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עמוד 1

הוראות: השלם את המילה המתאימה ביותר מתוך 4 התשובות המוצעות.

Unit 1

1. Wheat grows best on _____ lands, such as those in regions of the United States with no mountains or even hills.

- (1) obese (2) speedy (3) flat (4) narrow
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2. The Eiffel Tower is the most famous _____ in France.

- (1) sailor (2) cliff (3) playwright (4) landmark
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3. The _____ of the moon is rocky and filled with large craters.

- (1) baggage (2) religion (3) safety (4) landscape
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4. _____ meats are considered healthier than fatty meats.

- (1) Formal (2) Citrus (3) Cursed (4) Lean
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5. A drivers _____ gives police officers proof that a person is driving legally.

- (1) license (2) labor (3) loan (4) load
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6. The _____ of a newspapers is decided by the paper's editors and written by its journalists.

- (1) content (2) cuisine (3) fabric (4) detection
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7. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony is one of the most important _____ of music ever written.

- (1) chariots (2) columns (3) pieces (4) crowds
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8. Various attempts to _____ the Loch Ness Monster have failed, so it is unlikely that the creature is real.

- (1) mail (2) anger (3) bully (4) capture
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עמוד 2

הוראות: השלם את המילה המתאימה ביותר מתוך 4 התשובות המוצעות.

Unit 2

1. Wearing multiple _____ of clothing helps to keep warm in cold climates.
(1) cabins (2) cliffs (3) embryos (4) layers

2. Charles Dickens' _____ A Tale of Two Cities is one of the highest selling books of all time.
(1) neck (2) nobility (3) novel (4) nation

3. The sports _____ between Brazil and Argentina is one of the most competitive in the world.
(1) realization (2) clarification (3) landmark (4) rivalry

4. Cold-blooded animals, such as lizards and frogs, rely on the sun's _____ for energy.
(1) coma (2) warmth (3) hydration (4) territory

5. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a _____ that helps to give special gifts to children with terminal diseases.
(1) stream (2) tendency (3) charity (4) zoo

6. Calcium, a vitamin found in milk, is a _____ nutrient that helps to strengthen bones.
(1) necessary (2) military (3) plagued (4) limber

7. Thomas Edison invented the first device that could _____ sound.
(1) harass (2) emigrate (3) humiliate (4) record

8. Marathons are a way to test an athlete's ability to run long _____.
(1) distances (2) ancestors (3) extinctions (4) fragrances

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עמוד 3

הוראות: השלם את המילה המתאימה ביותר מתוך 4 התשובות המוצעות.

Unit 3

- In a democratic _____, the public votes for and elects its leaders.
(1) laboratory (2) government (3) field (4) migration

- A chicken pox _____ is contagious only to people who have not previously contracted the illness.
(1) innovation (2) infraction (3) invention (4) infection

- The _____ of an anaconda snake can be up to six meters.
(1) license (2) length (3) lineage (4) leniency

- Bruce Lee had a positive _____ on the public, and encouraged them to study martial arts and work on their personal fitness.
(1) strike (2) joke (3) pause (4) effect

- Lions are so _____ that even one swipe of their paw is strong enough to kill their prey.
(1) melancholy (2) silent (3) obese (4) powerful

- The Victoria Falls Bridge _____ the Zambezi River and connects Zimbabwe and Zambia.
(1) values (2) secures (3) translates (4) crosses

- The Three Gorges Dam in China is the largest hydroelectric power _____ in the world.
(1) station (2) puzzle (3) zoo (4) brick

- Weather forecasting is _____ accurate up to five days, and on rare occasions, it can be predicted much further in the future.
(1) permanently (2) typically (3) prestigiously (4) ritually

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עמוד 4

הוראות: השלם את המילה המתאימה ביותר מתוך 4 התשובות המוצעות.

