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.

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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.

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