4.5 Fiction Review Skills Passage

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Day I Made My Mother Proud

1 My mother, grandmother, and I live near the ocean. My grandmother takes care of me while my mother works long hours at a restaurant. I want to help my mother, but she says I can help her just by being good. Then she tells me to study hard in school so I can make her proud. I want my mother to be proud, but I want her to be happy, too.

2 My mother has collected seashells ever since she was a little girl. She has all kinds of shells in her collection. One day I asked her why she doesn't collect shells anymore. My mother told me that she doesn't have time. "But I like looking at them," she said. "Each shell reminds me of a happy time in my life." My mother held up a creamy white shell. It had rows of brown squares. "This one is a Scotch bonnet. I found it the day before you were born." I told my mother that she must have every shell there is. "That is not so, Maria," she said. "I have always wanted a queen helmet. But they are hard to find."

3 Now I knew what I could do for my mother. Every day for a week my grandmother took me to the beach. I looked and looked, but I did not find a queen helmet anywhere.

4 "Maybe you could buy her one," said my grandmother. But I told her I did not want to buy a shell. The shells in my mother's collection came from a beach, not a store.

5 Finally, one day I saw the tip of a shell poking out of some seaweed. I dug and dug until I uncovered it. It was a beautiful queen helmet. I raced to show my grandmother. She patted my head and smiled.

6 That night when my mother came home I told her I had a surprise. I held out my hand and showed her the shell. "She's been looking for weeks," said my grandmother.



7 My mother hugged me. "I'm proud of you," she said. "I will put this shell where I can see it every day. Then, whenever I look at it, I will think of how hard you worked to find it."

1. Which sentence is the best summary of the story?

A. A girl likes to collect shells like her mother.
B. A girl takes a vacation to the beach.
C. A girl works hard to make her mother happy.
D. A girl visits her grandmother at the seashore.

2. According to the story, why did Maria's mother like the shells?

A. She did not have enough time.
B. They were a gift when her daughter was born.
C. They remind her of happy times in her life.
D. She buys them at fancy stores.

3. Based on the events in the story, which word best describes Maria?

A. happy
B. determined
C. intelligent
D. uncaring

4. Which question does paragraph 2 answer?

A. Where does Maria live?
B. What did Maria find in the sand?
C. Where did Maria get the idea to make her mother happy?
D. What surprise did Maria have for her mother?

5. Why was the grandmother important to the story?

A. The grandmother found the shell.
B. The grandmother told her to buy a shell at the store.
C. The grandmother took Maria to the beach each day.
D. The grandmother collected shells.

6. Which meaning of **store** is used in paragraph 4?

The shells in my mother's collection come from the beach, not a store.

store - 1. to collect or accumulate
2. a place in a computer's memory
3. a building where things are sold
4. a large amount of something

A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4

7. In which word is **un-** used in the same way as it is in **uncovered** in paragraph 5?

A. unless
B. unusual
C. unify
D. underneath

8. Read these sentences from paragraph 2,

" **My mother held up a creamy white shell. It had rows of brown squares."**

These senses appeal to the readers sense of-

A. Sight
B. Touch
C. Hearing
D. Smell

9. Complete each sentence using a word from the list.

Maria is _____.

Maria's mother is _____.

unmotivated	forgiving	friendly
appreciative	disappointed	thoughtful

10. The author most likely wrote this passage to –

A. teach you about different types of shells
B. explain how to start a shell collection
C. have you enjoy a story about a girl making her mom proud
D. read about a family that is happy