

## TYPE 2: TRUE / FALSE / NOT GIVEN

Do the statements agree with the information given in the Reading Passages?

Write:

**TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information

**FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information

**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

### Passage 1

Dengue fever is very common in tropical areas. One reason is that mosquitoes flourish in tropical climate. In fact, their numbers can increase very fast in the tropics. Infected mosquitoes can then bite people and transmit the disease. In order for people to avoid getting dengue fever, the quantity of mosquitoes should be controlled. One way of doing this is to use mosquito repellent sprays. People can also protect their homes from mosquitoes by putting screens on doors and windows to keep these insects out. It is also important to get rid of stagnant water, which is the breeding ground of mosquitoes.

### Question

Mosquitoes can easily increase in number in tropical zones.

### Passage 2

Many people think that dolphins and whales are fish. They are not. These creatures are mammals, which belong to the order Cetacea. Whales and dolphins are warm-blooded and they bear offspring that have hair. They also breathe in oxygen when they swim on the water's surface through a blowhole on top of their head, unlike fish, which can breathe underwater. Most cetaceans are very gentle and friendly. These animals, particularly dolphins, are also some of the most intelligent species in the world.

### Question

The blowhole of a dolphin is below its head.

**Passage 3**

Individuals who live in dry areas should carefully choose which types of plants they want to grow or use for landscaping. It is advised that less flammable trees and shrubs, like the oak, elm, gardenia and rose, should be used. However, trees such as the eucalyptus and juniper should be avoided because of their high resin and oil content as well as their drier barks and leaves, which make them more burnable. The purpose of cultivating less incendiary plants is to avoid the incidence of bushfires. If and when a wildfire does occur, fire-resistant plants will help stop or slow down the spread of fire.

**Question**

Fireproof plants are easier to cultivate than combustible ones.

**Passage 4**

Some people smoke because they think that it makes them look chic and stylish. However, smoking can cause serious lung diseases, like lung cancer and emphysema. A smoker's heart and blood vessels are likewise damaged by about 7,000 other chemicals including nicotine. Those who smoke also tend to have drier skin, which makes them look older than individuals who do not smoke. Furthermore, smoking endangers non-smokers because of secondhand smoke, causing asthma attacks, pneumonia and bronchitis.

**Question**

Individuals who smoke have smoother skin compared to non-smokers.

**Passage 5**

Many people enjoy drinking tea, although some may be unaware that tea is actually good for the health. Green tea, in particular, is rich in antioxidants. This chemical can help boost a person's immune system. Not only that, antioxidants also help the body fight cancer-causing elements. Drinking tea also lowers cholesterol, which keeps the heart and blood vessels healthier. Those who wish to go on a diet should also consider drinking green tea because it helps the body burn more calories.

**Question**

Drinking green tea is detrimental to people's well-being.

**Passage 6**

Dolls have been used as playthings even during ancient times. The proof is discovered in some Egyptian tombs where archeologists have excavated dolls. These were, in particular, found in the graves of children. These first dolls were said to be made of wood or clay. Some ancient dolls even had movable arms and legs, and removable clothing. Doll making became common in the 1860s, and today, children can even design their own dolls on the Internet. Creating dolls is part of the world's culture, making the doll one of the oldest and most recognized toys.

**Question**

Some dolls were buried with children.

**Passage 7**

Acne is a common problem usually experienced by teenagers and also experienced by many adults. Acne frequently occurs on the face and neck area, but it can also occur on the chest and back. It causes the appearance of pimples, which can leave scars and dark spots. This can detract from a person's appearance, which is why many people use acne treatments. Some people use oral medicines and antibacterial creams. However, not many people can afford these, which is why they prefer home remedies. Lemon, orange, banana and carrot are only some of the natural remedies people can use at home to help treat acne.

**Question**

In treating acne, most individuals choose to use home remedies because they are the quickest means to get rid of pimple marks.

**Passage 8**

A meteor is also called a falling star or a shooting star. People can see a falling star when a small particle from outer space enters the Earth's atmosphere. The impact between the particle and the Earth's atmosphere causes the particle to become very hot. Due to the very high temperature during impact, the particle is set ablaze and will look like it is glowing. Yet, a meteor does not actually land on the Earth's surface because it dissolves into dust. Particles that do land on Earth, however, are called meteorites.

**Question**

A meteor becomes incredibly hot when it crashes into the Earth's atmosphere.

**Passage 9**

Bananas are very popular fruits. These are energy-giving foods that are usually eaten raw. Beyond expectations, bananas provide various nutrients such as calcium, vitamins, chromium, and iron. Bananas are widely grown in some parts of Africa, but only a small number of the bananas produced is exported. Many countries cultivate the banana plant because it can be used for things, other than food. Some excellent textile materials in Japan, for instance, are made from the banana plant. Moreover, this plant can also be used in making paper and food supplements.

**Question**

In Africa, most of the bananas produced are consumed locally.

