Praxis 5155

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1. Which of the following statements summarizes the literal meaning of the passage?

> *You must vote for Torrance Knight for mayor! Five of the previous town mayors and four major labor unions have already endorsed him. Additionally, a poll of town residents shows that the majority will vote for Knight. Don't you want to join them? Vote for Torrance Knight for town mayor.*

(A) A girl becomes concerned while she waits for her father in the garden at the end of the day.
(B) After hurting herself on a thorn, a girl realizes that she may have caused something bad to happen.
(C) A girl cuts a rose that has hurt her in order to prevent it from causing further harm to those she loves.
(D) After waiting impatiently for her father, a girl recognizes signs that something sinister is about to happen.

2. The purpose of sentence 5 is to

> *Inspired by her success, (Dorothea) Dix visited prisons in other states as well. After she prepared reports demanding justice for the mentally ill, those states also created special mental hospitals. Dix continued campaigning for reform for the rest of her life. By the time she died in 1887, state governments no longer put debtors in prison. Most had created special justice systems for children in trouble. . . . Dix had shown that with enough courage and dedication, reformers- including women- could lead society to make significant changes. - from History Alive! The United States through Industrialism*

(A) present an alternative interpretation of the phenomenon described in sentence 3
(B) demonstrate an exception to the claim made in sentence 2
(C) introduce a metaphor that is explained in sentence 6
(D) provide a second example of the general rule described in sentence 2

3. Which of the following inferences is most clearly supported by the information in the passage?

> *Then he began to go forward; but Discretion, Piety, Charity, and Prudence, would accompany him down to the foot of the Hill [called Difficulty]. So they went on together, reiterating their former discourses, till they came to go down the Hill. Then said Christian, As it was difficult coming up, so (so far as I can see) it is dangerous going down. Yes, said Prudence, so it is, for it is a hard matter for a man to go down into the Valley of Humiliation, as thou art now, and to catch no slip by the way; therefore, said they, are we come out to accompany thee down the Hill. So he began to go down, but very warily; yet he caught a slip or two.*

(A) The late king's brother had always envied the late king.

(B) The late king had been a handsome and admirable person.

(C) The queen immediately regretted her marriage to her deceased husband's brother.

(D) The queen had always been fond of her late husband's brother.

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4. The passage suggests that which of the following best describes Jane?

> *Suddenly neither kid could see the other, because a broom came down like a straw curtain between their faces, and a voice said, 'I'll take it.' - Jerry Spinelli, from *Maniac Magee**

(A) She holds people to high standards and usually finds them wanting.

(B) She believes physical appearance to be the best indicator of a person's character.

(C) She judges her friends differently from the way she judges other people.

(D) She gives people the benefit of the doubt and assumes that their motives are good.

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5. Descriptive writing is most effectively used for which of the following purposes?

(A) Convincing others that a local law should be changed

(B) Sharing the experience of seeing a unique landscape

(C) Explaining the steps for changing a flat tire

(D) Providing a history of how dogs became domesticated

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6. The real estate ad primarily utilizes which of the following literary devices?

> *Summertime in Brooklyn means doing whatever you can to stay cool. Cool as in not becoming a melted version of yourself in the heat. Also, cool, as in not sitting inside doing nothing, which means being outdoors, socializing in the midst of the buzz of the sun, that which serves as a heat lamp looming over the land of lizards- tough-skinned chameleon kids who blend into the browns and reds of the row homes and the jagged grit of the concrete. Kids who, in an effort to be cool and stay cool, can only hang out at one place- the swimming pool. - Jason Reynolds, from 'The Ingredients'*

(A) Parallelism

(B) Allegory

(C) Euphemism

(D) Anaphora

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7. A student is interested in the relative frequency of the use of digital and print texts in school classrooms. In which of the following resources is the student most likely to find information about how texts are accessed in the classroom?

> *The art of **forensics** is critical for students who are looking for all types of future careers. So, what is **forensics?** The science of public speaking of course! Students need to step into the spotlight, and students should overcome fears of being in front of an audience. How can someone overcome fear? Practicing public speaking is the first step to becoming a professional. Many people feel overwhelmed and intimidated by public speaking no matter how hard they practice. Take every opportunity to stand in front of your peers and practice your speaking skills. Sometimes a teacher will ask you to, but volunteering is important, too. What makes a speech engaging? Understanding rhetoric is the next step. Rhetoric will help you design a speech for your audience. Using metaphors and repetition can enrich your speech. Finally, gestures are almost equal to words in a speech. An audience pays particular attention to a speaker's body language. For these reasons, speaking can make or break an interview or job.*

(A) A diagram of the brain showing where a student registers digital text versus printed text

(B) A bar graph showing digital and printed text usage in several regions

(C) A pie chart showing different digital and printed text types by student preference

(D) A list of the negative effects of digital screen time on students

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8. The student should focus on which of the following when editing?

> *The first true coinage, the ancient Greek historian Herodotus tells us, which was a Lydian invention , dating back to the seventh century B.C.E.*

(A) Formatting in-text citations

(B) Eliminating unnecessary shifts in verb tense

(C) Avoiding sentence fragments

(D) Using commas after introductory elements

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9. Which of the following corrects an error in the excerpt?

(A) Changing the exclamation point to a period in sentence 1

(B) Adding a comma after 'day' in sentence 3

(C) Changing the comma to a period in sentence 4

(D) Adding an apostrophe after the 't' in 'its' in sentence 5

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10. The probable intended audience for the passage is

> *The art of **forensics** is critical for students who are looking for all types of future careers. So, what is **forensics?** The science of public speaking of course! Students need to step into the spotlight, and students should overcome fears of being in front of an audience. How can someone overcome fear? Practicing public speaking is the first step to becoming a professional. Many people feel overwhelmed and intimidated by public speaking no matter how hard they practice. Take every opportunity to stand in front of your peers and practice your speaking skills. Sometimes a teacher will ask you to, but volunteering is important, too. What makes a speech engaging? Understanding rhetoric is the next step. Rhetoric will help you design a speech for your audience. Using metaphors and repetition can enrich your speech. Finally, gestures are almost equal to words in a speech. An audience pays particular attention to a speaker's body language. For these reasons, speaking can make or break an interview or job.*

(A) the young readers referred to in the first sentence

(B) buyers for large bookstore chains

(C) readers looking for books about animal heroes

(D) librarians and others who help children select books