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Read the passage and answer the questions.



No one knows who made the first cheese, but an old story says that **it** was an Arabian merchant. He put his milk in a bag made from a sheep's stomach and **set off** across the desert. The movement of his camel; the desert heat, and the chemicals in the bag lining made the milk separate into curds and whey. The thick part, or curd, was the first cheese.

Antient records show that cheese has been eaten for more than four thousand years. From earliest times it has been considered a very nourishing food. Today cheese is made all over the world. Most cheese is made from cow's milk because the supply of this milk is greater throughout the world. Smaller quantities of cheese come from the milk of other animals: goats, sheep, camels.

1. It (line 2) refers to-----.

A. the first cheese

B. an old story

C. the first cheese maker

D. an old story teller

2. From the context, you can guess that **SET OFF** (line 3) means-----.

A. started going

B. put away

C. stopped riding

D. established

3. The story of the Arabian merchant is-----.

A. recorded in history books

B. written in Arabic

C. an old story that may be true

D. found in ancient records

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4. According to the first paragraph, which of the following did not contribute to making the first cheese?

- A. The Arabian merchant's camel was moving across the desert.
- B. There were chemicals in the bag in which the milk was carried.
- C. The milk came from the stomach of a sheep in the desert.
- D. The weather was hot.

5. The Arab merchant probably-----.

- A. experimented with methods of making cheese
- B. bought and sold cheese
- C. made his cheese only from the cow's milk
- D. didn't plan to make cheese

6. The difference between curds and whey is that-----.

- A. curds are solid and whey is liquid
- B. curds contain milk and whey doesn't
- C. only curds are affected by chemicals
- D. whey is nourishing, but curds are not

7. Cheese is made of -----.

- A. whole milk before it separates
- B. the curds of milk that have separated
- C. the whey of milk
- D. curds and whey

8. Most cheese is made from cow's milk because other kinds of milk -----.

- A. will not separate
- B. are not as available
- C. do not have curds and whey
- D. are not so nourishing

9. For each word below find a word or phrase in the passage that has the same meaning.

- a. headed
- b. throughout
- c. amounts
- d. old