

PASSAGE THREE (Questions 6–10)

The plane with the largest wingspan ever built was nicknamed the *Spruce Goose*. The wingspan of the *Spruce Goose* was 320 feet (almost 100 meters), and the plane weighed 200 tons. It was so big that it needed eight engines to power it.

Line (5) The plane was designed by Howard Hughes in response to a U.S. government request for a plane that was able to carry a large cargo for the war effort. It was made of wood because wood is a less critical material in wartime than metal.

(10) The plane was so difficult to build that it never really got used. It was flown one time only, by Hughes himself, on November 2, 1947; during that flight it traveled a distance of less than one mile over the Los Angeles Harbor, but it did fly. Today, the *Spruce Goose* is on exhibit for the public to see in Long Beach, California.

6. Which of the following is true about the *Spruce Goose*?

(A) Each of its wings measures 100 meters.  
(B) It weighs 200 pounds.  
(C) It has eight wings to help it to fly.  
(D) It has a wingspan larger than the wingspan of any other plane.

7. The passage indicates that the plane was designed

(A) as a cargo plane  
(B) as a racing plane  
(C) to carry wood  
(D) for exhibition

8. According to the passage, the *Spruce Goose* is constructed from

(A) wood  
(B) lightweight metal  
(C) plastic  
(D) steel

9. According to the passage, when the *Spruce Goose* flew,

(A) it went only a short distance  
(B) it fell into the Los Angeles Harbor  
(C) it flew 100 miles  
(D) it carried a large cargo

10. The passage indicates that the *Spruce Goose* today

(A) flies regularly for the U.S. government  
(B) is in the Los Angeles Harbor  
(C) is in storage  
(D) can be seen by the public

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