

As you read each passage, pay attention to clues that will help you to draw a conclusion about the information. Circle the letter beside each correct answer.

Cracker Garden

Mom can always get me to do extra chores by saying she will take me to the Cracker Garden. The smells of the deep, wooden floor, along with the signs of food on the wall intrigue my appetite as I approach the polyurethane-coated table. I sit to look at the variety of hot cuisine from which I have to choose. There are so many choices that it is difficult to decide what my preference is going to be on any certain day. Then, in an instant, I know what I crave. The usual treats for me consist of fresh chicken tenderloins, steamy green beans, creamy chicken and dumplings, and the absolute best caramel milk shake on the face of the earth. As I await the arrival of my meal, I sit and play the challenging pegboard game. My eyes light up as soon as I see the waitress coming with our food. To watch her walk all the way from the kitchen to our table seems to take an eternity. However, the wait is well worth it. I always walk away from the Cracker Garden with a smile on my face.

1. From the story one can conclude that:
 - A. The child enjoys fresh turkey tenderloins.
 - B. The child's mom can persuade the child to do extra chores by agreeing to take the child to the Cracker Garden.
 - C. The child enjoys dartboard games.
 - D. The mom enjoys the Cracker Garden.

Drum Major

To be the drum major of a band has always been a dream of mine. When I entered the tenth grade, my dream came true. I was named the drum major of the Middleton High School Band. I went to many camps to help prepare for that position. However, there was more to being a drum major than what I was taught. Being drum major was not just a job where I led the band onto the field, conducted the halftime show, and then led the band off the field. When I became the drum major, it was an opportunity to show my love for music. I not only led the band and conducted the halftime show, I challenged the band to feel the music in their hearts.

2. The writer suggests that:
 - A. He or she can make everyone in the band love music.
 - B. There is more to being a drum major than having technical ability.
 - C. The only part of being a drum major is conducting the halftime show.
 - D. He or she is underqualified to be drum major.

As you read the passage, pay attention to the clues that let you know the order in which events happened. Circle the letter beside the correct answer.

The Berlin Wall

For 28 years the Berlin Wall divided the city of Berlin and its people into two cities: East Berlin and West Berlin. Hundreds of people died trying to escape across the Wall to West Berlin. Guards with searchlights and machine guns were stationed along the Wall in its 300 towers. Some people who tried to escape hid under cars or in coffins, while others swam canals or scaled the Wall with grappling hooks. With the reunification of Germany in 1990, the Wall was destroyed. Today, only one section remains as a memorial to its history and the people who died in their attempts to escape.

1. From the paragraph, one can tell that:
- A. Berlin was a bustling, commercial city.
 - B. The guards in the towers were lenient and sympathetic.
 - C. West Berlin welcomed East Berlin when the wall was destroyed.
 - D. Escape would have been difficult and dangerous.

Coral Reefs

Coral reefs are limestone structures containing the shells of animals. Reefs are found in the warmer parts of the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. The organisms that build reefs need sunlight to make their hard limestone skeletons, and the organisms cannot survive in waters colder than 18°C. There are three types of coral reefs: fringing, atoll, and barrier. Fringing reefs are coral reefs that touch the shoreline of a volcanic island. Atoll reefs are coral islands consisting of a reef surrounding a lagoon. Barrier reefs are coral reefs that are separated from the shore by an area of shallow water called a lagoon. The largest barrier reef on earth is the Great Barrier Reef of Australia. It is about 2,300 kilometers long and ranges from 40 to 320 kilometers wide. The Great Barrier Reef is rich in many kinds of animal and plant life.

2. One can tell that:
- A. Reefs are formed and found in relatively shallow waters.
 - B. Some reefs might be found in the North Atlantic Ocean.
 - C. Organisms that build reefs can be found in deep waters.
 - D. Coral reefs are the remains of plant life.

Total Problems:

Total Correct:

Score:

Read each passage and circle the letter beside the correct answer.

Plant Growth Experiment

Your teacher has given you the following instructions for an experiment on the growth of plants:

Gather information. Buy two identical plants and potting soil. Using the soil, pot the plants in two different containers. Place one of the plants in the sun and the other plant in a shaded area. After a few days, record the growth of the plants. Conduct this experiment for two weeks, recording your results about every two to three days. At the end of two weeks, you should notice a difference in the two plants.

1. The inference is:
 - A. Place one of the plants in the shade and the other plant in the sun.
 - B. Buy two identical plants and potting soil.
 - C. The plant in the shade will not grow as well as the plant in the sun.
 - D. Use the same potting soil for both plants.

Plane Ride

Although the plane was very small, it could seat four passengers. Darren was excited to be able to take his friend Billy up in his dad's plane. Billy was even more excited. He had never been in an airplane before. Darren had flown many times with his dad. After he introduced Billy to his dad, they took off into the wild blue yonder. From the air, they saw their town, their houses, and their school. As they flew over Darren's house, his dad tipped one of the plane's wings, and Billy saw a woman in the yard waving up at the plane.

2. The inference is:
 - A. Tipping a wing is a way of greeting someone on the ground.
 - B. The pilot almost lost control of the plane.
 - C. Darren's dad was not a good pilot.
 - D. Billy was afraid when the plane tilted.