

PASSAGE 1

Read and select the best answer for each question and choose the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) .

To: Dahlia Pawar (dpawar@bronsonco.ca)
From: Anna Bondell (abondell@noaaa.com)
Subject: Information
Date: August 25

Dear Ms. Pawar:

Thank you for your continued membership in the North American Architects Association. I'm writing to remind you that preregistration for the annual conference closes on September 15. -[1]-. This year's conference features more than 100 sessions, an exhibit hall, and special workshops. -[2]-.

Preregistration will save you \$30 off the regular registration fee. -[3]-. At the same time, you'll be able to sign up in advance for a group tour of the city and for the VIP Banquet, which always fills up quickly. Visit our Web site to register online. -[4]-. If you prefer to register by telephone, contact us at 1-249-555-0177. Please have your membership number available.

Looking forward to seeing you in Mexico City!

Sincerely,

Anna Bondell

Membership Coordinator

Question 1 refer to the following article.

1.

In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong? *"You will also find the complete conference program there."*

- A. [1]
- B. [2]
- C. [3]
- D. [4]

PASSAGE 2

Questions 2 - 3 refer to the following article.

Antique Show to Benefit a Good Cause

After being held at the Expo Center last year, this year the Brimfield Antique Show will return to its traditional venue.

[1] The 8th Brimfield Antique Show will take place at Parkway Convention Hall from February 2 to February 7.

[2] This is an annual event held to raise funds for orphans in the town. [3] As usual, individual sellers keep all earnings from private sales, and the entire admission fee will be donated to charity. [4] The event has made headlines after donating thousands of dollars' worth of school supplies to the local orphanage.

Tickets are available from today at www.brimfield8.com

2. What is true about the Brimfield Antique Show?

- A. It will be held at a new location.
- B. It lasts for 5 days.
- C. It is a charity event for children.
- D. It is held every two years.

3. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3] and [4] does the following sentence best belong? *"The amount is substantial because thousands of people buy tickets for this event each year."*

- A. [1]
- B. [2]
- C. [3]
- D. [4]

PASSAGE 3

Questions 3 – 5 refer to the following article.

Swansea Business News

(3 August) A spokesperson for Riester's Food Markets announced yesterday that it will open five new stores over the next two years, starting with one in downtown Swansea this December. [1]. The company, known for its reasonable prices, will next open a Liverpool store in May. [2]. The location of the final store has not yet been determined.

The number of Riester's locations has certainly been growing rapidly throughout the U.K. Shoppers seem pleased with the wide selection of items that include packaged goods, fresh produce, and hot ready-made meals. According to Donald Chapworth, director of marketing, the latter are particularly popular with working parents -[3]-. "Many of these customers in particular have limited time to cook but still want their families to eat wholesome food," says Chapworth.

Last March Riester's hired chef Gabriella Pierangeli, famed for her London restaurant Gabriella's on Second, to craft their signature home-style dishes -[4]-.

3. What is the article about?

- (A) The expansion of a chain of stores
- (B) Families cutting their food budgets
- (C) The relocation of a popular restaurant
- (D) Grocery stores changing their prices

4. What does Mr. Chapworth mention that customers like about Riester's?

- (A) Its friendly customer service
- (B) Its inexpensive pricing
- (C) Its home-delivery service
- (D) Its prepared foods

5. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong? "Two more will open at sites in Manchester and Edinburgh by summer of next year."

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]

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PASSAGE 4

Questions 162-164 refer to the following article.

Home Style Clothing Line Debuts

MANILA (September 18)—Inspired by the handmade crafts of the Philippines, local designer Maritess Bautista has introduced Home Style, a clothing brand that features fabrics woven by area artisans using traditional practices.

Bautista first learned basic weaving techniques from her mother and aunts in her youth and built on that knowledge as she studied at the Manila School of Fashion Design. — [1] —. She then spent the next ten years working as a junior designer for Trendy Today. — [2] —. Finally, she returned to her hometown of San Jacinto to found Home Style.

Home Style's debut collection includes clothing and hair accessories that utilize the weaving techniques and designs that the area is known for. — [3] —. Ms. Bautista purchases all the textiles she uses from local craftspeople.

Currently, Home Style merchandise is available only in select San Jacinto-area stores. — [4] —.

"I want to keep production local," said Ms. Bautista. "That's good for the artisans, and it's authentic. But I don't want the *products* to remain local. I want to bring our designs to the whole country—maybe even the world."

162. Who introduced Ms. Bautista to weaving?

- (A) Her family
- (B) Her teachers
- (C) Senior designers
- (D) Local craftspeople

163. What is indicated about Ms. Bautista?

- (A) She was born in Manila.
- (B) She buys materials from nearby sources.
- (C) She has started many businesses.
- (D) She regularly travels around the world.

164. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"However, Ms. Bautista has broader goals."

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]

PASSAGE 5

Questions 172-175 refer to the following job advertisement.

Finance Director

The Palliz Foundation seeks a finance director to be a member of our senior leadership team. This is a supervisory position reporting directly to the foundation president. — [1] —. The finance director manages the seven-member finance department, including the payroll manager and accounting director. The finance director is responsible for the oversight and maintenance of accounting and purchasing systems. — [2] —. The person in this position monitors internal control procedures and ensures compliance with legal obligations. — [3] —. Additional responsibilities include disbursement, investment, and management of all company funds, development of financial policies and practices, budget preparation, and creation of reports for the board of directors.

Preference will be given to current employees. — [4] —. Interested parties should submit a résumé listing their qualifications to the human resources department at humanresources@pallizfoundation.org no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday, April 23.

172. Who supervises the finance director?

- (A) The foundation president
- (B) The payroll manager
- (C) The accounting director
- (D) The board of directors

173. What information about the position is included in the job advertisement?

- (A) Salary
- (B) Schedule
- (C) Qualifications
- (D) Duties

174. How can candidates apply for the position?

- (A) By visiting a booth at a job fair
- (B) By e-mailing a résumé to the personnel office
- (C) By uploading a résumé to a Web page
- (D) By completing an online application form

175. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"However, highly qualified external candidates are encouraged to apply."

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]