Unit 4

1. Many of the internet-based companies that made enormous _____ in the 1990s went bankrupt in the 2000s.

- (1) icicles (2) habits (3) profits (4) marriages
-

2. A Pulitzer Prize is an _____ given to journalists and authors who display excellence in their craft.

- (1) agency (2) acquittal (3) award (4) alteration
-

3. Brutus, friend and colleague of Julius Caesar, _____ Caesar's trust and contributed to his death.

- (1) banded (2) bit (3) betrayed (4) baked
-

4. France is a _____ market for wine, and likewise, Italy is also an important wine market.

- (1) literate (2) major (3) misty (4) leather
-

5. Lightning is seen before thunder is heard because the speed of light is faster than the speed of _____.

- (1) water (2) sound (3) earth (4) stars
-

6. In 1498, Vasco da Gama _____ hundreds of men as he led expedition that left from Portugal and reached India.

- (1) punctuated (2) invested (3) predicted (4) commanded
-

7. Tetra Pak makes unique _____ for milk and other liquid products that are made of recyclable cardboard paper.

- (1) pigeons (2) numbers (3) containers (4) flies
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8. Cricket regularly _____ a larger audience than any other sport both in stadiums and on television.

- (1) draws (2) mimics (3) spices (4) injects
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עמוד 5

הוראות: השלם את המילה המתאימה ביותר מתוך 4 התשובות המוצעות.

Unit 5

- At a Western-style wedding _____ it is customary for a man to place a ring on his new wife's finger.
(1) ceremony (2) isolate (3) relic (4) jug

- Eli Whitney invented a _____ that could extract the seeds from the cotton plant with little effort.
(1) forest (2) machine (3) harmony (4) map

- The Berlin Wall was a _____ between Communist East Berlin and Western-controlled West Berlin.
(1) barrier (2) taste (3) trigger (4) dissection

- In bowling, a perfect _____ means a bowler got 300 points.
(1) crowd (2) consumer (3) enemy (4) score

- Bowling pins are _____ by a machine, but once a person had to arrange the pins and make sure they stood in place.
(1) set up (2) ordered out (3) spoken of (4) followed along

- After it was struck with a torpedo, the RMS Lusitania _____ to the bottom of the sea.
(1) sank (2) leaned (3) followed (4) arrested

- America and Germany _____ more money on coffee than any other country in the world.
(1) cast (2) breathe (3) spend (4) depict

- Czechoslovakians originally drove on the left side of the road but they _____ to the right side of the road in 1939.
(1) switched (2) wandered (3) contended (4) collapsed

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עמוד 6

הוראות: השלם את המילה המתאימה ביותר מתוך 4 התשובות המוצעות.

Unit 6

- Oxen are able to _____ loads which are much heavier than that of a horse.
(1) carry (2) echo (3) edge (4) charm

- Ballet dancer, Agrippina Vaganova, developed a ballet technique that blended graceful _____ with physicality and artistic expression.
(1) spies (2) ruins (3) tickets (4) movements

- The London Zoo _____ in 1828 and since then it has never closed and it has developed into one of the best zoos in the world.
(1) opened (2) hoped (3) hastened (4) printed

- The _____ of stocks on Wall Street fluctuate so quickly that the entire market can change in just seconds.
(1) prison (2) pipe (3) pleasure (4) price

- One of the most popular _____ to ever appear on television is called "MASH".
(1) architects (2) registrations (3) amateurs (4) programs

- Deer are _____ animals, and thus they offer a challenge to those who wish to hunt them.
(1) quick (2) docile (3) apathetic (4) lazy

- Rather than swim or float, the sea cucumber _____ on the ocean floor.
(1) enlarges (2) rests (3) launches (4) herds

- Although they seem like very slow animals, the _____ of a hippopotamus is surprisingly high.
(1) journey (2) willingness (3) speed (4) voyage

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עמוד 7

הוראות: בחר את התשובה שמביעה את הרעיון המרכזי של המשפט המקורי בצורה הטובה ביותר.

Unit 1

1. No airplanes fly to space.

- (1) No airplanes are built in space.
- (2) Airplanes are used to fly to space.
- (3) There are no airplanes that travel to space.
- (4) Airplanes are sometimes used for space flight.

