

In the name of God

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Year!





Cloze test

Throughout the ages, birds have been a source of wonder to all who have ----(1) ----their soaring flight or listened to their sweet song. ----(2) ----a group, birds are ----(3) ----they are the only animals covered ----(4) ----feathers. This evolutionary development ----(5) ----birds from all other animals.

1. A) verified B) supported C) claimed D) observed E) warned
2. A) Like B) Just C) Still D) Another E) As
3. A) unique B) common C) mundane D) indifferent E) mediocre
4. A) by B) on C) with D) as E) into
5. A) has been separated B) separates C) separated
D) was separated E) separating

Watches are portable clocks. ----(1) ----main purpose is to measure and tell time, ----(2) ----many watches also display the day of the week and date or serve as alarm clocks. Most watches are worn on the wrist, but some ----(3) ----to be carried in a pocket or to be worn as jewelry. The first watches were made in Germany in the early 1500's. Their name ----(4) ----the German word watch, ----(5) ----the time of a soldier's tour of duty.

1. A) They B) Them C) It D) Their E) Its
2. A) despite B) due to C) even D) as much E) though
3. A) made B) were making C) have made D) are made E) to have been made
4. A) comes from B) relies on C) dates from D) derives from E) steps up
5. A) meant B) to mean C) to be meant D) being meant E) meaning

Everybody knows that old people are more likely ----(1) ----than young people. We know it ----(2) ----experience. We also can find the facts and figures in life insurance tables. For example, in an advanced country with a well-fed population ----(3) ----about one in ----(4) ----1,000 children dies during his or her 12th year. But one in every 20 men aged 70 will die ----(5) ----his 71st birthday.

1. A) died B) having died C) dying D) to die E) to have died
2. A) from B) on C) in D) at E) under
3. A) even B) only C) hardly D) such E) ever
4. A) many B) every C) a few D) much E) several
5. A) so far B) by C) before D) while E) due to

----(1) -----living things are called organisms. Many organisms, ----(2) -----animals, grass, and trees, are familiar--we see them every day. But not all organisms are visible ----(3) -----the naked eye. Some can ----(4) -----be seen through a microscope. These tiny one-celled organisms ----(5) -----microbes, or microorganisms.

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| 1. A) Whole | B) All | C) So | D) A great deal | E) Every |
| 2. A) as | B) more | C) such | D) even | E) such as |
| 3. A) for | B) in | C) from | D) on | E) to |
| 4. A) even | B) such | C) as | D) only | E) so |
| 5. A) were calling | B) calling | C) called | D) had called | E) are called |

The postal service is the government agency ----(1) -----handles the mail. Its job is ----(2) -----letters and packages to people and businesses all over the world. Its goal is to see that your mail gets to its destination ----(3) -----possible. People ----(4) -----the postal service to deliver important letters and even valuables, ----(5) -----time and to the right person.

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| 1. A) the fact that | B) whether | C) of which | D) that | E) in that |
| 2. A) being delivered | | B) to be delivered | | C) to have delivered |
| | D) having delivered | E) to deliver | | |
| 3. A) less quickly | | B) too quickly | | C) so quickly that |
| | D) as quickly as | E) the most quickly | | |
| 4. A) back out | B) check out | C) come in | D) figure out | E) rely on |
| 5. A) to | B) for | C) in | D) on | E) over |

When you enter a library----(1) -----where it is or how large or small it is--there is one thing you ----(2) -----notice: It is quiet! The library is a place ----(3) -----people focus their attention on reading or research. Loud conversation, music, eating, drinking, and other distractions are not allowed ----(4) -----they make concentration difficult. Since the library is open to everyone, it is important that these rules ----(5) -----.

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| 1. A) no matter | B) though | C) regardless | D) if only | E) hence |
| 2. A) thoroughly | B) abruptly | C) immediately | D) clandestinely | E) highly |
| 3. A) what | B) where | C) who | D) whose | E) why |
| 4. A) because | B) due to | C) as regards | D) that is | E) namely |
| 5. A) is observing | | B) must observe | | C) be observed |
| | D) to be observed | E) have observed | | |

----(1) -----two years, athletes from all over the world gather in one place to compete ----(2) ----each other in ----(3) -----of all sporting events: the Olympic Games. This tradition has its ----(4) ----in the ancient past. Today the Olympic Games ----(5) -----to bring together people of different nationalities, races, and religions in peaceful athletic competition.

