

Reading Comprehension Exercise:

Answer:

6. Bubble RUN Feb 19, 2020



Hello everyone,

The Bubble Run has been a big part of summer since 2013. However, the Bubble Run will not be held this year because of COVID-19(). It's dangerous to hold such a big event right now. We are sorry about this, and we will miss you all. Please stay safe.

See you in 2021!

Chris

What?! No this can't be true! I have taken part in this fun run for the last seven years. I love playing in the red, green, blue and yellow bubbles. My friends and I always have a good time at this race. I m so sad now.

Tina

This is terrible news()! The Bubble Run last year was my first one, and I really enjoyed it. I don't usually like sports, but a fun run doesn't feel like exercise(). Dancing in the rainbow bubbles was really fun. I took so many beautiful pictures. I can't wait to do it again in 2021!

David

Great! I HATE the Bubble Run. The loud music and noisy people are a nightmare for my neighbors and me. The wind blows the bubbles all over, and I always get them in my garden. The soap from the bubbles kills my flowers and turns my grass brown. I'm very

happy because it won't happen this year!

() (1) What does the website want to tell people?

- (A) Everyone enjoys the Bubble Run.
- (B) COVID-19 is a serious problem now.
- (C) The Bubble Run will not be held in 2020.
- (D) The Bubble Run makes some people angry.

() (2) What is true about the reading?

- (A) Everyone loves to blow bubbles.
- (B) One person has been to all the Bubble Runs so far.
- (C) All three people have been in a Bubble Run before.
- (D) All three people wrote about good Bubble Run experiences.

() (3) Which message may David send to his friend, Leila, after he read her message?

Leila

Hi, David. Did you see this?

<https://bubblerun.com/>

The Bubble Run has been a big part of summer since 2013.

However, the Bubble Run will not be held this year because of COVID-19 .

- (A) Oh no. I hate COVID-19.
- (B) It's okay. We can have our own Bubble Run.
- (C) Yes, I did. That's good news for me and my flowers.
- (D) So sad. I planned to take part in this event this year.

17. Dear Dad,

We haven't talked to each other for ten years. I have become a police officer as you wish. I like my job. Although something dangerous may happen, I haven't got hurt so far. I don't want you to worry about me, so I will try not to get hurt in the future as well.

I met a girl and married her about two years ago. She is beautiful and energetic . She is a police officer, too. We have had a son named Bryan. He is the cutest boy in the world. I won't ask him to be a police officer like you did. He should have his own choice.

Anyway, I write this down because I have dreamed of you many times. Hopefully this will help me to miss you less.

() (1) Why does the writer write this letter?

- (A) Because he doesn't want to dream of his dad again.
- (B) Because he misses his dad very much.
- (C) Because he wants to talk to his dad.
- (D) Because he wants to let his dad know him more.

() (2) Which one is true about the writer?

- (A) The writer has a wife.

- (B) The writer doesn't worry about getting hurt.
 - (C) The writer wants his son to be a police officer.
 - (D) The writer hasn't slept for days.
- () (3) Which one is likely to be true about this article?
- (A) The writer doesn't miss his dad.
 - (B) The writer's dad may have died.
 - (C) The girl has always dreamed to be a police officer.
 - (D) The writer's son wants to be a police officer in the future.



18.

It is believed that potato chips () were born out of an unhappy experience between a rich man and a cook in a restaurant.

In the summer of 1853, a rich man named Vanderbilt visited a restaurant in Saratoga, New York. He ordered some French fries. When his meal arrived, he thought the French fries were too thick. So, he kept sending them back to the kitchen. This made Crum, the cook, unhappy. Crum then cut the thinnest possible slices of potato and fried them in hot oil. Surprisingly, Vanderbilt was happy with the new dish. The new dish later became known as potato chips.

The story is just as popular as the potato chip itself. However, some historians () believe that the story is wrong. Vanderbilt was not in the U.S. at that time. He was in Europe () with his family that summer. What's more, fried potatoes were not new to Saratoga in the summer of 1853. In 1849, a local () newspaper reported that Eliza, a cook, was famous for frying potatoes.

No one really knows the true story about the origin () of potato chips, but they are one of the most popular snacks in the world today.

- () (1) What is the reading for?
- (A) To tell readers how potato chips were made.
 - (B) To tell readers who should not eat potato chips.

- (C) To tell readers that potato chips are popular around the world.
(D) To tell readers that the popular story about potato chips was not true.

() (2) Below are the writer's messages in the reading.

- a. Some facts to show why the popular story is wrong.
b. The popular story about how potato chips were first made.
c. The origin of potato chips has never been found.

In what order () is the reading written?

- (A) b a c.
(B) b c a.
(C) c a b.
(D) c b a.
- () (3) What can we learn from the reading?
- (A) Vanderbilt never tried potato chips himself.
(B) French fries are more popular than potato chips.
(C) Eliza made the thinnest potato chips in the world.
(D) People like the popular story about how potato chips were first made.

