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Task Reading 3**Directions : Scan the passages and choose the best answer to each question.**

1. Racing over drought-parched terrain and fanned by winds that reached 80 k.p.h., a series of fierce fires ravaged large areas of the French Mediterranean coast and Corsica last week. Thousands of soldiers and fire fighters as well as scores of water trucks and aerial tankers were mobilized as flames destroyed more than a score of homes and blackened more than 23,000 hectares of bush and forest in the Bouches-du Rhone, Var and Alpes-Maritimes regions. A fire fighter was killed when an exploding tire caused his truck to roll over.

1. In addition to the firemen, who else helped fight the fire?
a. sailors b. soldiers c. racers d. tourists
2. What factor increased the strength of the fires?
a. dry windy conditions b. an exploding tire c. lack of equipment d. shortage of water
3. How did one fireman die?
a. when he was saving his friend. b. when flames from the tires burned him.
c. when the winds changed their direction. d. when a tire on his truck blew up.

2. The Nobel Prizes, awarded annually for distinguished work in chemistry, physics, physiology or medicine, literature, and international peace, were made available by a fund bequeathed for that purpose by Swedish philanthropist, Alfred Bernhard Nobel.

1. The Nobel Prizes are awarded.....
a. once a year b. twice a year c. three times a year d. five times a year
2. A Nobel Prize would not be given to.....
a. a doctor who discovered a vaccine. b. an author who wrote a famous book.
c. a diplomat who negotiated a peace settlement. d. a composer who wrote a symphony.

3. A new report estimates that one in five people worldwide is breathing air which outside internationally agreed safety limits for pollution. And in Britain, the government still refuses to set safe levels for some pollutions.

1. What is true according to the information given?

- The British Government needs to launch an anti-air pollution campaign.
- The British Government can reduce air pollution levels by at least 20%.
- One in five people worldwide are living in unavoidably worsening conditions.
- 20% of people worldwide are being slowly poisoned by polluted air.

4. Dynamo is very effective in pre-treating stubborn dirt and most normal household stains.

Just before you wash, take required dosage and pour a little on each problem area, then the rest in the wash. Rub stain gently, wash normally. Test for colorfastness as some colors are fast in normal washing, but may run in pre-treatment.

1. What kind of product do you think Dynamo is ?

- Fabric softener
- Floor polisher
- Laundry detergent
- Household disinfectant

2. What form do you think the produce is in?

- Liquid
- Solid
- Spray
- Wax

3. Which of the following instructions is a precaution?

- Pour a little dosage on each problem.
- Rub stain, gently.
- Test for colorfastness.
- Pour the rest in the wash.

Marcia says that all of her friends have a cell phone, but Marcia's mom doesn't want to buy her one. Marcia's mom doesn't want Marcia to play video games either. What is more, the Internet scares her. Marcia's mom says, "If Marcia has a cell phone, how do we know whom she is talking to? Video games are bad for you. The Internet is dangerous and uncontrolled. It's like having a gun in the house. We should just ban her from using the computer, and I'm not buying her a cell phone until she is eighteen. This is the only way we can be sure that Marcia is safe." Marcia's dad disagrees with Marcia's mom. Although he agrees that there are some dangers to it, he likes the Internet, and finds it to be very useful. "The trouble is," he says, "We just can't stop Marcia from using the Internet, as this would put her at a disadvantage. What is more, I like video games. I think that, when played in moderation, they are fun. Obviously, it is not good to play them without restraint or self-control. Finally, I think Marcia needs a cell phone. We can't take these things away."

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1. Which of the following best describes the difference between Marcia's mom and Marcia's dad?
 - a. Mom wants to ban Marcia from using the computer, while dad likes to play video games.
 - b. Mom thinks technology is dangerous, while dad thinks it can be useful.
 - c. Mom cares little about Marcia's future, while dad is very supportive.
 - d. Mom is very strict while Dad is open minded.
2. Which of the following best describes the similarity between Marcia's mom and Marcia's dad?
 - a. Mom and dad both like technology.
 - b. Mom and dad both think video games are bad.
 - c. Mom and dad both think the internet is dangerous.
 - d. Mom and dad both care about Marcia's wellbeing.
3. In paragraph 1, Marcia's mom says, "It's like having a gun in the house. "She says this in order to"
 - a. support the idea that the Internet is dangerous
 - b. reject the claim that guns can be safe if used responsibly
 - c. encourage Marcia's dad to purchase a gun
 - d. explain why the Internet is uncontrolled
4. In paragraph 2, Marcia's dad says, "We just can't stop Marcia from using the Internet, as this would put her at a disadvantage." What does Marcia's dad mean by this?
 - a. Marcia needs to learn how to use the internet if she wants to have friends in the future.
 - b. Marcia should not stop using the internet because this will seriously slow her learning.
 - c. If a person's ability to use the internet becomes important in the future, Marcia will be at a loss.
 - d. If Marcia does not learn to use the internet on her own, then she will never learn to recognize its dangers.
5. Marcia's dad can best be described as.....
 - a. shameless
 - b. foolish
 - c. wild
 - d. reasonable