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|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. A) Every | B) Each | C) Most | D) Some | E) Any |
| 2. A) without | B) whilst | C) amidst | D) for | E) against |
| 3. A) the greatest | B) greater | C) so great | D) too great | E) as greatly |
| 4. A) tractions | B) balances | C) remainders | D) origins | E) aliens |
| 5. A) terminates | B) continue | C) disposes | D) tackles | E) attempts |



Read the following paragraphs and carefully determine what the main idea is for each.

If you're a fitness walker, there is no need for a travel to a health club. Your neighborhood can be your health club. You don't need a lot of expensive equipment to get a good workout either. All you need is a well-designed pair of athletic shoes.

1. This paragraph best supports the statement that
 - a. fitness walking is a better form of exercise than weight lifting.
 - b. a membership in a health club is a poor investment.
 - c. walking outdoors provides a better workout than walking indoors.
 - d. fitness walking is a convenient and valuable form of exercise.
 - e. poorly designed athletic shoes can cause major foot injuries.

One New York publisher has estimated that 50,000 to 60,000 people in the United States want an collection that includes the complete works of William Shakespeare. And what accounts for this renewed interest in Shakespeare? As researchers point out, the psychological insights he shows in both male and female characters are amazing even today.

2. This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a.** Shakespeare's characters are more interesting than imaginary characters today.
- b.** people today are interested in Shakespeare's work because of the characters.
- c.** academic researchers are putting together an collection of Shakespeare's work.
- d.** New Yorkers have a renewed interested in the work of Shakespeare.
- e.** Shakespeare was a psychiatrist as well as a playwright.

Critical reading is a difficult process. To read critically, you must slow down your reading and, with pencil in hand; perform specific operations on the text. Mark up the text with your reactions, conclusions, and questions. When you read, become an active participant.

3. This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a.** critical reading is a slow, boring, but essential process.
- b.** the best critical reading happens at critical times in a person's life.
- c.** readers should get in the habit of questioning the truth of what they read.
- d.** critical reading requires thoughtful and careful attention.
- e.** critical reading should take place at the same time each day.

There are no effective limitations when it comes to pollutants. Studies have shown that poisonous insecticides that have been banned in many countries are riding the wind from countries where they remain legal. Compounds such as DDT and toxaphene have been found in remote places like the Yukon and other Arctic areas.

4. This paragraph best supports the statement that

- a.** poisonous insecticides such as DDT have not been banned throughout the world.
- b.** more pollutants find their way into polar climates than they do into warmer areas.
- c.** studies have proven that many countries have ignored their own anti-pollution laws.
- d.** DDT and toxaphene are the two most poisonous insecticides in the world.
- e.** even a worldwide ban on poisonous insecticides would not stop the spread of DDT pollution.

The Fourth Change to the Structure protects citizens against unreasonable searches and attacks. No search of a person's home or personal effects may be conducted without a written search permit issued on probable cause. This means that a neutral judge must agree with the factual basis justifying a search before it can be conducted.

5. This paragraph best supports the statement that the police cannot search a person's home or private papers unless they have
- a. legal permission.
 - b. direct evidence of a crime.
 - c. read the person his or her lawful rights.
 - d. a reasonable belief that a crime has occurred.
 - e. requested that a judge be present.

Mathematics allows us to increase our consciousness. Mathematics tells us about economic process, patterns of disease, and the growth of populations. Math is good at showing the truth, but it can also spread misunderstandings and untruths. Figures have the power to mislead people.

6. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- a. the study of mathematics is dangerous.
 - b. words are more truthful than figures.
 - c. the study of mathematics is more important than other subjects.
 - d. the power of numbers is that they cannot lie.
 - e. figures are sometimes used to mislead people.

Human technology developed from the first stone tools about two and a half million years ago. In the beginning, the rate of development was slow. Hundreds of thousands of years passed without much change. Today, new technologies are reported daily on television and in newspapers.

7. This paragraph best supports the statement that
- a. stone tools were not really technology.
 - b. stone tools were in use for two and a half million years.
 - c. there is no way to know when stone tool first came into use.
 - d. In today's world, new technologies are constantly being developed.
 - e. none of the latest technologies are as significant as the development of stone tools.



