

1. Which is the best paraphrase of the following sentence?

*Deserts cover one fifth of the surface of the Earth.*

- a. Deserts cover one fifth of the Earth.
- b. One fifth of the Earth's surface is desert.
- c. Deserts cover one fifth of the Earth.
- d. Deserts cover more than half of the Earth's surface.

2. What is the best paraphrase of the following sentence?

*Brazil is the largest country in South America and Suriname is the smallest.*

- a. The biggest country in South America is Brazil, while the tiniest is Suriname.
- b. Suriname and Brazil the largest and smallest countries in Brazil.
- c. The largest country is Brazil and the smallest country is Suriname, and they are both countries in Brazil.
- d. The two countries of Brazil and Suriname are two countries in Brazil.

3. What is the best paraphrase of the following sentence?

*A type of shark called a shortfin mako can leap 20 feet above the surface of the water.*

- a. A shark can leap 20 feet out of the water, it is called a shortfin mako.
- b. The shortfin mako shark can jump above the surface of water.
- c. A shortfin mako is a kind of shark that can leap 20 feet out of the water.
- d. A shortfin mako can jump 20 feet above the surface of the water.

4. Choose the BEST paraphrase of this sentence:

*Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, has been an important market and trading place for hundreds of years.*

- a. Tashkent and Uzbekistan are important places to trade hundreds of things in the market.
- b. The Uzbekistan capital city of Tashkent has been a major market and trading place for centuries.
- c. For hundreds of years, Tashkent has been the capital of Uzbekistan and trading places now is important for the market.
- d. Uzbekistan is a popular place for markets and for hundreds of years Tashkent has been trading its capital goods.

5. Choose the sentence that BEST paraphrases this sentence:

*A high school student usually has summer reading assignments.*

- a. A high school student always has homework assignments in the summer.
- b. It is common for students in high school to have summer reading assignments.
- c. Usually school aged students have summer reading assignments.
- d. Most summer school students have high school reading to do.