2. Much of the jungle areas in Papua New Guinea have yet to be explored.

- (1) Notably, Papua New Guinea has jungles that are expansive.
- (2) There are many explorers who were lost in Papua New Guinea.
- (3) It is unclear whether there are areas of Papua New Guinea that no one has
- (4) There are many areas in Papua New Guinea that are unexplored.

3. No reptile is smaller than the Jaragua Sphaero.

- (1) The Jaragua Sphaero will not always be the smallest reptile.
- (2) No one is sure if the Jaragua Sphaero is the smallest reptile.
- (3) Only a few reptiles are as small as the Jaragua Sphaero.
- (4) The Jaragua Sphaero is the smallest reptile.

4. The speed of international flights has progressively increased for ten years, but aerospace engineers predict that the lack of new technology will slow this trend.

- (1) It now appears that there is no limit to the speed of international flights, and most aerospace engineers believe they will continue to progress for the next ten
- (2) Aerospace engineers believe that the lack of new technology will force the speed of international flights to decline, even though they have increased progressively for a decade.
- (3) Some aerospace engineers fear that the only way to continue the speeds attained in the last ten years is to develop radical, new technology.
- (4) According to the top aerospace engineers, only new technology will help to continue the past decade's trend of continually faster speeds on international

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עמוד 8

הוראות: בחר את התשובה שמביעה את הרעיון המרכזי של המשפט המקורי בצורה הטובה ביותר.

Unit 2

- In sewing, and especially in sewing quilts, needles must be used with precise accuracy.
 - In sewing, and even more so in quilt sewing, needle work is often used without much precise accuracy.
 - Although sewing sometimes uses needles, quilt sewing requires accuracy with them.
 - Sewing needles must be used with exact accuracy, especially in sewing quilts.
 - In sewing and quilting, both precise and inaccurate sewing are used.

- Eleanor Roosevelt said: "It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself."
 - As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, you should be willing to be fair to other people on occasion.
 - Fairness, according to Eleanor Roosevelt, should not be asked of anyone but instead expected of everyone.
 - There was nothing more important to Eleanor Roosevelt than being fair to oneself before others.
 - According to Eleanor Roosevelt, one should be willing to do whatever they request of others.

- Alligators can be very large, but they move quickly.
 - Alligators can move quickly even if they are very big.
 - Alligators move so fast that being large is unnecessary.
 - Alligators are faster than they are large.
 - Alligators will not move quickly if they grow to be large.

- Among the nine stadiums used in the FIFA World Cup in 1994, only two seated more than eighty thousand people.
 - In 1994 at the FIFA World Cup, nine stadiums were used, but only two could hold more than eighty thousand people.
 - It is known that the stadiums at the 1994 FIFA World Cup were smaller in comparison to other such events.
 - In 1994, the FIFA World Cup stadiums began to increase the amount of spectators by introducing two stadiums that could seat more than eighty
 - There were nine stadiums at the FIFA World Cup in 1994, but only two of these were massive stadiums while the rest were tiny.

Unit 3

1. Of the sixty-nine yokozuna in sumo wrestling history, only four of the competitors were born outside Japan.
 - (1) In sumo wrestling history there have been sixty-nine yokozuna, including four who were not native Japanese.
 - (2) It is generally considered in sumo wrestling history that there were only sixty-nine yokozuna but including the foreign born competitors there were seventy-three.
 - (3) In sumo wrestling history, four non-native Japanese achieved the rank of yokozuna in addition to sixty-nine Japanese competitors.
 - (4) There have been sixty-nine yokozuna outside Japan, but most of the yokozuna were born in Japan.

2. In agriculture, and especially in growing flowers, water is often sprayed from a small airplane.
 - (1) In agriculture and in growing flowers, both small and large airplanes are used to spray water on fields.
 - (2) Although water is seldom used in agriculture and in growing flowers, when it is used it is sprayed from a small airplane.
 - (3) In agriculture, and even more so in growing flowers, small airplanes are the only way to spray water.
 - (4) The water used in agriculture is often sprayed from a small airplane, particularly in growing flowers.

