Reading Explorer Foundations, Third Edition
Extra Comprehension Questions

Reading 4A: *I've Found the Titanic!*

Choose the best answer for each question.

GIST

1. In this reading, the author describes _____ trips that Ballard made to the *Titanic*.
   a. two
   b. three
   c. four

COHESION

2. In which position—[1], [2], or [3]—should this sentence be added to this section of paragraph B?

   It was lying on the ocean floor some 640 kilometers southeast of Newfoundland, Canada.

   On August 31, 1985, Ballard's dream came true. **[1]** He found the wreck of the *Titanic*. **[2]** The ship was in two main parts, lying four kilometers under the sea. Using video cameras and an undersea robot, Ballard looked around the ship. **[3]**

   a. [1]
   b. [2]
   c. [3]

INFERENCE

3. The author implies that between 1986 and 2004, _____.
   a. other explorers visited the *Titanic*
   b. Ballard kept the location of the *Titanic* secret
   c. Ballard was unable to relocate the Titanic

DETAIL

4. The author does NOT say that Ballard would like to _____ the *Titanic*.
   a. install lights and cameras around the *Titanic*
   b. prevent anyone else from visiting
   c. stop people from taking more items from

VOCABULARY

5. A synonym for the word *remember* in paragraph E, line 4 is _____.
   a. discover
   b. decide
   c. recall

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Reading 4B: *My Descent to the Titanic*

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DETAIL

1. The author says that the two robots were both _____.
   a. the same color
   b. stuck in the ship
   c. powered by batteries

DETAIL

2. What problem did the expedition team face when they needed to rescue the robot?
   a. The battery might explode if they touched it.
   b. They did not have the proper equipment.
   c. It was too dark to see the robot clearly.

VOCABULARY

3. A *crane* can also be used to _____.
   a. construct tall buildings
   b. provide fuel for submarines
   c. power large ships

DETAIL

4. The lights on the submarine went out _____.
   a. when it was lowered into the water
   b. about two-thirds of the way to the bottom
   c. as they reached the wreckage

DETAIL

5. The crew of the submarine did NOT see _____.
   a. the passengers' luggage
   b. the bodies of the passengers
   c. pieces of the ship

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