Long Comprehension

Have you ever wondered what keeps a hot air balloon flying? The same rule that keeps food frozen in the open chest freezers at the grocery store allows hot air balloons to fly. It's a very basic rule: Hot air rises and cold air falls. So while the super-cooled air in the grocery store freezer settles down around the food, the hot air in a hot air balloon pushes up, keeping the balloon floating above the ground. In order to understand more about how this rule works in hot air balloons, it helps to know more about hot air balloons themselves.

A hot air balloon has three major parts: the basket, the burner, and the cover. The basket is where passengers ride. The basket is usually made of bamboo. This ensures that it will be comfortable and add little extra weight. The burner is positioned above the passenger's heads and produces a huge flame to heat the air inside the cover. The cover is the colorful fabric balloon that holds the hot air. When the air inside the cover is heated, the balloon rises.

The pilot can control the up-and-down movements of the hot air balloon by regulating the heat in the cover. To ascend, the pilot heats the air in the cover. When the pilot is ready to land, the air in the balloon is allowed to cool and the balloon becomes heavier than air. This makes the balloon descend.

Before the balloon is taken off, the pilot knows which way the wind is blowing. This means that she has a general idea about which way the balloon will go. But, sometimes the pilot can actually control the direction that the balloon flies while in flight. This is because the air above the ground is sectioned into layers in which the direction of the wind may be different. So, even though the pilot

can't steer the balloon, she can fly or higher or lower into a different layer of air. Some days the difference between the directions of the wind between layers is negligible. But other days the difference is so strong that it can actually push the balloon in a completely different direction!

- 1) According to the passage, balloon pilots control the balloon's highness by
 - A. moving into a different layer of air
 - B. regulating the air temperature inside the balloon
 - C. adjusting the amount of air in the envelope
 - D. changing the amount of weight contained in the basket

- 2) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best synonym for **ascend**?
 - A. move
 - B. fly
 - C. sink
 - D. climb

- 3) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best antonym for **descend**?
 - A. fall
 - B. float
 - C. rise
 - D. drop

- 4) According to the author, wicker is
 - I. **comfortable**
 - II. **lightweight**
 - III. **durable**
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III

- 5) If the hot air balloon pilot wants to change directions during flight, what might he or she do to do this?
 - A. head toward a mountain peak
 - B. wait for it to rain
 - C. fly into a cloud
 - D. fly higher

- 6) Using the passage as a guide, it can be inferred that which of the following statements is not true?
 - A. Air goes up and out the top of a chimney when you light a fire.
 - B. Cool air collects about the ceiling when you open a refrigerator.
 - C. Smoke from a candle rises after you blow out the flame.
 - D. Cold air coming from an air conditioning vent settles about the floor.

- 7) Based on its use in paragraph 4, it can be understood that **negligible** belongs to which of the following word families?
 - A. solemn, grave, serious
 - B. substantial, considerable, large
 - C. exhilarating, thrilling, exciting
 - D. insignificant, small, unnoticeable

For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favorite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavors, but this doesn't really matter to me. That's because I always get coffee flavor. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I've never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think.

Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavors—strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate—but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real cocoa beans from Bolivia. I didn't know where Bolivia is so I decided to look for it on a map. After hunting awhile, I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavors.

Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavors. Actually, the only Disco flavor I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of twinkle ice cream for \$4.50. That's only two weeks' allowance for me.

1) Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

- A. Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, and Bubblegum Too!
- B. The Four Top Ice Cream Manufacturers
- C. The Finest Ice Cream in the World
- D. Picking the Best Ice Cream Manufacturer

2) If the author wanted to get a scoop of coffee ice cream, where would he or she probably go?

