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Reading Comprehension

The Lost City of Tambora

The lost island of Atlantis is a famous story. However, few people know of the lost city of

Tambora. Unlike Atlantis, Tambora was definitely a real place on the island of Sumbawa, Indonesia. It disappeared completely over 200 years ago when a giant volcano erupted nearby. The explosion sent pieces of volcanic rock flying almost 43 kilometers into the air. These rocks, along with dangerous gases, covered the entire area. All 92,000 of the city's people were thought to have died.

Tambora disappeared in 1815. But it was only found again in 2004, when scientists decided to do research in the area. They were able to uncover Tambora's history by studying the things its people left behind. Scientists reported finding many bronze objects and concluded that the people of Tambora must have been quite rich.

The natural event that wiped out Tambora also killed another 200,000 people in other parts of the world, too. How did that happen? The volcanic gases rose into the air and created a very large, dark cloud which covered the sky for months. The year 1816 was called —the year without a summer‖ because the cloud simply stopped sunlight from reaching the Earth. Farmers could not grow enough food for everyone, and the cold weather caused many to become sick and die. Much more than a single city was lost in this unfortunate event.

Read the passage and choose the correct answer for each question

1. The passage mainly ____.
   a. discusses how a volcano works
   b. explains —the year without a summer‖
   c. shows how the Tambora eruption caused many problems
   d. explains why scientists took so long to find Tambora

2. Why does the writer compare Atlantis and Tambora?
   a. They both had rich and successful people.
   b. They both disappeared completely.
   c. They are both true stories.
   d. Scientists are busy studying both cities.

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3. Which of these statements is NOT true?
   a. No one in Tambora lived through the eruption.
   b. Scientists found Tambora in 2004.
   c. All of Tambora's bronze objects melted in the eruption.
   d. The city of Tambora had many rich people.

4. In the second sentence of the final paragraph, what does the word *that* refer to?
   a. the researchers who studied Tambora
   b. the large, dark cloud
   c. the death of 92,000 people
   d. the death of 200,000 people

5. In the final paragraph, what does the word *unfortunate* mean?
   a. sad
   b. exciting
   c. interesting
   d. strange

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True/ False Statements:

Put T for True and F for False

_____1. People were not worried about UFOs during this time.

_____2. Project Blue Book collected data on UFO sightings.

_____3. After 17 years of research, researchers had information on over 20,000 sightings.

_____4. The government concluded that UFOs were not a threat due to Project Blue Book.

_____5. The majority of sightings were identified as alien encounters.

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Thanks!

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