SOAL PENGAYAAN TES KEMAMPUAN AKADEMIK : BAHASA INGGRIS
DESCRIPTIVE TEXT

TEXT 1: The Grand Canyon: Nature's Masterpiece

The Grand Canyon is one of the most breathtaking natural wonders in the world. Located in Arizona, in the United States, it stretches for about 446 kilometers and reaches a depth of over 1,800 meters in some places. The canyon was carved by the Colorado River over millions of years, slowly cutting through layers of rock.

What makes the Grand Canyon truly amazing is its stunning range of colors. The rock layers show shades of red, orange, brown, and purple, which change beautifully depending on the time of day. At sunrise and sunset, the canyon glows with a golden light that attracts thousands of photographers every year.

The canyon is also home to a surprising variety of wildlife, including California condors, bighorn sheep, and mule deer. Despite its dry and rocky environment, life manages to survive in this challenging landscape.

Every year, millions of tourists visit the Grand Canyon to hike its trails, ride mules down into the canyon, or simply admire the view from the rim. Many visitors say that standing at the edge of the canyon makes them feel small compared to the power of nature. In my opinion, the Grand Canyon is truly one of the most magnificent places on Earth, and everyone should experience it at least once in their lifetime.

QUESTIONS

Menemukan/Mengidentifikasi Informasi - *PG*

1. According to the text, how deep is the Grand Canyon in some places?
   A. About 446 kilometers
   B. Over 1,800 meters
   C. Millions of years
   D. Thousands of meters
   E. Around 800 meters

Membuat Kerangka - *MCMA*

2. Which of the following are mentioned in the text as features of the Grand Canyon? *(Choose 2-3 correct answers)*
   - Its impressive length and depth
   - The colorful rock layers
   - The presence of wildlife such as condors and sheep
   - The exact number of tourists who visit each year

Menyimpulkan Detail Pendukung - *PG*

3. Why does the writer mention that the canyon "glows with a golden light" at sunrise and sunset?
   A. To explain why the canyon is dangerous at night
   B. To show why photographers dislike the canyon
   C. To make the description more vivid and appealing to readers
   D. To prove that the canyon is scientifically important
   E. To warn tourists about extreme weather changes

Menyimpulkan Gagasan Utama - *MCMA*

4. Based on the text, which statements about the writer's purpose and message are correct? *(Choose 2-3 correct answers)*
   - The writer wants readers to appreciate the beauty and power of nature
   - The text is written mainly for scientists studying rock formation
   - The writer believes the Grand Canyon is worth visiting at least once
   - The main idea is to describe the amazing features of the Grand Canyon

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Menilai Fakta atau Opini *(Radio Button)*

5. For each statement below, decide whether it is a **Fact** or an **Opinion**.

No.	Statement	Fact	Opinion
1	The Grand Canyon stretches for about 446 kilometers.	○	○
2	The canyon was carved by the Colorado River over millions of years.	○	○
3	The Grand Canyon is truly one of the most magnificent places on Earth.	○	○
4	Everyone should experience the Grand Canyon at least once in their lifetime.	○	○

Text 2: The Rio Carnival: A World-Famous Celebration in Brazil

Every year, in February or March, the city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil hosts one of the most famous festivals in the world: the Rio Carnival. This lively event usually lasts for five days before the Christian season of Lent begins. Millions of tourists travel from other countries just to watch the colorful parades and enjoy the exciting atmosphere.

The carnival has a long history that goes back to the 18th century, when Portuguese settlers brought a festival called "Entrudo" to Brazil. Over time, African and indigenous traditions mixed with European customs, and the celebration slowly changed into the modern carnival that people know today. In the 20th century, samba music became the heart of the festival, and the event grew bigger every year.

The most exciting part of the carnival is the samba school parade. Samba schools are large groups from different neighborhoods, and each one prepares for almost a whole year. They design huge, decorated floats, create colorful costumes, and practice samba dances and songs. During the parade, thousands of dancers, musicians, and performers move through the Sambadrome, a special stadium built for this event. A panel of judges scores each samba school, and the winning group receives great honor in the following year.

The Rio Carnival is not only a party; it is also an important part of Brazilian identity. It brings people from different backgrounds together and gives them a chance to express their creativity and pride. In addition, the festival brings a huge amount of money to Brazil's economy through tourism, hotels, and local businesses. For many Brazilians, the carnival is a symbol of joy, freedom, and unity.

Question 1 — Identifying Explicit Information -MCMA

1. Which TWO of the following statements are stated explicitly in the text?

- ○ The Rio Carnival takes place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- ○ Samba schools prepare for almost a whole year before the parade.
- ○ The carnival is held every two years in São Paulo.
- ○ Tourists vote online to choose the winning samba school.

Question 2 — Making an Outline - PG

2. Which outline best represents the structure and order of the text?

A. (1) Introduction to the Rio Carnival: time and location (2) History and origin of the carnival tradition (3) Preparation and parade of the samba schools (4) Judging process and the winning samba school (5) Cultural and economic importance of the carnival

B. (1) Judging process and the winning samba school (2) Introduction to the Rio Carnival: time and location (3) Preparation and parade of the samba schools (4) History and origin of the carnival tradition (5) Cultural and economic importance of the carnival

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C. (1) Introduction to the Rio Carnival: time and location (2) Traditional Brazilian food served during the carnival (3) Preparation and parade of the samba schools (4) Judging process and the winning samba school (5) Cultural and economic importance of the carnival
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E. (1) Introduction to the Rio Carnival: time and location (2) History and origin of the carnival tradition (3) Preparation and parade of the samba schools (4) Ticket prices for tourists attending the carnival (5) Cultural and economic importance of the carnival

Question 3 — Inferring Supporting Details - PG

3. Which additional fact, if added to the text, would make it more informative and interesting?

A. The exact number of tourists who visited a different music festival in Rio last year.
B. A comparison of local bus ticket prices in Rio de Janeiro.
C. The name and history of the most award-winning samba school in Rio Carnival history.
D. A list of ingredients used in traditional Brazilian coffee.
E. The population growth rate of Brazil over the last decade.

Question 4 — Inferring the Main Idea - RADIO

No.	Statement	TRUE	FALSE
1	The main purpose of the text is to describe the Rio Carnival as an important cultural event.		
2	The target readers of this text are likely people who want general information about world cultures and festivals.		
3	The writer suggests that the carnival is meaningless to Brazilian people.		
4	The text implies that cultural celebrations can bring economic benefits to a country.		
5	The hidden message of the text is that tourists should avoid visiting Brazil during carnival season.		

Question 5 — Assessing Fact or Opinion - MCMA

5. Which TWO of the following statements are OPINIONS (used to persuade the reader rather than to give proven information)?

- The Rio Carnival is, without doubt, the best cultural celebration in the world.
- The carnival brings a huge amount of money to Brazil's economy through tourism.
- Everyone should visit the Rio Carnival at least once in their life.
- Portuguese settlers brought a festival called “Entrudo” to Brazil in the 18th century.

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