THINKING SKILLS

1. Fog is a major cause of accidents on highways in some areas. Every year many thousands of people lose their lives because fog can dangerously reduce visibility. The drivers cannot see very far ahead so they.....
   a. do not have time to avoid accidents.
   b. go faster to avoid accidents.
   c. have more time to read the signs.
   d. do not have time to have accidents.

2. The idea of a car that knows where to go may seem impossible. However, new technology may soon make this possible. Cars will have computers to tell drivers which roads have the least traffic. That way the drivers will not waste time in traffic jams. There will also be less pollution because the car engines will be running less. These new cars will be known as.....
   a. "expensive cars."
   b. "fast cars."
   c. "traffic cars."
   d. "smart cars."

3. Scottish people like to think that golf a Scottish sport. The game did not come from Scotland, however. It was first played in Holland in the 14th century. Only later did it become.....
   a. popular with the Dutch.
   b. popular in Scotland.
   c. a real sport.
   d. an Olympic sport.

4. When Christopher Columbus sailed west from Spain in 1492, he wanted to reach Asia. He did not know there was another continent in between Europe and Asia. In fact, when he died he still believed that he land he had found was.....
   a. Asia
   b. America
   c. Spain
   d. another continent

5. In the past, many people in western Ireland and the Scottish Highlands spoke Gaelic as their first language. Now only a few people speak Gaelic, and they are mostly from the older generation. The younger people.....
   a. hardly understand any English
   b. don't like to speak with strangers
   c. often don't even understand Gaelic
   d. don't often speak with the older generation

6. When Europeans first arrived in North America in 1620 the forests were full of bears. There were more than half a million of these wild animals. Then the Europeans began to cut down the forests where the bears lived. They also began to hunt the bears. By 1900, there were very few bears left. Now, however, the bear population is about 200, 000. The bears have begun to multiply again, thanks to.....
   a. better hunting methods
   b. better foods for them
   c. better laws to protect them
   d. better laws to protect Europeans

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7. The dog was the first domesticated animal. Very early in human history, people learned that a dog could help with hunting. Dogs also were good company for early man. We can say that the dog is man's "best friend" and his.....
   a. worst enemy
   b. only friend
   c. latest
   d. oldest friend

8. For many years, alligator skin was popular in the United States for making fashionable leather shoes and purses. From 1870 to 1965 at least ten million alligators were killed in the United States for leather. Then, in 1967, the government made laws against hunting alligators. After that the alligator population began to grow again. Now there are.....
   a. no more alligators in the United States
   b. fewer alligators than there were in 1967
   c. more alligator skins for making shoes and purses
   d. nearly two million alligators in the United States

9. It used to be fashionable for women to have very small waists. They often wore tight clothes around their middles to make them thinner. A woman with a very thin waist was said to be "wasp-waisted" because her body looked like the body of a wasp. The wasp is an insect with.....
   a. a large head and small body
   b. a very thin middle
   c. tight clothes around its middle
   d. long, thin legs

10. The tulip is a flower that originally grew in Turkey. In the 17th century it became very popular in Holland. Some Dutch merchants became very rich by importing tulips. They sold them to the .....
   a. Dutch at very high prices
   b. Turkish at very high prices
   c. Turkish at very low prices
   d. Dutch at very low prices

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