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Decide whether the statements from 1 to 4 are True of False and choose the correct answer (A, B, c or D) for Question 5 and 6.

When children are asked to draw or paint a picture, they are happy to oblige. And they are willing to talk about and show their creation to anyone they meet. But when adults are asked to do the same thing, they typically get nervous and refuse to even try, claiming that they have no talent. Most adults see themselves as lacking the "artistic gene." However, when you look at drawings made by artists when they were children, their work doesn't differ much from the pictures all children draw when they are young.

The general belief is that artistic talent is something one is born with: a person either has talent or does not. Clearly, great artists like Michelangelo or Picasso had natural talent and possessed more artistic ability than the average person. However, one factor that isn't often considered is the role that years of training, practice, and hard work have played in the creation of great pieces of art. In addition, most artists are successful because they are passionate about their art-they love what they do. Their passion motivates them to continue to create-and improve their ability-day after day. While natural talent may be an advantage, hard work appears to be the same necessary part of the creative process.

Question 1: It's easy to see which children are going to be artists when you look at their drawings.

Question 2: There isn't much difference between famous artists and other people.

Question 3: The success of most artists is based on their passion for art.

Question 4: Hard work plays an equal role as natural talent.

Question 5: According to the passage, the following statements are true EXCEPT.

A. Children are generally happy to draw or paint when asked.

B. Adults often feel confident about their artistic abilities.

C. Natural talent is not the only factor contributing to artistic success.

D. Great artists typically practice and train for many years.

Question 6: What is the main idea of the passage?

A. Artistic skill can be taught.

B. Children are better artists than adults.

C. To draw well, you have to be born with artistic talent.

D. Few people are born with artistic talent.

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