Midterm exam 2-2021 E32208 Critical reading For M. 5/2

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Passage 1 categorizing, Home, Sweet Home! (items 1-5)

## Home, Sweet Home!

**"How are ant homes and termite, homes alike? How are they different?"**

ANTS

Ants build the most unusual hones. These homes are under round mazes of tunnels and rooms. There are chambers or eggs. There are separate rooms for baby ants. There are places to store food. And there are snoozing rooms. That's where ants sleep away the winter.

Ants are always fixing und changing their homes. New tunnels are built. Walls are repaired. New chambers are dug out. Old chambers are closed. No wonder ants sleep all winter!

They work hard.



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TERMITES

A termite castle is an excellent example of how clever insects can be. There are tiny holes on the surface of the castle. But termites don't fit through them. These holes are not entrances. And they're not exits. They're part of the castle's air-conditioning system! Even termites like to stay cool.

Some termite mounds are shaped like mushrooms. Some are shaped like barrels. Others are as tall as giraffes. These are termite skyscrapers! Imagine if humans could build a skyscraper out of dirt and spit, with only their hands tools. That would be similar to what termites do!

With mud, made of soil mixed with their spit, termites build homes with very strong, thick walls. Farmers sometimes have to clear termite nests from their fields. Some termite towers are so strong, the only way to shatter them is to blow them up with dynamite!



According to passage 1 categorizing, Home, Sweet Home, choose the best answer for each question.

1. Which statement is true for ant homes and termite homes?

a. There are snoozing rooms where they sleep away the winter.

b. They are simple and uncomplicated.

c. They are the work of smart, hardworking builders.

d. There are tiny holes on the surface.

2. Which statement shows how termite homes are different from ant homes?

a. They are built to protect themselves and their families.

b. They have holes on the surface to keep the inhabitants cool.

c. They are built with some dirt and hard work.

d. They are complicated.

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3. Which statement shows how termite homes are stronger than ant homes?

a. They are shaped like mushrooms.

b. They are as tall as giraffes.

c. They are like skyscrapers built out of dirt and spit.

d. Farmers have to blow them up to clear the nests from their land.

4. From this story, you can guess that ants spend a lot of time

a. building and fixing their homes.

b. riding around on giraffes.

c. fighting over food.

d. in air-conditioned skyscrapers.

5. The author of this story probably wanted to

a. show you how to build a castle.

b. teach you about ant and termite homes.

c. teach you about giraffes.

d. entertain you with a made-up story about an ant family.

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Passage 2 comparing and contrasting, A Flower by Any Other Name (items 6-10)

Read the following passage. Then choose the best alternative to answer each question.

## A Flower by Any Other Name

Almost everyone has seen a lily or a rose or a carnation. Although the flowers themselves are beautiful, their names leave something to be desired. Now, consider names like black-eyed Susan, lady-slipper, Queen Anne's lace, and bird of paradise. What do you imagine?



**The black-eyed Susan** is a wildflower. Its slender yellow petals look like a sunburst. They are arranged around a cone-shaped center, suggestive of a black eye.



**The lady-slipper** is a kind of orchid. Its flower forms a graceful sac that, to the person who named it, looked like a woman's silk shoe.



**Queen Anne's lace** was named for England's Queen Anne. The plant is actually a weed, but it hides the truth well. Its white blossom appears to be a circle of heavy cotton lace sewn atop the green stem.



**The bird of paradise** is magnificent. Very few people fail to see its resemblance to a tropical bird in flight.

Incidentally, the tulip's name comes from a Turkish word meaning "'turban." To find out why the name was chosen, study the petals the next time you pass a tulip bed.

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6. What is the center of a black-eyed Susan compared to?

a. petals, sunburst

b. cone, black eye

c. cone-shaped center, sunburst

d. sunburst, black eye

7. What is said to resemble a bird in flight?

a. kind of flower

b. a rose

c. an orchid

d. Queen Anne's lace

8. Why was the lady-slipper so named?

a. It forms a sac that looks like a woman's silk shoe.

b. A woman's silk shoe is beautiful.

c. Its sac looks like a woman's slipper.

d. It looks like a slipper.

9. Why was the tulip named for a Turkish word meaning ***turban***?

a. It comes from Turkey.

b. It looks like a tulip bed.

c. Its petals look like a turban.

d. No reason is stated,

10. What would you look for in order to identify a particular weed as Queen Anne's lace?

a. a green stem

b. a white blossom

c. a circle of cotton lace

d. a cotton lace

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