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Sheep

A sheep was the first animal to be artificially cloned. A cloned animal is a genetically identical copy of another animal. The first cloned sheep was created from cells that were taken from an adult sheep. This scientific breakthrough occurred when the new sheep was cloned from another sheep. Scientists named the result of their experiment Dolly. Dolly lived for approximately seven years, but she had a progressive lung disease, and she eventually had to be euthanized.

Besides being the first cloned animal, sheep are also important animals to people because they can provide both food and clothing to human beings. People who watch flocks of sheep are known as shepherds. Shepherds help keep sheep safe from harm and help protect them against attacks by wild animals.

Today, many sheep are more domesticated than wild. There are more than eight hundred breeds and types of domestic sheep. These domestic sheep can provide people with wool, meat, and milk. Farmers raising sheep are able to use land that is not good for growing crops. Sheep are able to graze on land that would otherwise remain unused by the farmer.

Text Questions

1. What was the author's purpose in writing this text?
   a. to provide information about sheep
   b. to compare and contrast goats and sheep
   c. to encourage people to raise sheep
   d. The author had no purpose.
2. Which statement is a fact about sheep?
   a. Sheep were the first animals to be cloned.
   b. Sheep are the only animal that can provide both food and clothing.
   c. Sheep live for seven years.
   d. Sheep are not domesticated animals.
3. Where could one find a naturally cloned animal?
   a. with the birth of twins
   b. at any farm where sheep are raised
   c. with the birth of animals born in the same year
   d. There are no naturally cloned animals.
4. According to the text, what is one reason sheep are useful to farmers?
   a. They graze on land that cannot be used for crops.
   b. They are the only species that can be cloned to create larger flocks or herds.
   c. They provide wool for the farmer's clothing.
   d. They deter the growth of weeds on the property where they graze.
5. Which is an antonym for the word *domesticated* as it is used in the third paragraph?
   a. tame
   b. cultivated
   c. wild
   d. adapt

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