UNIT 1

1. Did you ever wonder what people did for ice before refrigerators were invented? They cut huge blocks of ice from frozen lakes and rivers in winter. Then they stored this ice in shacks called ice houses These were built in the coolest, shadiest places around. The ice usually lasted all summer.

The paragraph tells mainly

(A) how long the ice lasted

(B) how refrigerators were invented

(C) how people once kept ice

2. One of the world's strangest creatures is the myna bird. It can imitate the human voice far better than a parrot can. A wild myna will also imitate the songs and sounds of other birds. It can do this so well that it even confuses these other birds.

The paragraph tells mainly

(A) how many birds the myna imitates

(B) what makes the myna strange

(C) what the parrot can imitate

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3. Can you imagine your mail carrier with candy, books, and small tools to sell? Mail carriers of long ago often bought and sold things as they delivered mail. This often made the mail carriers late. That's why Benjamin Franklin stopped this buying and selling by mail carriers.

The paragraph tells mainly

(A) how Benjamin Franklin felt about selling

(B) how early carriers spent time on their mail routes

(C) where carriers bought the candy

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4. The Native Americans of long ago carried on widespread trading with each other. Alligator teeth from Florida have been found in Native American burial mounds in Illinois. Volcanic rock from Yellowstone Park in Wyoming has been found in the burial mounds of Ohio.

The paragraph tells mainly

(A) what Native Americans put in burial mounds

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(B) how widely the Native Americans traded

(C) why Native Americans traded alligator teeth

5. Have you ever seen a skateboard park? There are many of them around the country. Each skateboard park has a winding course that includes slopes and banked curves. To be sure of safety, park operators make skateboard riders wear helmets.

The paragraph tells mainly

(A) where skateboard parks are found

(B) what skateboard parks are like

(C) who operates skateboard parks

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