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### Comprehension Assessment

**Read the passage below and then answer each question correctly.**

Our teeth should last us a life time for they are made of the hardest material in our bodies. In these modern times, there are treatments that can save damaged teeth which would have been considered almost impossible to save in times past.

5 In order for us to continue having wonderful smiles and fresh breath, we must take good care of our teeth. We should brush and floss twice daily. It is also necessary to have annual dental examinations with radiographs or x-rays as they are often called. Having a professional clean our teeth, every six months or so, is also vital.

10 Many children and adults detest the idea of eating healthy foods but for our teeth's sake we must do this. We must avoid snacking on foods which are high in sugar content and eat lots of fruits and vegetables.

15 Some children unfortunately love to laugh at older folks because they have prostheses (fake teeth), not understanding that if they do not take care of their teeth now, all they are looking at as they behold these adults, is their future. Oral hygiene is important; we must take care of our precious teeth now or face a future with prostheses. Many adults who lived about four decades or more ago, did not have the benefit of the oral care that we have now and so many lost their teeth but children and adults of today have no excuse. Too much information and treatments are available to us. We can do better.

**The following questions are about the passage you have just read.**

**Write the correct letter in the box provided to answer each question.**

One word for 'last us a lifetime' in line 1 is be

1. (A) permanent  
(B) temporary  
(C) strong  
(D) intact

More teeth are saved now than in the past because

- (A) People are more knowledgeable on the care of their teeth.
- (B) Teeth were much weaker in the past.
- (C) Taking care of teeth was once seen as unnecessary
- (D) People have more teeth than before.

2.

How often should we have dental check ups?

- (A) monthly
- (B) weekly
- (C) yearly
- (D) regularly

3.

Oral hygiene is

- (A) The care of the mouth
- (B) Speaking clearly
- (C) Proper oral expression
- (D) The care of all that is oral

4.

What part of speech is the word 'idea' in paragraph 3?

- (A) pronoun
- (B) adjective
- (C) noun
- (D) verb

5.

'All they are looking at as they behold the adults, is their future' in the final paragraph means

- (A) They may have to use false teeth one day also.
  - (B) They will not lose their teeth
  - (C) They will have a good future
  - (D) The adults are their future
- 6.

Along with brushing what else should we do daily?

- (A) smile
  - (B) bathe
  - (C) eat
  - (D) floss
- 7.

The body's hardest material is found in the

- (A) ear
  - (B) mouth
  - (C) throat
  - (D) shoulder
- 8.

Read the following passage carefully

The old folks have a saying, 'the devil finds work for idle hands'. This was proven to be the case as four unemployed youths staged a daring robbery at 5 o' clock one evening in the presence of many onlookers.

5 These masked youths held up a cashier in a rural store at gun point and took all of the day's earnings. This poor soul was so terrified as she looked down into the barrel of a gun, that she was unable to speak even after these hoodlums had long made their daring escape.

What a waste when strong young men, who should be making positive contributions to society, find time to hurt, steal and destroy.

10 Thankfully, these criminals were apprehended by the police some days later. Interestingly enough, when they were questioned by the police as to the cause of this daring deed, one of the youths boldly exclaimed. "We were feeling bored, so we just did it to relieve the boredom."

The following questions are about the passage you have just read.

Write the correct answer for each question.

Pay attention to your Grammar and Spelling.

Who committed the robbery?

1.

2. At what time did the robbery take place?

3. Why did the writer describe the robbery as daring?

4. Do you think the cashier would be able to identify the robbers? Give a reason for your answer?

5. How can we tell that the cashier was scared?

6. What is a suitable synonym for the word 'apprehended'?

7. Which words in the last paragraph prove that the saying of the old folks "the devil finds work for idle hands," is correct?