

Reading 6: Items 31-35

Read the research study.

- (1) About 25 years ago, a group of Canadian scientists wanted to create a strain of salmon that could survive in fish farms in the cold water off New Brunswick. They took genetic material from Chinook salmon and from an eel-like fish called the ocean pout and injected it into the eggs of an Atlantic salmon. The result was a fast-growing fish that looks and tastes like a regular farmed Atlantic salmon. Some people call it a “super salmon,” while others call it “Frankenfish,” after the fictional monster created by Dr. Frankenstein.
- (2) The controversial fish, called the AquAdvantage salmon, has been genetically modified. That means some of its DNA has been artificially changed. The modified salmon is also “transgenic,” which means genetic material from a different type of organism has been artificially added to the salmon’s DNA.
- (3) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which regulates food in the United States, studied the salmon for several years. In 2010, they decided that the salmon was safe to eat and would have “no significant impact” on the environment – as long as it was raised in special facilities and could not accidentally be released into rivers or oceans.
- (4) Because so many people requested that the FDA reconsider its decision, the FDA asked for comments from the public. It received more than 35,000 responses. It is still considering these comments and has not yet announced whether it will allow the salmon to be sold as food for humans.

31. What is the main idea of the article?

1. Salmon has become the world’s first genetically modified animal.
2. Modified salmon’s safety as food is still questionable.
3. The request to market modified salmon has been withdrawn.
4. The U.S. FDA has reconsidered the safety of the Atlantic salmon.

32. According to the passage, which of the following is **TRUE**?
1. The AquAdvantage salmon is well accepted by consumers.
 2. The modified salmon is called "Frankenfish" by those who oppose it.
 3. The FDA has officially approved the sale of modified salmon to consumers.
 4. The modified salmon contains a growth hormone gene from a farmed Atlantic salmon.
33. What is **NOT** mentioned in the passage?
1. The final decision of the FDA
 2. The benefits of the modified salmon
 3. The process of creating a transgenic organism
 4. The scientists' purposes for creating modified salmon
34. What can be inferred from paragraph 3?
1. The wild salmon may be extinct in the near future.
 2. The FDA will hold another public hearing on the issue of modified salmon.
 3. The modified salmon would become the first transgenic animal to enter the food supply.
 4. The modified salmon could harm the environment if they went by chance into rivers or oceans.
35. How do the people who use the term "Frankenfish" feel about modified salmon?
1. Safe
 2. Excited
 3. Hopeful
 4. Nervous



Part Three: Writing

Directions: Choose the best word/words to complete the texts below.

Writing 1: Items 36-42

Situation: You are writing a diary describing your first day at a new school.

Dear Diary,

Today was my first day at the new school and I was so excited. My sister, Jane, agreed to (36) _____ school and the whole way I was bouncing almost out of my shoes. Actually, I hate wearing this pair of shoes. I usually walk around in old ones. But my mom said it was a "special occasion", like church or something, so I'd better wear (37) _____.

When I got there, Jane told me not to (38) _____ her at school and to always stay with the kids my own age. I didn't like that very much and wondered (39) _____ we would still be able to play at home.

School was a total (40) _____. Miss Sunee didn't seem to like me very much and made me study English tenses all over again even though I can read and write perfectly fine. She is only twenty-one and just moved into town so she doesn't know about any of (41) _____.

Dear diary, I hope school (42) _____ or I might have to quit. Jane said I couldn't. But I just cannot stand it. I'll try to be nicer to Miss Sunee.

Good night Diary,
See you soon.

36. 1. run into
2. take me to
3. come across
4. walk me from

37. 1. old shoes
2. old ones
3. new ones
4. new pairs

38. 1. ask
2. tell
3. permit
4. bother

39. 1. if
2. this
3. why
4. which

40. 1. satisfaction
2. disappointment
3. improvement
4. communication

41. 1. the histories' family town
2. the histories' town family
3. the family's town histories
4. the town's family histories

42. 1. gets well again
2. gets better soon
3. feels good now
4. likes me more

Writing 2: Items 43-50

Situation: The following is an advertisement for a school fair.

The school fair is right around the corner, and tickets have just gone on sale. We (43) _____ a limited number of tickets at a discount, so move fast and get yours while (44) _____ still available. This is going to be an event you will not want to (45) _____. First of all, the school fair is a great value when compared (46) _____ other forms of entertainment. Also, your ticket purchase will help our school, and when you (47) _____ the school, it helps the entire community. But that's not all! Every ticket you purchase enters you in a drawing (48) _____. And don't forget, you will have mountains of fun (49) _____ there are acres and acres of great rides, fun games, and entertaining attractions! (50) _____ time with your family and friends at our school fair. Buy your tickets now!

43. 1. sold

2. are sold

3. are selling

4. have sold

44. 1. that is

2. this is

3. we are

4. they are

45. 1. miss

2. waste

3. lose

4. change

46. 1. at
2. on
3. with
4. for
47. 1. help
2. helped
3. will help
4. had helped
48. 1. prizes fabulous to win
2. to win fabulous prizes
3. for fabulous prizes winning
4. for winning prizes fabulous
49. 1. so
2. if
3. because
4. which
50. 1. Let
2. Turn
3. Put
4. Spend