**Passage 10**

Brain development is considered to be one of the most crucial events in the early stages of life. At birth, a child's brain is only about twenty-five percent of its mature weight. Yet, billions of cells and nerve connections are formed each day from birth to toddlerhood. This is the perfect period to stimulate the minds of children in order to allow their brains to achieve its full potential. These days, there are many toys to choose from that will spark a baby's or toddler's curiosity. Parents can now easily look for toys geared towards supporting children's brain development.

**Question**

The time between birth and toddlerhood is the best time for parents to maximize their baby's brain development.

**Passage 11**

Communication tools are vital in today's world. The arrival of computers and the Internet has made communication more convenient and affordable to most people. However, these would not have been made possible without the unique ideas of those who sought to revolutionize communication systems. The 1800s marked the golden century of communications because the telegraph and the telephone were invented during this time. Samuel Morse invented the electric telegraph, which is the ancestor of the modern-day Internet. On the other hand, Alexander Graham Bell is recognized as the inventor of the telephone.

**Question**

Samuel Morse created the telephone in the late 1900s.

**Passage 12**

Water shortage is presently a problem in many countries. Nonetheless, most people in developed nations are unconcerned about this problem, believing that new technological advancements will be the key to solving the water problem. However, many factors are at play here. First, the ever-increasing world population increases water demand. The continuous pollution of the environment also contaminates water supply, thus spoiling many fresh water sources. If these problems are not addressed today, a global water shortage crisis is likely to be a threat to human survival.

**Question**

In the year 2020, nations around the world will suffer from scarcity of water supply.

**Passage 13**

Caviar is made from the eggs of fish. Female fish, usually the sturgeon, have to be mature enough in order to become reproductively ready, thus being able to have eggs. These eggs are obtained and sold as expensive delicacies. The most expensive caviar, which sells at more than \$5,000 per kilogram, is the Beluga caviar from the Beluga sturgeon. However, some countries have banned the harvesting of the sturgeon since this species is becoming endangered. This has encouraged commercial harvesters to acquire alternative caviar from other fish, like the cod and the lumpfish.

**Question**

Caviar is a dainty treat that is not harvested from young sturgeons.

**Passage 14**

With the advent of the Internet, gambling has become more convenient and widespread. Most users can just go online and access particular sites dedicated to gambling. This is why many people are addicted to online gambling. Gambling makes people hope that they will win large sums of money. Thus, individuals spend their cash in order to gain more money, but they end up losing so much more. Some have even lost their families and friends to gambling. Online gambling, therefore, has now become a major issue for those who are unable to control their urge to gamble or for persons who are addicted to it.

**Question**

People who gamble do not actually expect to gain a lot of cash when they participate in risky games.

**Passage 15**

Drug addiction is a major problem in many societies around the world. A significant number of the population around the globe continues to use some form of drug, like cocaine, cannabis and others. Drug addiction brings many untoward physical, mental and psychological effects. The use of drugs can cause mild physical symptoms, such as itching or rashes, or more serious conditions, like coma or death. As a person continuously uses drugs, most of his brain cells get damaged, resulting in decreased learning and reduced response to external stimuli. Psychological effects include diminished emotional response or inability to relate to others. These are only some of the many effects of drug addiction, which makes it a serious societal problem plaguing many of today's youth.

**Question**

A person who is influenced by drugs will be more likely to commit crimes.

**Passage 16**

Some people find it hard to control their anger that they immediately turn violent. This can be very scary for many individuals. Anger can cloud rational thinking and can lead to life-threatening situations. However, there are many simple ways to manage anger. If a person starts to get angry, he can take deep calming breaths or slowly count from one to ten. An individual can also think of happy thoughts or remove himself from a confrontational situation in order to avoid getting too angry. Thus, managing anger can be done if a person is determined enough to do it.

**Question**

A person who is becoming angry should remain in provoking situations.

**Passage 17**

Diamonds represent the ultimate in wealth and luxury. However, there are many controversies and struggles behind the mining and the selling of these magnificent stones. In some parts of Africa, some diamond mines have been taken over by rebels. These rebels continue to mine and sell these ill-gotten diamonds to fund their illegal operations. These diamonds are called conflict diamonds or blood diamonds. This is one of the major reasons why international groups have been organized to monitor and to stop the entry of blood diamonds in the world market. Hence, before buying a piece of diamond, it is best to make sure that the dealer and the diamond are legal and trustworthy.

**Question**

Blood diamonds are illegal, which is why these are less expensive than regular diamonds.

**Passage 18**

Success is a result of hard work. If a person tries hard and does everything to achieve his dreams, then he will be more likely to succeed. People hear about many success stories and most of these are due to hard work. It is a mistake to think that success is a result of luck. A person cannot just sit at home and wait for luck to enter his life. Instead, an individual should do something to achieve success, as luck can only help him in some ways.

**Question**

In order to succeed, a person should work hard, rather than just wait for good luck.