Praxis 5156 Test

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1. The author of the passage uses which of the following propaganda techniques?

> *The lime-green of spring came one night and touched the river trees. Dark buds appeared on branches, and it seemed that the same sleeping sap that fed them began to churn through my brothers. I sensed their restlessness, and I began to understand why the blood of spring is called the bad blood. It was not because it brought growth, that was good, but because it raised from dark interiors the restless, wild urges that lay sleeping all winter. It revealed hidden desires to the light of the new warm sun. - Rudolfo Anaya, *Bless Me, Ultimo* AND April is the cruellest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing Memory and desire, stirring Dull roots with spring rain. Winter kept us warm, covering Earth in forgetful snow, feeding A little life with dried tubers. - T. S. Eliot, *The Waste Land**

(A) Bandwagon
(B) Glittering generalities
(C) Faulty cause and effect
(D) Testimonial

2. The passage is primarily concerned with which of the following?

> *(1) The first domestication of the horse, one of the greatest achievements of man in the animal kingdom, was not the work of a day; but like all other great accomplishments, was brought about by a gradual process of discoveries and experiments. . . . (2) Man, in all his inventions and discoveries, has almost invariably commenced with some simple principle, and gradually developed it from one degree of perfection to another. (3) The first hint that we have of the use of electricity was Franklin's drawing it from the clouds with his kite. (4) Now it is the instrument of conveying thought from mind to mind, with a rapidity that surpasses time. (5) The great propelling power that drives the wheel of the engine over our land, and ploughs the ocean with our steamers, was first discovered escaping from a tea-kettle. (6) And so the powers of the horse, second only to the powers of steam, became known to man only as experiments, and investigation revealed them. - P. R. Kincaid, from *The Problem Art of Taming and Training Wild & Victors Horses*.*

(A) Providing a history of attempts to refine the juvenile justice system
(B) Describing the campaign to alter prison sentences for those in debt
(C) Providing an overview of the social changes affected by one individual
(D) Describing the contribution of one individual to improving care of the mentally ill

3. The excerpt is best classified as what kind of narrative?

> *Never in human history has it been easier to purchase stuff: Trips; Gadgets. Food. If you live in a major city, you can find out a product exists and then have it delivered to your door hours later. We're awash in a flood of hyperkinetic consumerism; a deafening buzz urges us everywhere to buy, buy, buy. - Jesse Singal, from 'How to Buy Happiness'*

(A) Epic
(B) Allegory
(C) Parody
(D) Memoir

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4. Which of the following types of figurative language is used in the sentence?

(A) Euphemism
(B) Simile
(C) Personification
(D) Hyperbole

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5. A paragraph meant to detail a process will most likely use transitions that

> *Katie, the oldest sister in a family of five, is the protagonist in the story. She is often seen doting upon her siblings. However, her considerate nature extends into the classroom as she helps her peers and even her teacher. Moreover, her empathy can be identified throughout the story in a variety of ways at home, on the softball field, and in her scouting troop. Katie is an admirable character due to her caring, considerate, and empathetic nature.*

(A) indicate sequential order
(B) reinforce main ideas
(C) introduce evidence or examples
(D) point out alternatives

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6. Which of the following is most likely the purpose of the excerpt?

> *Read the following excerpt from George Washington's farewell address. They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force; to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation the will of a party, often a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community; and, according to the alternate triumphs of different parties, to make the public administration the mirror of the ill-concerted and incongruous projects of faction, rather than the organ of consistent and wholesome plans digested by common counsels and modified by mutual interests.*

(A) To explain the main problem of the story
(B) To describe the main characters of the story
(C) To establish the setting of the story
(D) To establish the theme of the story

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7. The effect of using the word 'forensics' in the essay is that it

> *The congresswoman sees it necessary to debate the merits of particular laws, even when she knows beforehand that the president will veto those laws; thus, Congress has no real chance of ever enacting those laws.*

(A) demonstrates that delivering a speech is a creative process
(B) indicates a target audience of advanced students
(C) conveys a depth of knowledge about public speaking
(D) communicates that public speaking is a discipline unto itself

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8. Which of the following rewrites of the underlined portion yields a correct sentence?

(A) a Lydian invention
(B) was a Lydian invention
(C) being a Lydian invention
(D) invented by the Lydians

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9. Place the following steps of the writing process in order from first to last.

> *From the stories that center on the proper training of dogs and horses, young readers gain a background for the training of their own pets. There is, of course, a great deal of overlap between such stories and informational books. Much of the fiction gives accurate information, and many informational books about animals have a narrative framework; indeed, it is at times difficult to decide in which class a book belongs.*

(A) Revising/Editing
(B) Brainstorming
(C) Outlining/Planning
(D) Drafting

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10. Which of the following best explains why the highlighted sentence is ineffective as a supporting detail?

(A) The sentence uses limited vocabulary and vague language.

(B) The claim made in the sentence detracts from the main argument.

(C) The information presented in the sentence is not accurate.

(D) The sentence lacks specific evidence to support the claim.