Directions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer. Refer to the text if necessary. Write your answer on the provided space.

1. Which of the following is **not** a function of castles as expressed in the text? _____
a. Castles served both offensive and defensive purposes militarily.
b. Castles served as symbols of power.
c. Castles were important social centers in medieval England.
d. Castles were places where knights would keep their best horses.

2. Which of the following *best* describes the main idea in paragraph 2? _____
a. It describes how and why William the Conqueror took control of England.
b. It explains why castles were first built in England and the military purposes they served.
c. It shows how Norman lords were often scared and frequently retreated.
d. It details all of the purposes that English castles served.

3. Which *best* explains why the original castles were first made from earth and timber? _____
a. It takes a lot more time and energy to build a stone castle.
b. It did not occur to people to build castles out of stone.
c. People did not realize how weak wooden castles would be against fire.
d. Wooden castles were prettier than dirty stone castles.

4. Which of the following is **not** a true statement according to the text? _____
a. Palaces are designed for luxury, not fortification.
b. Fortresses are designed for fortification, not luxury.
c. Castles are designed for luxury and fortification.
d. Palaces are designed for luxury and fortification.

5. Which best explains why wooden castles were converted to stone castles. _____
a. Wooden castles take a long time to build.
b. Wooden castles are uncomfortable.
c. Stone castles offer better defense.
d. Stone castles stay cooler in the summer.

6. Which of the following best describes the structure of the text in the fifth paragraph? _____
a. Compare and contrast b. Order of importance
c. Cause and effect d. Chronological order

7. Which is **not** described in the text as an improvement in castle defenses? _____
a. Towers attached to the main castle by wooden bridges
b. Deep ditches dug around the castle walls and filled with water
c. Multiple castle walls providing layers of defenses
d. Windows and entrances raised off of the ground floor

8. Which *best* explains how gunpowder ended the role of traditional castles? _____
a. Wars were fought with guns and hiding in castles was no longer necessary.
b. Artillery forts with large cannons became more stylish than traditional castles.

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c. Defending castles grew difficult, since attackers could just shoot castle defenders.
d. Cannons were able to knock down stone walls, so castles offered little protection.

9. Which of the following titles would *best* describe the content of this passage? _____
a. *William the Conqueror: Bringing Castles to England*
b. *Defending the Castle: Technologies Used to Defend Medieval Castles*
c. *A Short History of Castles: The Rise and Fall of Castles in England*
d. *Fancy Living: Learning about Castles, Palaces, and Fortresses*

10. Which of the following is an opinion? _____
a. Stone is more resistant to fire than wood.
b. William the Conqueror built the first castles in England.
c. It is unfortunate that castles no longer serve their original purposes.
d. Castles were used as offices of administration during the Middle Ages.

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