3. The best airplane pilots excel not only at technical flying skills, but also at understanding mechanics, physics, navigation and meteorology.
 - (1) When the best airplane pilots are not technically flying, they are learning mechanics, physics, navigation and meteorology.
 - (2) The most proficient of airplane pilots were taught not only to fly with style, but also to understand mechanics, physics, navigation and meteorology.
 - (3) Some of the best airplane pilots understood mechanics, physics, navigation and meteorology and taught it to others to help with technical flying skills.
 - (4) Great airplane pilots are masters of understanding mechanics, physics, navigation and meteorology, as well as technical flying skills.

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עמוד 10

הוראות: בחר את התשובה שמביעה את הרעיון המרכזי של המשפט המקורי בצורה הטובה ביותר.

4. The Venus flytrap is so called because it attracts insects and then traps and eats them.
- (1) The name of the Venus flytrap comes from the strange fact that insects are attracted to the planet Venus.
 - (2) Despite its name, the Venus flytrap is unable to attract flies or any other type of insect.
 - (3) Despite its name, the Venus flytrap exists only in places where insects' traps are unnecessary.
 - (4) The name of the Venus flytrap comes from its ability to attract insects and then trap and eat them.

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עמוד 11

הוראות: בחר את התשובה שמביעה את הרעיון המרכזי של המשפט המקורי בצורה הטובה ביותר.

Unit 4

1. Little about the plant life in Empty Quarter Desert is currently known to botanists.

- (1) The many plants in the Empty Quarter Desert are being studied by botanists
- (2) At present botanists do not know much about the plant life in the Empty Quarter Desert.
- (3) It is unknown why botanists know so little about Empty Quarter Desert plant
- (4) Botanists are surprised about the magnificence of the Empty Quarter Desert's plant life.

2. No dog is taller than the Irish wolfhound.

- (1) No one really knows which dog is taller than the Irish wolfhound.
- (2) The Irish wolfhound is the tallest dog.
- (3) Only a few dogs are taller than the Irish wolfhound.
- (4) Irish wolfhounds are not always tall dogs.

3. The sea cucumber is so called because of its elongated shape.

- (1) The name of the sea cucumber comes from the fact that the creature has an elongated appearance.
- (2) Despite its name, the sea cucumber has a taste that is nothing like a cucumber.
- (3) Despite its name, the sea cucumber has neither an elongated appearance nor a greenish color.
- (4) The name of the sea cucumber comes from the odd fact that it looks identical to a cucumber in all ways.

4. The large improvements in motorcycle safety have made them less dangerous

- (1) Motorcycles are smaller due to improvements in their safety.
- (2) Motorcycles are dangerous because there have been few improvements to their safety.
- (3) Motorcycles have improved both in safety and in the way the machines work.
- (4) Motorcycles are less dangerous because of large improvements in motorcycle safety.

Unit 5

- In opera, and especially in modern operas, the costumes are often designed with bright fabrics.
 - In opera and in modern operas, both design and costume fabrics are bright.
 - Although older operas have costume designs with bright fabrics, this is not true of modern operas.
 - In opera, and even more so in modern operas, the costumes use bright fabrics that are intricately designed.
 - The costumes used in opera are often made with bright fabrics, particularly in modern operas.

- The Italian people made great strides not only in the field of fine art, but also at biology, chemistry, sociology and literature.
 - When Italian artists were not producing major artistic works, they were working in biology, chemistry, sociology and literature.
 - Italians were not only taught how to create fine works of art, but also in the fields of biology, chemistry, sociology and literature.
 - Some of the best biologists, chemists, sociologists, and writers were Italians who worked in the field of fine art.
 - The Italian people accomplished much in the fields of biology, chemistry, sociology and literature, as well as making advancements in fine art.

