PASSAGE 1

People have been washing clothes in different ways. Some put water and soap powder in a tub, put the clothes in to soak and scrub them on a board to get the dirt off them; some others wet the clothes, soap them with a bar of soap and beat them over a broad, flat stone to loosen the dirt. These days we have the washing machine that makes the task easier.

Once the water, soap and clothes are in the machine, the blades at the bottom of the tub move back and forth, mixing the soapy water with the clothes to get the dirt out. The dirty water drains out and fresh water enters to rinse the clothes clean. Some washing machines have a drier unit too.

It is indeed a great relief to put in dirty clothes and pull out clean ones to be worn again.

Choose the correct answer to complete the statements.

1. The passage is about
   a. different ways of washing clothes.
   b. how a washing machine works.
   c. how washing machines make washing easy.

2. What is one of the two ways of washing clothes by hand?

   a. Wet the clothes, soap them with a bar of soap and beat them over a broad, flat stone to loosen the dirt.

   b. Put the clothes in buckets and then let them dry on their own.

3. How does a washing machine wash the clothes?

   a. The blades at the bottom of the tub move back and forth, mixing the soapy water with the clothes to get the dirt out.

   b. Put the clothes in to soak and scrub them on a board to get the dirt off them

4. The expression *to get the dirt off them* means
   a. to loosen the dirt.
   b. to get the dirt out.
   c. to wash the clothes clean.

5. In the context of the passage, the word *worn* means
   a. dressed in
   b. damaged

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