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Diagnostic Pretest 1

1 One reason the falcons nest in New York City is that

- A** the skyscrapers are like the cliffs they usually live on.
- B** people feed them there.
- C** the falcons enjoy the noise and traffic.
- D** the buildings are low like their homes.

2 How are peregrine falcons different from most other birds in the city?

- A** They are more brightly colored.
- B** They eat worms and insects.
- C** They hunt other birds.
- D** They do not fly.

3 When was the number of peregrine falcons very low?

- A** in the 1930s
- B** in the 1940s
- C** in the 1950s
- D** in the 1970s

4 Read this sentence from “Peregrine Falcons in New York City.”

Scientists wanted to stop falcons from disappearing.

Which is a synonym for the word *disappearing*?

- A** increasing
- B** wanting
- C** vanishing
- D** remembering