- Race cars are driven exclusively by professional drivers.
 - Professional drivers usually drive race cars.
 - Race cars are only driven by professional drivers.
 - Race cars are mainly enjoyed by professional drivers.
 - Professional drivers never drive any cars that are not race cars.

- In jazz music, and especially in swing jazz, the rhythm of the music is usually performed by a single drummer.
 - Although most jazz music requires only one drummer, swing jazz often has multiple drummers and rhythms.
 - One drummer is usually used to make the rhythm in jazz music, particularly in swing jazz.
 - In jazz music and in swing jazz music, a drummer is sometimes required to perform the rhythm.
 - In jazz and in swing jazz music, both a rhythm and a single drummer are often needed.

קטע קריאה מס' 1

- (1) Jeff Clark found an adventure and a challenge at Half Moon Bay. He had no one to share his adventure with, so he took on the challenge and rose to the occasion alone. For fifteen years, even when others heard of Clark's feats they did not believe him, but this never stopped him. Jeff Clark continued to surf some of the largest waves in the entire world and he surfed them without any supervision, rescue team, or recognition.

- (10) Just the word "Mavericks" strikes fear into most surfers. The water in Northern California is freezing cold. At Half Moon Bay, where the famed Mavericks waves are located, the rocks are jagged and the ice-cold surf crashes against them with so much force it is as though the surf is fighting against the rocks. The waves there are over seven meters tall, and amongst the largest in the world. Jeff Clark, a native of Half Moon Bay and surfing enthusiast, set out to conquer the giant waves at Mavericks.

- (20) No surfer in the history of the sport has ever been more personally connected to one surf spot than Jeff Clark. At first, no one believed Clark about the size of the waves. At the time, it was a commonly held belief that the largest waves in the world were in Hawaii. It was believed that waves the size of those at Mavericks were simply non-existent. Finally, Clark was able to convince some friends from Southern California to come up to Half Moon Bay and surf.

- (30) Tragically, one of the best surfers in the world lost his life almost immediately after the surf spot at Mavericks started gaining popularity. Mark Foo, a legendary Hawaiian big wave surfer, died on the first wave he ever surfed at Mavericks. He was experienced and had even competed professionally, but Mavericks is so dangerous that even the best of the best can easily be overcome. Foo's death, while tragic, added to the legendary quality of the surf spot and it gained notoriety in the fallout.

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עמוד 14

הוראות: קרא את הקטע שלפניך וענה על השאלות שאחריך

- (35) Today, Jeff Clark owns a surfing shop that sells a line of surfboards that he designed, as well as clothing. Mavericks is well known and has been featured in many documentaries about surfing. It has been said that Jeff Clark's biggest challenge was not conquering the waves, but rather
- (40) internalizing his experiences, since he had no one to tell about his feat.

Questions

1. A good title for this text would be -

- (1) Hawaiian Big Wave Surfing: The Tragic Death of Mark Foo
- (2) Surfing With Jeff Clark's Surfboards
- (3) Jeff Clark and the Legendary Waves of Mavericks
- (4) Documentaries about Surfing: Mavericks and Half Moon Bay

2. According to the text, what does Jeff Clark have in common with Mark Foo?

- (1) Both are big wave surfers who surfed at Mavericks.
- (2) Both own surfing companies.
- (3) Both died while surfing at Mavericks.
- (4) Both were scared to surf at Half Moon Bay.

3. The second paragraph mainly discusses -

- (1) Jeff Clark's first time ever surfing Mavericks
- (2) the geography and conditions at Mavericks
- (3) how fear influences surfers
- (4) Mark Foo's tragic death

4. Jeff Clark surfed Mavericks despite the fact that -

- (1) the conditions were incredibly dangerous and he was alone
- (2) the waves were small compared to Hawaii
- (3) his company would have succeeded if it were in a better area
- (4) he could not swim