- A. Randolph Farms
- B. Goodies
- C. Disco
- D. Twinkle

3) According to the passage, the author likes Randolph Farms ice cream because it

I. is all natural

II. is made in Bolivia

III. comes in many flavors

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

- 3) According to the passage, the author likes Disco ice cream because it
- A. is relatively inexpensive B. has bubblegum in it
C. is made in Bolivia D. is okay
- 4) According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different than Goodies?
- I. Randolph Farms has many different flavors and Goodies does not.**
II. Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients and Goodies does not.
III. Randolph Farms is very expensive and Goodies is not.
- A. I only B. I and II only C. II and III only D. I, II, and III
- 5) According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?
- A. cheap ingredients B. expensive price
C. mediocre quality D. a lack of flavors
- 6) How much money does the author receive in his or her weekly allowance?
- A. \$2.25 B. \$4.50 C. \$9.00 D. Not enough information is provided
- 7) Given the information included in the passage, which of the following statements would the author most likely agree with?
- A. Each manufacturer has its strengths and weaknesses.
B. The best manufacturers are the ones with the most flavors.
C. Goodies is certainly not the best manufacturer, as they only have three flavors.
D. Each manufacturer is good for different reasons.
- 8) If the author did decide that one manufacturer is best, which one would he or she probably choose?
- A. Randolph Farms B. Goodies C. Disco D. Twinkle
- 13) How many weeks would it take for the author to save enough money to buy two cartons of Twinkle ice cream?
- A. 1 week B. 2 weeks C. 3 weeks D. 4 weeks





Grammar

Change into an indirect speech:

1. "I'd go and see a doctor if I were you," Julie said to me.
2. "Can you come and help me with this box?"
3. "This is an exam Mr. Jenkins!! Shut up now!!!"
4. "That road is very dangerous so just be very careful!"
5. "Liverpool won the match last night."
6. "Why don't we go and see that new film at the cinema."
7. "I can come and look after the children tomorrow night."
8. "The lesson starts at six o'clock in the evening."



Look at these sentences using Make, Let and Allow. Are they Correct or Wrong?

1. They didn't allow anyone to leave the room for an hour.
Correct Wrong
2. Don't let me watch TV too long. I have to study for tomorrow's test.
Correct Wrong
3. They were promised large discounts on their next purchases.
Correct Wrong
4. We're not allowing photos taken in this museum. Sorry.
Correct Wrong

5. We were finally let go at 7pm when the police said the area was safe.

Correct

Wrong

6. You should use persuasion without making someone to do something.

Correct

Wrong

7. I made him promise me that he wouldn't tell my mother.

Correct

Wrong

8. Jenny and her brother will be made watch the documentary again.

Correct

Wrong



Read this letter from Sally to her friend Sheila. For each space, put a relative

pronoun:

whose - where - when - who - which - that

Where both which and that can be used, use that.

Dear Sheila,

In your last letter, you asked me to tell you about all the things I did during my summer vacation.

We went to Vancouver I have some old friends I haven't seen for about three years. My friend Tim, mother I wrote about in my last letter to you, came with me and we had a great time. We flew into Vancouver on Monday 24th,was also my birthday.

The first thing we did was to visit the wonderful aquarium in the city centerthere are three killer whales and a whole crowd of seals, penguins and dolphins. We arrived in the late afternoonall the animals are fed so it was wonderful to see the dolphins leaping out of the water to get the fish they love to eat so much.

The following day,was cloudy and rainy unfortunately, we went to a museumthey have some dinosaur skeletons local people have found in the area. The horrible weather never improved all day so we visited a superb seafood restaurant later in the afternoon and had an early dinner. The waiters, were all dressed in traditional fishermen's clothes, were very friendly and told us about the history of the restaurantname was The Jolly Whaler. The restaurant,has been open since 1888, was once visited by the American President J.F. Kennedy and his wife Jackie.

The skies were blue on Thursday and we spent some time out on the sea in a large boatwe hired. I caught a big fishthe captain said was the biggest he'd seen this year. I felt very proud! We left on Thursday evening after a mini-vacationhelped me to relax a lot and now I have returned to work.

The next timeyou write to me, you must tell me about YOUR last vacation.

Bye for now Sheila, Sally



Think about whether you should use the adverb or the adjective in each of these sentences. Use the prompt at the end of each question to help you.

1. Thinkabout whether you want to quit this job. (calm)
2. I'mhe didn't mean to frighten you. It was an accident. (sure)
3. Her hair looks so..... always. I'd love to know what she uses on it. (soft)
4. My wife felt rather about the play she was in, but she performed wonderfully. (nervous)
5. Look in the fridge - something smells very (bad)
6. The grass grew because of the dry weather. (slow)
7. The new couple next door seem very , don't they? (nice)
8. The company performed for a few years, then got into difficulty. (strong)

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