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With a population of about 2.6 million people, Vancouver is the largest city in Western Canada. Vancouver is in the southwest of Canada, and it is only a few hours of driving away from the American border. Vancouver is popular because it combines so many things. It is a huge, modem city. On the other hand, it is also one of North America's most beautiful areas. The natural beauty around Vancouver is famous all around the world.

Vancouver is right next to the Rocky Mountains, so it is wonderful for skiing and snowboarding. There aren't the only winter sports you can do there. If you can name a winter sport, then you probably do that sport in Vancouver. After all, the 2010 Winter Olympics were there. Vancouver is also great for hiking, jogging, and skateboarding. It even has beaches. The beaches aren't the best in the world, but they are clean and pretty.

Another place that you have to visit in Vancouver is Stanley Park. This is a public park that is a stone's throw from downtown. However, the park is completely surrounded by the Pacific Ocean. The nature in Stanley Park is beautiful. It is close to downtown. I think it is about 100 kilometres away. The park also has playgrounds, gardens, beaches, tennis courts, and even an aquarium. Vancouver is something for everybody. It is no wonder that people think it is one of the world's best cities.

Question 1: What does the passage say about Vancouver's beaches?

A. They are the world's best beaches. B. They are terrible beaches.

C. They are pretty good beaches. D. Nobody goes to those beaches.

Question 2: Which of the following is not near Vancouver?

A. The Rocky Mountains B. The American border

C. The Pacific Ocean D. The Atlantic Ocean

Question 3: What does the sentence "It is close to downtown, but it feels like it is 100 kilometres away" in paragraph 4 mean?

A. Stanley Park is 100 kilometres long.

B. Stanley Park is close to downtown, but it feels like a very different place.

C. Stanley Park is far from downtown, but it feels like it is very close.

D. Stanley Park is more than 100 years old.

Question 4: Which of the following is NOT popular in Vancouver?

A. football B. winter sports C. skateboarding D. jogging

Question 5: What could replace the phrase "a stone's throw" in paragraph 4?

A. an act of throwing a stone B. a little bit long distance

C. moving very quickly D. a short distance

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