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עמוד 15

הוראות: קרא את הקטע שלפניך וענה על השאלות שאחריו

5. Before the Mavericks became a famous surfing spot -

- (1) no one feared the waves there
 - (2) Half Moon Bay had not been found yet
 - (3) it was thought the largest waves in the world were in Hawaii
 - (4) no one believed Jeff Clark it existed
-

קטע קריאה מס' 2

- (1) Most camouflage is meant to disguise or hide someone or something from view. Military uniforms, for example, are meant to make it difficult for the enemy to see the soldier they are fighting against. The uniforms are made to blend into the surroundings, such that if the soldiers are fighting in a snowy area the uniforms are white, and if the soldiers are fighting in a forested area the uniforms are green or brown. Tanks, airplanes, and all other military devices are often camouflaged in the same way.
- (5) In World War One and World War Two, however, a different type of camouflage was employed.

- Dazzle camouflage is an interesting idea that was developed at the outbreak of the First World War. The giant battleships in the oceans had a problem. Depending on the weather conditions the ships might be well camouflaged or entirely without camouflage. No methods were successful in creating a universal camouflage that worked no matter the weather conditions, so a new type of camouflage was created.

- (20) Dazzle camouflage is flamboyant. The ships were painted with a wide variety of colors. They were striped or painted with sweeping geometric shapes. Some of the ships looked like giant zebras on the water. Thus, rather than disguise the ships, the ships were made to stand out. The elaborate designs and colors made finding the range of the ships very difficult for the enemy. It was difficult to relay the size of the ship, the type of ship, or to determine how far away the ship was from the viewer. It is difficult to say how effective this technique was in actually reducing the danger posed by enemy ships, but it is clear that these designs raised morale amongst the soldiers on board the ships because they felt that their ship was properly camouflaged. Also, when the ship stopped in ports, crowds rushed to see the beautifully colored ships. It is often claimed that this type of unique camouflage was the basis for more modern camouflage, so while ships today do not employ this type of camouflage, the legacy of "dazzle" lives on.
- (25)
- (30)
- (35)

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עמוד 17

הוראות: קרא את הקטע שלפניך וענה על השאלות שאחרי

Questions

1. In line 20, "flamboyant" is closest in meaning to -

- (1) showy
- (2) dull
- (3) gloomy
- (4) enormous

2. A good title for this text would be -

- (1) Innovative Camouflage of Ships in the World Wars
- (2) Funny Camouflage: Bright Colors and Interesting Designs
- (3) Soldiers in Snow and at Sea
- (4) World War II Color Codes

3. Why were ships painted with dazzle camouflage?

- (1) Civilians found it interesting.
- (2) Normal camouflage did not work in all weather conditions.
- (3) It helped airplanes to see the ships from the air.
- (4) No other camouflage worked, so they did it for fun.

4. According to the text, weather -

- (1) sunk many ships in World War One
- (2) made camouflaging ships very difficult
- (3) kept sailors inside the ships rather than on deck
- (4) hid ships from airplanes

5. According to the last paragraph, morale -

- (1) was the reason that the new type of camouflage was created
- (2) decreased because everyone knew the ship could easily be seen
- (3) was unaffected by dazzle camouflage
- (4) increased because soldiers felt protected

קטע קריאה מס' 3

- (1) Fire breathing is a deadly but fascinating spectacle. Fire breathers generally introduce a substance that is flammable into their mouth. Then they spew the substance at an existing fire, often a torch, and a giant flame is created in the air. The act, while beautiful if done correctly, has many terrible side effects such as burning oneself, burning an audience member, or inhaling the toxic substance in one's mouth. There are, however, safety measures that reduce these risks dramatically.
- (5)
- (10) First, the substance used to create the fire will only ignite the large flame if it is spewed out in a fine mist. The safest of all the substances, perhaps, is paraffin oil. Paraffin oil is mostly used for lamps, but certain types of this oil fit fire breathing. Paraffin oil has a high flash point. This means that it burns very easily and quickly. This is important for fire breathers because it means that the flame will be large and can be controlled to a certain degree. Conversely, alcohol has a lower flash point and thus more alcohol is needed for a larger flame. Using a fuel with a higher flash point reduces the risk of burning oneself.
- (15)
- (20)
- Next, the fire breather must take into account wind. Wind will have an effect on the direction of the fire as well as the direction the fuel is spewed. Clearly, fire breathers should never practice their art in windy situations. Wind could potentially push a fire toward an audience member or even lead to the burning of a structure. Thus, practicing fire breathing in a place with little wind is critical. Also, fire breathers must have a good knowledge of the size of the flame they will create. Fire breathers can easily predict how large their flame will be, and they can station the audience a safe distance away. Fire breathing in areas which are not windy as well as keeping the audience a good distance away reduces the risk of burning an audience member.
- (25)
- (30)

