

Sample Reading Passage 8

Questions 1–10 refer to the following restaurant review.

The Banyan Tree, 2 East Monopoly Street ☆

A small sidewalk restaurant on a peaceful back street with a green and white striped awning, rattan chairs, and glass-topped tables. The menu is limited to exotic East Indian specialties, savory curries of all varieties being featured. Full luncheon comes to about \$25. Open daily for lunch only.

The Boathouse, 433 River Road ☆

A delightful, convivial eating place decorated with sea urchin lamps, fishermen's nets, and seaweed wall coverings. Very informal atmosphere. A lighthouse bar. Specialties are, of course, seafood, my favorite being the *moules marinières* served in steaming black pots. A five-course dinner at \$11. Open daily.

Café Henri, 17 Lorraine Street ☆

Soft lighting and muted decorator shades of beige and bronze give the dining room an intimate atmosphere. Basically French, the cuisine represents aromatic country fare, with rich, nutritious soups and assorted platters of sausages, patés, and cheeses. Wholesome fare at reasonable prices. Entrées \$12.50 to \$20.75.

Little Old San Juan, 62 Fortaleza Boulevard ☆☆☆

A cozy Spanish decor, enhanced by mellow, red clay floor tiles, wrought-iron street lanterns, and walls lined with rows of painted pottery, gives this 100-year-old landmark an aura of romantic old Spain. Gazpacho sprinkled with chopped onion, green pepper, rice and garlic croutons, and an irresistible array of Spanish dishes are exceptional. The paella laden with shellfish is more than worth the 30-minute wait. Wines both fine and *ordinario* from the vineyards of Spain. Entrées from \$20. Closed Sundays.

No stars—Fair

☆ Good

☆☆ Very good

☆☆☆ Excellent

☆☆☆☆ Extraordinary

1. You may infer that this guide is
 - (A) a paid-for advertisement
 - (B) written by a restaurant critic
 - (C) an introduction in a cookbook
 - (D) None of the above.

2. The author's intent is to
 - (A) describe gourmet restaurants
 - (B) give the reader a price list for dining out
 - (C) recommend good places to eat
 - (D) warn people about restaurants
3. Which restaurant serves the least expensive meals? _____
4. Which restaurant is recommended most highly? _____
5. Which restaurant is the most expensive? _____
6. Where could you get Indian food? _____
7. Where would you go for shrimp au gratin? _____
8. Which restaurant would most likely have a guitarist? _____
9. Which restaurant sounds like a good place for lovers? _____
10. You would infer that these restaurants are
 - (A) in the United States
 - (B) in Europe
 - (C) for the wealthy only
 - (D) informal

Sample Reading Passage 9

Directions: Questions 1–2 refer to the following advertisement.

JAMAICA

There's no place like home.

Here's you, at home in Jamaica in your very own villa, all pastels and privacy.

With Evangeline to pamper you: she's going shopping soon, to surprise you with a lobster for dinner. Madly extravagant? Not at all.

There are hundreds of villas for rent, all over Jamaica.

Bring your family, or share one with your best friends, and the cost becomes insidiously attractive. And what nicer way to experience the bountiful wonders of

Jamaica than to have your own special place to return to each evening,

where you can sit back with a rum punch, talk about tomorrow, and say to yourself, "There's no place like home."

Make it Jamaica. Again.

Courtesy of the Jamaica Tourist Board

1. The ad implies that you
 - (A) require entertainment by well-known singers
 - (B) enjoy sightseeing in foreign places
 - (C) don't want to spend a lot of money
 - (D) need a lot of excitement on your vacation
2. The ad appeals to your need for
 - (A) quiet pleasure
 - (B) delicious food
 - (C) relaxation
 - (D) All of the above.

Sample Reading Passage 10

Directions: Questions 1–5 refer to the following advertisement. Respond to the questions according to the nature of each item.

ONCE-A-YEAR SUMMER SALE! SAVE \$100 OR MORE!

This month only, every membership plan is substantially reduced. That's great! But the real excitement at HRC comes from what people do.

Nautilus

Ours is the most complete and advanced equipment available.

Free Classes

We offer over 120 free classes each week including aerobic and tap dance, calisthenics, yoga and more. You'll also enjoy free clinics in racquetball, squash and tennis. Don't forget about our whirlpools, saunas and swimming pools either.

Guarantee

Come to HRC for 3 days. If all that action leaves you less than satisfied you'll get a full refund.

5 Locations

By the way, your membership allows you to use all 5 locations in Manhattan 7 days a week.

Give us a call or drop by for more information.

Sale Ends Aug. 31st!

NEW YORK HEALTH & RACQUET CLUB

Courtesy of the New York Health & Racquet Club

1. The advertisement emphasizes
 - (A) locations
 - (B) a trial membership
 - (C) reduced cost
 - (D) opening hours
2. It can be inferred that if you join the club
 - (A) the sale ends on August 31
 - (B) you will go to all five club locations
 - (C) your body will improve
 - (D) you will get a refund
3. This ad appeals to people's
 - (A) pleasure
 - (B) pride
 - (C) preservation
 - (D) All of the above.
4. From the context of the expression *free clinics*, it must mean
 - (A) cost-free medical care
 - (B) no charge for lessons
 - (C) liberated movement
 - (D) games
5. Membership in the club enables you to enjoy _____ in winter.
 - (A) the cold
 - (B) a full refund
 - (C) dropping by
 - (D) swimming