

TSIA2 English Language Arts and Reading Answers

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1. Which of the following is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 13 (reproduced below)?

But hunters capable of successfully hunting either aggressive animal should prefer buffalo; since one reaps more food from a larger animal.

- (A) (as it is now)
 - (B) buffalo: since
 - (C) buffalo,
 - (D) buffalo since
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2. Which of the following is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 6 (reproduced below)?

Some researchers have cited this evidence as it made an argument that MSA hunters were less skilled than LSA hunters.

- (A) (as it is now)
 - (B) evidence and were making
 - (C) evidence, having made
 - (D) evidence to make
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3. Our offices are located in an old building on the outskirts of campus that was formerly, a tavern.

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

- (A) formerly
 - (B) formally
 - (C) formidably
 - (D) formality
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4. The author of Passage 1 would probably say that the claims in the last sentence of Passage 2 ("Someday... notice") are

Read the passage below and then choose the best answer to each question. Answer the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage

Passage 1

It seems humorous now, but when the telephone made its debut, Western Union executives described it as having "too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication." Someday we might be chuckling over similar claims about social networking sites like Facebook. Some people have declared that communicating through computer screens is a weak substitute for in-person interactions. But many others counter that social media encourage more frequent contact with others and thus enrich our real-life relationships. For these people, social networking sites are an invaluable method of communicating with friends, colleagues, and even family members.

Passage 2

A poll conducted in the United States revealed that nearly half of all citizens believe that social networking is a fad that will quickly pass out of favor. I agree with those people. Social media sites can be fun, but they aren't really important. Just as grabbing a candy bar isn't as nutritionally sound as sitting down for a full meal, having a "conversation" via a social media site is not as fulfilling as socializing with a friend face-to-face. As people come to this realization, they will step away from their computers and make plans to see their friends in person.

- (A) disappointing and inaccurate
- (B) stimulating and insightful
- (C) optimistic but vague
- (D) alarming but truthful

5. Although she had not grown up playing soccer, Jeanette was such an outstanding athlete, she scored more goals than any other member of the soccer team.

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

- (A) athlete, she
- (B) athlete, she had
- (C) athlete that
- (D) athlete that she

6. What assumption does the author of the passage make?

Read the passage(s) below and answer the question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage(s) and in any introductory material that may be provided.

Passage

During the process of photosynthesis, algae produce a small amount of hydrogen gas. Recently, microbiologists funded by the Department of Energy figured out how to create mutant versions of algae that generate much more hydrogen. You are probably wondering why the Department of Energy is funding this research. The answer is that the hydrogen produced by algae could one day be used to provide energy to entire cities.

- (A) Gases produced by algae will be cheaper to produce than other gases.
- (B) The Department of Energy is already using hydrogen-producing algae as a source of energy
- (C) Mutant versions of algae will not be capable of the process of photosynthesis
- (D) Readers do not associate the Department of Energy with algae research.

7. Why does the author mention that only men signed the Mayflower Compact?

These statements are from Essentials of Americanization, a book by sociology professor Emory S. Bogardus.

The Americanization movement had its primary, or immediate, origin in 1914 when... a renaissance of nationalism occurred throughout the civilized world.

Americanization begins with an examination of American traits and ends with... an assimilation movement... We may consider the Mayflower Compact as the initial statement of Americanism... and Theodore Roosevelt's and Woodrow Wilson's recent addresses as modern revisions....

Our national purpose must be clearly stated, taught to our people, and accepted throughout the land.... It will be necessary continually to shun... autocracy, imperialism, ambition for world domination, [and] injustice in dealing with weak nations, classes, or persons.

[The United States] must transform her imperfect democracy, not into another strong nation-state... but into a perfected democracy dedicated to the task of pushing forward the principles of democracy throughout the world.

- (A) To show the similarities between the Compact and the Constitution
- (B) To suggest that the Compact was not a perfect model of government
- (C) To indicate that men were better lawmakers than women
- (D) To imply that only men were on board the Mayflower

8. In context, which is the best version of the underlined portion of sentence 2 (reproduced below)? I first recognize that I am a very stubborn person when I was in grade school and wanted to be able to juggle like my big brother.

- (A) (As it is now)
- (B) In fact, I first recognize that I am a very stubborn person
- (C) I first recognized this trait in myself
- (D) The first time I recognize is

9. According to scientists, the seven separate continents of the world in the far distant past, one vast land mass

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

- (A) the world, in the far distant past
 - (B) the world, being in the far distant past
 - (C) the world were, in the far distant past
 - (D) the world was, in the far distant past
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10. The term "heliotropic" (sentence 5) most probably means

The remarkable heliotropism of sunflowers makes these flowers worthy of their name. At sunrise, most sunflowers in the bud stage face east. Over the course of the day, as the Sun crosses the sky from east to west, the flowers turn accordingly. This motion is performed by a flexible segment of the stem called the pulvinus. As the bud stage ends, the stem hardens and sunflowers cease to be heliotropic

- (A) having a flexible pulvinus
- (B) flowering in the bud stage
- (C) having brightly-colored flowers
- (D) turning toward the Sun