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- (35) Finally, while not much can be done to prevent inhalation of smoke or other chemicals, discipline in practice can greatly reduce the issue of toxic substances in one's mouth. It is generally a good idea not to perform a fire breathing act too often and to exercise extreme caution when doing so. Other good tips include wearing clothes that are fire retardant and, for men, not wearing a beard. If these steps are taken fire breathing can be as safe as possible and audiences can be free from worry and enjoy the spectacle.
- (40)

Questions

1. According to the text, paraffin oil -

- (1) is a type of lamp oil
- (2) is the most dangerous of all oils for fire breathers to use
- (3) has a low flash point
- (4) is similar to alcohol and can be drunk

2. According to the text, which of the following is not something that allows fire breathers to be safer?

- (1) keeping their hands away from the fire
- (2) not having a beard
- (3) avoiding wind
- (4) wearing fire retardant clothing

3. The second paragraph mainly discusses -

- (1) the dangers of fire breathing while drunk
- (2) lamp oil and alcohol
- (3) how to spit out the oil in one's mouth
- (4) the flash point of the substance used to ignite a fire breather's fire

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4. A good title for this text would be -

- (1) Steps Toward Safety in Fire Breathing
- (2) Paraffin Oil and Alcohol in Modern Practice
- (3) Toxicity in Flammable Substances
- (4) Staying Out of the Wind: How To Keep Safe as an Audience

5. In line 25, "potentially" is closest in meaning to -

- (1) possibly
- (2) never
- (3) almost
- (4) effectively

קטע קריאה מס' 4

- (1) Imagine waking up in the hospital after a bad car accident. You see your family and your friends and everyone else who loves you, but something is different. You suddenly believe that these are not your family or friends. They are
- (5) instead robots or actors that are exact duplicates of your friends and family. Clearly this is incorrect, but people who suffer from Capgras syndrome have a delusion in which they believe that all the people they are familiar with have been replaced by imposters.
- (10) This strange disorder occurs largely in patients that suffer brain injuries or schizophrenia. It is unknown exactly what causes it, although speculation about face perception is widespread. Most people can recognize many faces and can interpret emotions based on facial expressions. Even
- (15) people who are deaf can easily understand mood and tone of a speaker by facial expressions. Many scientists who study Capgras syndrome believe that somehow the brain has been altered in such a way as to alter the identification of faces. Thus, sufferers of Capgras delusion can recognize
- (20) the people they see but they do not associate this recognition with the actual person. So, for example, a sufferer may see and recognize his mother, but still believe that somehow it is not actually his mother that he sees.
- In acute cases, those who have Capras syndrome might
- (25) confuse one person for another while believing one person specifically is an imposter. For example, a husband may believe his wife is an imposter and his memories of his wife are actually connected to a long deceased relative. Thus, he would only misidentify the wife, while everyone else
- (30) would be properly identified. Additionally, the husband could speak to the wife on the phone and believe he is actually speaking to his wife and then upon meeting her believe she is an imposter.

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While this disorder is extremely rare, it can be debilitating.

- (35) The patient suffering from the syndrome often expresses missing their friends and family because they believe they have been replaced. Conversely, the friends and family of the patient are frustrated by their loved one's reaction to them. Scientists do not seem close to any kind of
- (40) breakthrough in solving the riddle of Capgras syndrome, but perhaps one day it will be possible to map the brain more thoroughly and determine what can be done to cure it.