19. **T N C NEWS** **READER'S OPINION**

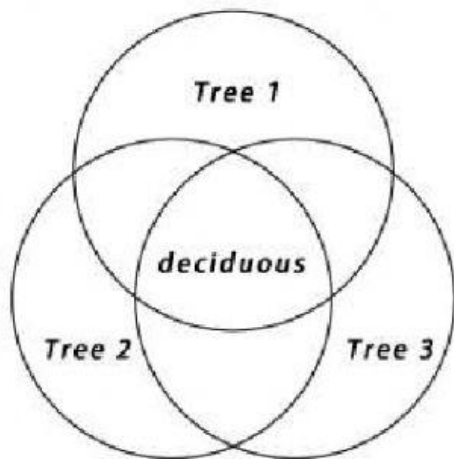
A lot of workers are building a new road to Shiyawase City. I am happy it will be more convenient to go to Shiyawase City from our town although it goes through my orange farm. However, I was told Madagascar almonds will be planted along both sides of the road after it is finished. If it is so, I think the government () should think twice although those trees can make the road cooler.

Madagascar almond is a deciduous tree. It loses all its leaves in winter and brings trouble for people along the road. They spend lots of time sweeping the leaves during its leaf-losing days. That is why many people in other places ask to cut them down.

Devil's tree and camphor tree are evergreen (having leaves all year round) street trees. They both do not lose leaves in fall. But devil's trees are often cut down, too, because their flowers do not smell good. Camphor trees are popular although their flowers are very small and not beautiful. The trees of the famous green tunnel in Jiji, Nantou, are all camphor trees. If we can plant camphor trees, perhaps we can have another green tunnel and make our town be a popular check-in place.

Some people say, Why not plant golden trumpet trees or bead trees? Their flowers are beautiful. Visitors will come to our town during their flower season. That is true, but they also lose their leaves in fall before their flowers bloom (). Besides, it will be dangerous if there are too many people staying along the road to watch flowers.

I sincerely hope the government can think over this problem and make our town more wonderful.



() (1)

Tree 1, Tree 2, and Tree 3 are all deciduous. What are they?

- (A) Bead tree, Madagascar almond, and devil's tree.
- (B) Camphor tree, devil's tree, and golden trumpet tree.
- (C) Camphor tree, Madagascar almond, and devil's tree.
- (D) Bead tree, Madagascar almond, and golden Trumpet tree.

() (2) What is the writer worried about in the reading?

- (A) The government thinks too much about the new road.
- (B) The new road will go through the writer's orange farm.
- (C) Too many people stay by the new road to watch flowers.
- (D) The trees on both sides of the new road will make it cooler.

() (3) There are four its in the first paragraph :

A lot of workers are building a new road to Shiyawase City. I am happy ①it will be more convenient to go to Shiyawase City from our town although ②it goes through my orange farm. However, I was told Madagascar almonds will be planted along both sides of the road after ③it is finished. If ④it is so, I think the government should think twice although those trees can make the road cooler.

Which it means different thing from the other three?

- (A) . (B) . (C) . (D) .

20. When we need some sweets, we often go to a convenience store and get a chocolate

bar. But do you know where chocolate is from? You probably know it is from cocoa beans ; then where are cocoa beans from?

Cocoa beans are mainly planted in tropical countries, and the cocoa bean farmers put much effort to grow, water and harvest the beans. However, once they sell the beans to chocolate manufacturers , they don't get enough money to raise their families. Luckily, an organization , Fairtrade, noticed it and tried to improve the situation . Fairtrade sets a buy-and-sell price system , and cocoa bean farmers can get reasonable money through the system.

Next time when you buy yourself a chocolate bar, remember to buy the one with the Fairtrade logo on it. This way, we can help improve the life of cocoa bean farmers and enjoy our snacks at the same time.

() (1) What does it refer to ?

- (A) That the farmers sell cocoa beans to chocolate manufacturers.
- (B) That the farmers put much effort into on the cocoa bean farm.
- (C) That the farmers sell their cocoa beans for only a little money.
- (D) That there is a buy-and-sell price system.

() (2) How can Fairtrade help the cocoa bean farmers?

- (A) It helps them on the farm.
- (B) It helps them sell more beans to the chocolate manufacturer.
- (C) It helps them sell the beans at a fair price.
- (D) It helps them raise their families.

() (3) What s the main idea of the last paragraph(?

- (A) To tell the readers why we have to help the cocoa bean farmers.
- (B) To tell the readers how to help the cocoa bean farmers.
- (C) To tell the readers to remember to buy some chocolate bars for themselves.
- (D) To tell the readers how a Fairtrade logo looks.