READING COMPREHENSION 7D

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Food (A2)

While eating at a restaurant is an enjoyable and convenient occasional treat, most individuals and families prepare their meals at home. To make breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, these persons musthave the required foods and ingredients on hand and ready to go; foods and ingredients are typically purchased from a grocery store, or an establishment that distributes foods, drinks, household products, and other items that're used by the typical consumer.

Produce, or the term used to describe fresh fruits and vegetables, is commonly purchased by grocery store shoppers. In terms of fruit, most grocery stores offer bananas, apples, oranges, blackberries, raspberries, grapes, pineapples, cantaloupes, watermelons, and more; other grocery stores with largerproduce selections might offer the listed fruits in addition to less common fruits, including mangoes, honeydews, starfruits, coconuts, and more.

Depending on the grocery store, customers can purchase fruits in a few different ways. Some stores will charge a set amount per pound of fruit, and will weigh customers' fruit purchases and bill them accordingly; other stores will charge customers for each piece of fruit they buy, or for bundles of fruit(a bag of bananas, a bag of apples, etc.); other stores yet will simply charge by the container.

Vegetables, including lettuce, corn, tomatoes, onions, celery, cucumbers, mushrooms, and more are also sold at many grocery stores, and are purchased similarly to the way that fruits are. Grocery stores typically stock more vegetables than fruit at any given time, as vegetables remain fresh longer than fruits do, generally speaking.

It'd take quite a while to list everything else that today's massive grocery stores sell, but most customers take the opportunity to shop for staples, or foods that play a prominent role in the average diet, at the establishments. Staples include pasta, rice, flour, sugar, milk, meat, and eggs, and bread. Allthe listed staples are available in prepackaged containers, but can be purchased "fresh" in some grocery stores, wherein employees will measure and weigh fresh products and then provide them to customers.

1) What is a grocery store?

a) An establishment that cooks food for customers
b) There are several definitions of a grocery store
c) A place to sell and trade goods
d) An establishment that distributes foods, drinks, household products, and other items that'reused by the typical consumer

2) Fresh fruits and vegetables are collectively referred to as which of the following terms?

a) Produce
b) Feggies
c) Veggies
d) Famine

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3) **What are staples?**

a) Small pieces of metal used to hold papers together
b) Rare foods
c) Foods that play a prominent role in the average diet
d) Green fruits and vegetables

4) **More vegetables are stocked in grocery stores than fruits because:**

a) Fruits stay fresh for less time than vegetables
b) Vegetables are more popular than fruits, generally speaking
c) Grocery store managers prefer fruits
d) A and B

5) **"Fresh" groceries are:**

a) Prepared by employees
b) Measured manually
c) Charged by the pound
d) All of the Above

London (B1)

London is a famous and historic city. It is the capital of England in the United Kingdom. The city is quitepopular for international tourism because London is home to one of the oldest-standing monarchies in the western hemisphere. Rita and Joanne recently traveled to London. They were very excited for their trip because this was their first journey overseas from the United States.

Among the popular sights that Rita and Joanne visited are Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and the London Eye. Big Ben is one of London's most famous monuments. It is a large clock tower located atthe northern end of Westminster Palace. The clock tower is 96 meters tall. Unfortunately, Rita and Joanne were only able to view the tower from the outside. The women learned that the tower's interior is undergoing renovations until 2021.

Fortunately, the London Eye, the city's famous Ferris wheel, was open to the public. The London Eye is situated along the southern shores of the Thames River. This attraction stands 135 meters high. It is one of London's most well-known spots for gaining aerial views of the city. Each capsule of the Ferris wheel can hold up to 25 passengers. When their capsule stopped at the top of the Ferris wheel, the women took spectacular panoramic photographs of the beautiful cityscape below.

The last place that Rita and Joanne visited was Buckingham Palace, the home of the Queen of England.The women were impressed by the palace's incredible architecture and historical value. Both Rita and Joanne enjoyed watching the Queen's guards outside the palace. These guards wore red tunic uniforms, shiny black boots, and bearskin hats. Despite the women's attempts to catch the attention of the guards, the guards are specifically trained to avoid distractions. Because of this, the guards ignored the women completely.

Joanne and Rita had an amazing time visiting the city of London, and they are inspired to seek moreinternational travel destinations in the future.

6) **All of the following are true about London except:**

a) It is the capital city of England.
b) It was initially its own country.
c) It is home to the Queen of England.
d) It borders the Thames River to the south.

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7) **Why were Rita and Joanne excited for their trip?**

a) Joanne's parents recently moved to London.
b) Rita and Joanne love tasting international cuisine.
c) They had never before traveled internationally.
d) They looked forward to spending time on the beach.

8) **Why couldn't Rita and Joanne climb Big Ben?**

a) To climb the tower requires complicated equipment.
b) They did not bring enough money with them.
c) Joanne is afraid of heights.
d) The clock tower is closed for renovations.

9) **From where did the women receive great overhead views of the city?**

a) Big Ben
b) The London Eye
c) Buckingham Palace
d) The River Thames

10) **Which is not a characteristic of the Queen's guards?**

a) Short attention spans
b) Shiny black boots
c) Bearskin hats
d) Red tunics

11) **Because of their trip to London, Rita and Joanne:**

a) Want to move there permanently
b) Were inspired to become photographers
c) Decided to travel internationally more often
d) Would prefer to never return

The Statue of Liberty (B1)

The Statue of Liberty, arguably one of New York City's most iconic symbols, is a popular tourist attraction for first-time visitors to the city. This 150-foot monument was gifted to the United States from France in order to celebrate 100 years of America's independence. The statue is located on Liberty Island, and it is accessible by taking a ferry from either Battery Park in New York City or Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

When Claire visited the Statue of Liberty for the first time, she instantly admired it as a symbol of freedom. Claire made sure to make reservations before her visit because only 240 people are permitted to climb the staircase to the top of the statue every day. After climbing almost 400 stairs,Claire received spectacular views of the city from the statue's crown.

During her visit, Claire learned that the Statue of Liberty was not always the color that it is now. She found out that because the statue's exterior is made of copper, the statue oxidized over time, giving itthe greenish appearance it has in present day. When it was first constructed, the statue was the samecolor as a shiny penny! After touring the Statue of Liberty, Claire spent the rest of the day in New YorkCity visiting other important monuments and historic landmarks. Claire left New York hoping to have had the time to explore more sites, but she can't wait to return to the city in the future.

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12) **Who gifted the Statue of Liberty to theUnited States?**

a) The British
b) The French
c) The Spanish
d) The Dutch

13) **What was the Statue of Liberty intended tocelebrate?**

a) Open immigration to the UnitedStates
b) The end of the Civil War
c) Economic recovery from the GreatDepression
d) A century of Americanindependence

14) **How many people are permitted to climbthe statue's stairs per day?**

a) 100
b) 150
c) 240
d) 400

15) **From which part of the statue did Clairereceive spectacular views of the city?**

a) The mouth
b) The nose
c) The eyes
d) The crown

16) **Why has the Statue of Liberty changedcolor over time?**

a) Its copper exterior oxidized.
b) It was painted green during restorations.
c) The statue is poorly maintained bythe city.
d) New York's poor air quality haseroded the statue.

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