Questions

1. The main purpose of the text is to -

- (1) explain the effects of Capgras syndrome
- (2) give psychological basis for an otherwise undocumented disorder
- (3) show biological reasons for Capgras syndrome
- (4) suggest that schizophrenia is responsible for brain disorders

2. In line 24, "acute" is closest in meaning to -

- (1) tiny
- (2) extreme
- (3) accurate
- (4) position

3. According to the text, which of the following is not a symptom of Capgras syndrome?

- (1) believing one's family members and loved ones have been replaced by clones
- (2) not remembering one's own loved ones or relatives
- (3) confusing one person for another
- (4) dissociation between an identified face and the person it belongs to

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4. Why does Capgras syndrome occur?

- (1) An elaborate trick has been played on people with schizophrenia.
- (2) Loved ones have been replaced by robots or actors.
- (3) Scientists test patients by replacing their loved ones with imposters.
- (4) No one is entirely sure but it is connected with brain injuries and schizophrenia.

5. According to the last paragraph, friends and family of Capgras sufferers -

- (1) are trying to help scientists find a cure
- (2) are usually fine with the problem as it is not dangerous to them
- (3) are hurt by their loved one's inability to accept them
- (4) are indifferent to the sufferer because it does not pose a problem in daily life

קטע קריאה מס' 5

- (1) One of the most famous thriller and suspense writers of all time is Robert Ludlum. Ludlum's books have been called "airport novels", because they are often purchased and read during travel, especially on airplanes. This designation, however, has a negative connotation as poorly written fiction and it does not do justice to Ludlum's literary skill. Ludlum's writing is among the best suspense writing ever, largely due to his life experience.

- (10) Robert Ludlum has been praised for his excellent use of dialogue. Ludlum's background as an actor led him to understand speech patterns, and he became highly skilled at writing dialogue in a way that was both organic and effective. Suspense, in Ludlum's books, is often based on some type of military-like operation. Ludlum himself was in the United States Marines, and his experiences there led to writing that was exciting and seemingly plausible.
- (15) While he was a Marine, critics have often noted that the accuracy of his descriptions of fire arms were largely unsuccessful, as he seems to have had limited knowledge on the subject of guns. Regardless of this small criticism, Ludlum succeeded, for the most part, in weaving his fiction stories with accurate information. This gave his readers the sense that what they were reading was factual and realistic. Realism in suspense and thriller novels is a skill with which most authors struggle, but Robert Ludlum was masterful in his ability to weave fact and fiction so seamlessly together.

- (30) Many of Robert Ludlum's books were made into movies. The Bourne Trilogy, which is a series of three books using the same main character, was made into three very popular films. Ludlum died in 2001, but his name has been used as a trademark. This means that other authors can write books in the same style as Ludlum and they can be published under Ludlum's name. This is known as ghostwriting. Books, such as these, are meant to carry on a tradition of suspense and thriller writing that Ludlum mastered.

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Questions

1. Which of the following, according to the author, is criticism of Robert Ludlum's work?

- (1) His dialogue was poor.
- (2) He knows nothing about military operations.
- (3) He could not write in an exciting way.
- (4) His knowledge of guns is weak.

2. According to the last paragraph, other authors can -

- (1) perform in movies
- (2) write dialogue like Robert Ludlum
- (3) write using Robert Ludlum's name
- (4) have movies made into books

3. In line 22, "weaving" could be replaced by -

- (1) combining
- (2) contrasting
- (3) objecting
- (4) insulting

4. According to the text, Robert Ludlum had a background in -

- (1) the military and working on airplanes
- (2) directing movies and the clergy
- (3) piloting airplanes and acting
- (4) acting and the military

5. It can be understood from the text that "airport novels" are not -

- (1) usually fiction
- (2) considered to be well written
- (3) accurate in their dialogue
- (4) ever made into movies