

Reading TEAS 7 Practice Test

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1. Which of the following conclusions can be taken from the passage?

Peanut Butter Cookie: Grandma Harry; 30 minutes; Cookies/Desserts; Makes 1 dozen: 1 egg white 3/4 cup sugar 1 cup peanut butter 1 teaspoon vanilla 1/2 cup flour Beat egg white until foamy. Stir in sugar, beat again until stiff peaks form. Gently fold in peanut butter and vanilla. Add flour in small increments until dough forms. Chill dough for at least 2 hours. Roll into balls, roll in sugar, press down with a fork, and bake at 350 F for 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on cookie sheet. These are very fragile.

- (A) The cookies made with this recipe are especially good for midnight snacks.
- (B) The cookies made with this recipe may have been handed down in a family.
- (C) The cookies made with this recipe would be good to send to college students
- (D) The cookies made from this recipe would be good to serve at a large party.

2. What can be inferred about the writer from the evidence provided in the passage?

For thousands of years, several characteristics have been consistent across human societies around the world. Animal husbandry, agriculture, and artistic expression are some of the similarities all societies share. Another similarity is the mustache. So now I mustache a question: why have mustaches had such a notable presence in human history? Humans have been shaving for as long as there has been facial hair to shave. However, it is in the past several centuries that mustaches have undergone a more creative transformation. Now, there are many different types of mustaches. The Handlebar, Pencil, and Walrus are only a few of the many types known today. With just a sharpened razor and some mustache wax, the creativity of people and their mustaches can be endless. Though the popularity of the mustache in different cultures varies over time, it has certainly influenced other creations. In the 1800s and early 1900s, mustaches were so popular that a new style of drinking cup, the mustache cup, was created. The mustache cup had a built-in covering over the top so mustaches would not be touched by the beverage. A more recent example of the mark of mustaches can be seen by the first World Mustache Tournament in 2013. The mustache truly is part of the human experience. Due to its place in the human experience, the mustache is a symbol with varied significance: power, prestige, beauty. When one thinks of mustaches, one may think of a villain from silent films, twisting the ends of his mustache. One may also think of a respected leader with a mustache of prominence. Perhaps one may think of people with famous mustaches: Tom Selleck, Burt Reynolds, and Charlie Chaplin, to name a few. No matter what one pictures when thinking of mustaches, it is clear that the mustache has a substantial effect on human perception.

- (A) No competitions exist for the best mustache.
- (B) The writer enjoys having a beard.
- (C) Mustaches are not as easily styled as beards.
- (D) The writer is a professional barber.

3. Which of the following time frames represents a gap in the sequence described in the passage?

Alice was not scared. Not at all. Maybe a little bit. But she was determined to confront the ghost in her house. Alice lived in a farmhouse built in 1921. All of the floors and doors were original; the doors even had skeleton key locks. But by far the most terrifying part of the house was the basement. She kept that door locked and ignored the thumps, crashes, and cries that came from below the house. What made Alice determined to confront the ghost today was the especially loud crashes the previous night. She'd gotten no sleep, convinced the ghost was going to break through the door and do something horrible. What, she wasn't sure, but the ghost would do something.

Alice hadn't seen the ghost, but what else could be making loud noises in an old house? The one time she had been down in the basement was after buying the house unseen. Once she saw the shelves with old glass jars, she was a little put off. But what made her keep the door shut and locked was the abrupt end of the concrete floor halfway across the room. Because nothing good ever happened in a basement with a dirt floor. Alice had seen enough horror movies to know that.

Alice stared at the basement door, trying to gather enough confidence to open it and march down the stairs like she owned the place. Because she did-or she would, once she finished paying her mortgage in 30 years. Alice took a deep breath and yanked the door open. She marched down the stairs, only to stop abruptly at the bottom. Because she was face to face with not a ghost at all. It was a calico cat, one who looked utterly unimpressed by her brave journey into the basement.

- (A) From when she opened the basement door until she saw the calico cat looking unimpressed
 - (B) From when she bought the house unseen until she saw the jars in the basement
 - (C) From when she was looking at the basement door to when she entered it
 - (D) From the night when she heard the loudest noises to when she couldn't sleep
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4. Based on the passage, which of the following words describes Tommy?

Tommy pulled off his boots, carefully using the brush he kept on the porch to clean the mud off of them. When he came inside, he followed his daily ritual of climbing the stairs to the laundry room and carefully removing his coveralls. As he did every day, he changed into the clean white T- shirt and lounge pants that he'd left sitting next to the washing machine.

- (A) Considerate
 - (B) Slow
 - (C) Idle
 - (D) Meticulous
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5. What of the following explains the effect that word choice has on the meaning of the passage?

An Ode to Naps

*The rain is tapping footsteps on the roof
It sounds a lovely dance inside my head
This peaceful aura only serves as proof
That I should dodge my work to lie in bed*

*The pillows pull me in with their behest
A trap that I do not want to escape
The blankets form a most enticing nest
They wrap me in a shroud that won't undrape*

*I'm tempted further by my furry friends
They've taken o'er the mattress in a pile
Oh, how I want to nestle in with them!
But first, I know that I must work awhile*

*I promise, bed, I will be back for you
I'll surely nap before the day is through*

- (A) The author selects negative words like "trap" and "escape" to demonstrate that sleeping is a challenge
- (B) The author selects threatening words like "tempted" and "undrape" to inform on the dangers present.
- (C) The author selects contrasting words like "peaceful" and "dodge" to compare two unlike activities
- (D) The author selects rhyming words like "pile" and "awhile" to create a lyrical moment in an informative writing

6. Which of the following statements from the passage offers evidence that female cicadas do not have tymbals attached to their abdomen?

