

UNIT 3: PEOPLE'S BACKGROUND

Reading 1: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks

Hypatia was born in Alexandria, in Egypt, in 370 A.D. For many centuries, she was (1)_____ only woman scientist to have a place in the history books. Hypatia's father was a director of Alexandria University, and he made sure his daughter had the best education available. This was unusual, as most women then had few (2) _____ to study.

After studying in Athens and Rome, Hypatia returned to Alexandria where she began teaching mathematics. She soon became famous for her knowledge of new ideas.

We have no copies of her book, but we know that she wrote several important mathematical works. Hypatia was also interested in technology and (3)_____ several scientific tools to help with her work.

At the time, many rulers were afraid of science, and (4)_____ connected with it was in danger. One day in March 415, Hypatia (5) _____ attacked in the street and killed.

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| 1. A. a | B. the | C. one | D. an |
| 2. A. teachers | B. classes | C. opportunities | D. customs |
| 3. A. did | B. learnt | C. experimented | D. invented |
| 4. A. something | B. anyone | C. nobody | D. all |
| 5. A. had | B. has | C. was | D. is |

