

# Reading Comprehension

TEXT COHERENCE AND STRUCTURE TASK



## INSTRUCTIONS

Read the text below, which contains five numbered blanks [ 1 ] through [ 5 ]. Choose the excerpt from the Option Bank (A–H) that best fits into each blank to maintain textual coherence and meaning. Write the corresponding letter in the Answer Key table at the bottom of the page.

*Note: There are **three extra options** that do not fit into any blank.*

## Reading Passage

### The Online Book Community

Maria is a student who loves reading global stories from different countries. She joined an online community [ 1 ]. Last week, she wrote about "The Lost Crown," a historical fiction novel that takes place in ancient Egypt.

"What's the book about?" asked her friend Carlos, who prefers comic books to novels. Maria explained: "It's a story about a young queen [ 2 ]. The plot is set in a palace where mysterious things happen every night."

The book contains characters who face enormous challenges [ 3 ]. Maria described the setting as "a world where ancient traditions are crumbling under new pressures." She especially enjoyed the central idea that connections between people are more powerful than gold.

Along the way, the queen meets a wise shepherd boy [ 4 ]. The story highlights key words like courage, friendship, and growth. Maria wrote in her review: "This is a coming-of-age story that shows how people can overcome their blind spots and learn from one another."

The novel became popular with readers [ 5 ]. Maria's review received many positive comments from community members who appreciated her detailed analysis of the literary themes that make this book extraordinary.

## Excerpt Option Bank

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| <b>A.</b> who must find a magical treasure that can save her kingdom           | <b>E.</b> who often struggle to balance personal desire with duty to the crown                |
| <b>B.</b> who teaches her important lessons about leadership                   | <b>F.</b> and themes that explore identity and loss                                           |
| <b>C.</b> where people share reviews of books that they have recently finished | <b>G.</b> where historical accurate facts are intertwined with fantasy elements               |
| <b>D.</b> who enjoy adventures that combine history with magical elements      | <b>H.</b> who expressed interest in exploring other stories set in similar historical periods |