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Read the text, then answer the questions that follow.

Being Safe on the Beach

1. A day at the beach can be wonderful. The coast is quiet and peaceful. The view of the water is very soothing. It can also be quite dangerous. The ocean is very powerful. People need to make safe choices. This will help people avoid injury out in the waves or on the sand.
2. There is one major way that people can be safe on the coast. They must pay attention to signs and warnings on the beach. Sometimes a flag warns people about risky conditions. For example, a red flag means the entire beach is closed due to dangerous conditions. A yellow flag means there is a strong current.
3. Lifeguards also help with beach safety. They watch swimmers and surfers. They keep a close eye on people in the water. They will even watch people on the sand who are near the waves. Lifeguards are trained to help rescue people. They know first aid in case someone gets hurt. They can also call other rescuers to help a person who is in serious trouble.
4. Yet not all beaches have lifeguards. Many beaches are public property. People can visit them when they choose. There is no one to stop a person from going into the water. People have to be safe for their own good. A perfect day on the beach is always a safe day on the beach!

- **Choose the letter of the best answer. (2 points each)**

1. Why did the author write this text?
 - a. to be entertained
 - b. to be convinced to avoid the beach
 - c. to learn about beach safety
 - d. to learn about flags

2. Which statement would the author agree with?

- At the beach, people can behave however they want to.
- Stay out of the water when lifeguards tell you to do so.
- There are no rules at the beach.
- Strong swimmers are never in danger.

3. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

- The beach is always a dangerous place.
- A day at the beach could be wonderful, but sometimes dangerous.
- The beach is always a safe place.
- Ocean water is always calming.

4. What is a synonym for the word *soothing* as it comes in paragraph 1?

- tiring
- annoying
- relaxing
- frustrating

- Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

5. The main idea of paragraph 3 is how **lifeguards help with beach safety**. Write **two** details that support this idea. (2 points)

6. What is one way to stay safe at the beach? (2 points)
