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**Directions: Choose the best answer.**

Jane is the best student in the class. Her written work is excellent. She has had several poems published in the school magazine. Not only does she do well in English, but her work in math is also excellent.

1. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. Jane does as well in math.
- b. Jane does as well in English.
- c. Jane's written work is excellent.
- d. Jane is the best student in the class.

At six o'clock in the morning it began to rain. The rain continued through the day. At times the rainfall was so heavy that it was impossible to walk in the street. Moreover, there was a strong wind which blew down several trees. It was the first hurricane of the season.

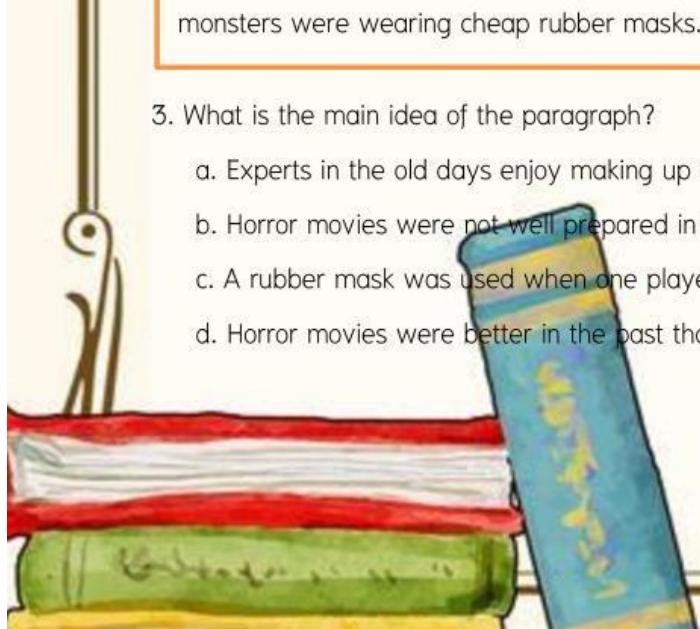
2. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. The rainfall was so heavy.
- b. It was the first hurricane of the season.
- c. It began to rain at six o'clock in the morning.
- d. There was a strong wind which blew down several trees.

Horror movies are not as good as they used to be. In the old days, make-up experts spent half a day getting an actor to play Frankenstein or the Wolf Man. In the recent science picture all the monsters were wearing cheap rubber masks.

3. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. Experts in the old days enjoy making up actors.
- b. Horror movies were not well prepared in the past.
- c. A rubber mask was used when one played Frankenstein.
- d. Horror movies were better in the past than they are nowadays.



Bicycles are very popular today in many countries. Many people use bicycles for exercise. But exercise is only one of the reasons why bicycles are popular. Another reason is money. Bicycles are not expensive to buy. They do not need gas to make them go. They also are easy and cheap to fix. In cities, many people like bicycles better than cars. With a bicycle, they never have to wait in traffic. They also do not have to find a place to park. And finally, bicycles do not cause any pollution!

4. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. Bicycles are popular today for many reasons.
- b. Bicycles do not cause pollution.
- c. Bicycles are popular in cities.
- d. Bicycles are better than cars.

Have you ever seen someone on the beach with a sunburn? A sunburn can be quite painful. If the burn is really bad, the skin might blister and peel. Sunburn is caused by the sun's powerful ultraviolet (UV) rays. Wearing sunscreen can shield your skin from those damaging rays.

5. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. It gets hot at the beach.
- b. Sunburn can cause fever.
- c. Sunscreen makes skin peel.
- d. Ultraviolet rays cause sunburn.

Robots are being used in sumo wrestling contests. Sumo wrestling is a sport that started in Japan. It takes place in a ring. Two players try to score points by holding each other down or pushing each other out of the ring. Robot sumo uses robots instead of humans. The robot that scores the most points wins.

6. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. Sumo wrestling is a sport that started in Japan.
- b. Sumo wrestling takes place in a ring.
- c. The robot that scores the most points wins.
- d. Robots are being used in sumo wrestling contests.

Pregnant women who smoke cigarettes or drink lots of coffee give birth to smaller babies, according to a report released in Bonn. The study also showed that drinking too much alcohol tends to shorten the pregnancy term and that there is a greater danger of deformed children if the father is a chain smoker.

7. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. smoking fathers can cause a great danger to children
- b. drunk women give birth to smaller babies
- c. smoking and drinking endanger pregnancy
- d. drinking too much alcohol shortens the pregnancy term

Although many people think a koala is a bear, it is not. The koala is a type of mammal called a marsupial. A kangaroo is also a marsupial. These mammals carry their babies in a pouch. The kangaroo's pouch is on her stomach, but the koala's pouch is on her back. Both feed their babies milk and keep them secure in their pouch until they are strong enough to survive on their own.

8. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. The koala is not a bear.
- b. The kangaroo is nothing like the koala.
- c. The kangaroo and koala are mostly alike but have some differences.
- d. The kangaroo and koala are exactly alike.

Lucy would never get her room clean. It looked like a tornado had hit it. She couldn't believe how much damage her friends had done. They pull everything out and didn't put anything back. Glue was spilled all over her rug, and fingernail polish was spilled on her new bedspread. They had even wiped their chocolate covered fingers on her curtains. Wow! What a mess.

9. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. There is glue on the rug.
- b. Lucy's friends are messy.
- c. A tornado hit the house.
- d. Lucy's friends ate chocolate.

Tim and his family went fishing today. They stopped on the way to the lake and bought all of their favorite snacks. When they got to the lake, they ate and then started fishing. Tim caught four fish, and his brother caught three. They laughed and gave each other a high-five every time they caught a fish. The whole family had a great time. Maybe they would go fishing again soon.

10. What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. Tim caught four fish.
- b. He ate his favorite snack.
- c. The family had a great time.
- d. They ate fish for supper.