What is all this talk of cicadas lately in the United States? You may be wondering why the media has featured it, but in fact, the discussion about Cicadas has emerged about as predictably as the Cicadas themselves from their underground refuge. Let's get oriented with some background on Cicadas. What is a Cicada? A typical definition will at least tell you that a cicada is a large, loud insect with transparent wings, mostly found in warm countries. A more detailed response might also inform you that cicadas have short antennae and wide-set eyes that jut out, with delicate, translucent wings- and not only is the cicada loud, but few creatures make a louder sound. In fact, it is male cicadas that are the noisy ones, to the tune of 80 to 100 decibels, which is like the roar of a loud engine. This is because male cicadas make a strident high buzzing by vibrating two membranes on its abdomen called tymbals, effectively turning its body into a kind of echo chamber or drum. Female cicadas cannot replicate the buzzing, though they respond with a clicking sound when they are ready to mate. Although there are several species of cicada, mating typically takes place in trees whereafter the female deposits the eggs into the bark. When the eggs hatch, the larval cicadas, called nymphs, drop to the ground and burrow. They then live as nymphs for the most of their lives over 6 feet underground, with both male and female cicadas dying within weeks of their emergence from the soil. This is particularly true for north American cicadas, especially the Magicicada, or periodical cicadas, which regularly emerge in intervals of 13 or 17 years, depending on the species and the location. This is why talk of cicadas in the media is as predictable as their emergence in the U.S.

- (A) "The female deposits the eggs into the bark."
- (B) "Female cicadas cannot replicate the buzzing..."
- (C) "The cicada is a large, loud insect..."
- (D) "The male cicada makes a strident, high buzzing by vibrating two membranes on its abdomen called tymbals..."

7. Which of the following best describes the purpose of the passage?

BUTTERBEAN FOR MAYOR

Butterbean wants to be YOUR new mayor. Is there an election coming? No. Can dogs even be mayors? Unclear. But consider what Butterbean has to offer:

• **FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE**

Big dogs. Small dogs. In-between dogs. All the people. If you go for walks, you've met Butterbean and she loves you.

• **JUST A REGULAR DOG**

Butterbean is a regular dog for regular folks. She's not a fancy breed, just a dog. Sure, maybe she eats more socks than her vet recommends, but nobody's perfect.

• **HATES RATS**

You hate rats. Butterbean hates rats, too. She will not rest until they have all been chased from our streets. By her, personally.

Can Butterbean count on YOUR vote? Or at least a treat?

- (A) To argue that dogs can hold political office
- (B) To inform the audience about the benefits of owning a rescue dog
- (C) To entertain people with the idea that a dog could hold political office
- (D) To instruct the audience on how to vote for Butterbean at the polls

8. According to the passage, which of the following events happens last?

Dear Aunt Suzanne,

I have a few minutes before I get on the bus to Galway back to Dublin and wanted to tell you how my trip to Ireland is going. We just spent two days in Inis Mor, the largest of the Aran Islands, which are just off the central west coast of Ireland. We took a ferry from Galway, a ride that takes about an hour and was quite gray and stormy.

For an island that is only about 12 square miles, there is a lot to do and see on Inis Mor! After eating stew and vegetable soup and brown bread with butter, we went to the seater market, where all kinds of woolen products are sold. The Aran Islands are known for their wool because sheep thrive here and generations have used woolen sweaters and hats to survive long cold days of fishing on the open sea. In fact, I learnt that each family or clan has its own signature knitting pattern and some are able to tell which family someone belongs to by the pattern of their sweater! The Healy pattern is an interesting combination of twists and braids, and I found you a birthday souvenir with a beautiful example.

The next day, we rented bicycles and toured the island. We saw ancient ruins, a prehistoric hill fort, and a white sand beach. We also climbed down to a mysterious rock formation known as "The Worm Hole," a rectangular hole in a stone shore that fills with thrashing waves and looks like it houses a terrible serpent (see attached photo). The Worm Hole was difficult to find, and when we stopped someone for directions, she only spoke Gaelic. Sometimes this island seems stuck in an earlier time.

I'm excited to see you when I get home. I have lots more pictures to share!

- (A) Eva eats stew and vegetable soup.
- (B) Eva takes a ferry from Galway.
- (C) Eva purchases a patterned sweater.
- (D) Eva takes a bus to Dublin.

9. Copy the letter string above on a piece of paper. Cross out the second and last letters. Replace all vowels with the letter C. Insert an O before the second C. Cross out the first and third letters. Double the second letter. Which of the following letter sequences remains on the page?

- (A) SFFMOC
- (B) CFFMMC
- (C) SSFMOI
- (D) FSCFMS

10. What is a counterclaim to the argument presented in the passage?

Beard Superiority

Unlike most others who follow along with popular trends, I am able to truly see that the beard is superior to the mustache. First, you have so much more hair and space to work with when styling a beard than you do with a mustache. You can trim and cut a beard into so many styles: the Muttonchop, the Goatee, the Stubble, the Chin Strap. You can even add things to your beard: braids, beads, glitter, and color-the possibilities of what you can add to a beard are endless! There are even professional competitions that surround the stylish nature of beards.

- (A) Dyeing a beard pink is a common trend.
- (B) Growing a beard offers a limited range of styles compared to a mustache.
- (C) The beard is a passing trend that will eventually fade out.
- (D) Beards may pose risks in certain professional occupations.