discomfort by blocking defenses like fever, pain, nausea and diarrhea. How can this be safe? Just as smoke detectors are designed to give many annoying but inexpensive false alarms so that they are sure to warn about any actual fire, the mechanisms that regulate the body's defenses have evolved to express defenses whenever they are possibly helpful, thus causing much unnecessary suffering. Infections are neither a divine punishment nor an arbitrary failing, but merely a contest between our bodies and smaller organisms that want to eat us. Because these viruses and bacteria reproduce so rapidly, they evolve faster than we can, so we cannot escape them. We can and do, however, evolve weapons of even more subtle destruction. They, in turn, evolve even more sophisticated ways to escape our defenses. Is evolution moving toward some happy accommodations? Not at all.

151. The author is the usefulness of nose sprays.

- a. confident about
- b. indifferent toward
- c. skeptical about
- d. conscious of