Reading Comprehension: Purpose & Tone

Part I – Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What does an author's **purpose** describe?
   A. The setting of the story
   B. Why the author wrote the text
   C. The main character's feelings
   D. The order of events
2. Which of the following is an example of an author writing to **persuade**?
   A. A recipe
   B. A newspaper article
   C. A commercial encouraging people to buy a product
   D. A science textbook
3. Tone refers to:
   A. The number of characters in a story
   B. The author's attitude toward the subject
   C. The ending of the text
   D. The setting of the story
4. Which tone word best describes a happy and cheerful text?
   A. Angry
   B. Joyful
   C. Serious
   D. Frightened
5. A text filled with facts and explanations is most likely written to:
   A. Entertain
   B. Persuade
   C. Inform
   D. Scare
6. Which sentence shows a persuasive purpose?
   A. "The cat slept all afternoon."
   B. "Recycling helps reduce pollution, so everyone should recycle."
   C. "The rain fell steadily all night."
   D. "George Washington was the first president."
7. Which tone is most likely used in a scary story?
   A. Excited
   B. Humorous
   C. Suspenseful
   D. Peaceful
8. If an author uses many jokes and funny details, the tone is likely:
   A. Serious
   B. Humorous
   C. Nervous
   D. Formal
9. Which of the following is written mainly to entertain?
   A. A novel
   B. A textbook
   C. A weather report
   D. A manual
10. What can help readers determine tone?
    A. Word choice
    B. Font size
    C. Number of pages
    D. Chapter titles

Part II – Read the Paragraphs and Answer the Questions

Passage 1

Mia stepped onto the stage with shaking hands. The bright lights made her nervous, and the crowd seemed enormous. She took a deep breath, smiled, and began to sing. By the end of the performance, the audience cheered loudly.

11. What is the tone of this paragraph?
    A. Angry
    B. Nervous
    C. Silly
    D. Confused

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12. Which detail best supports the tone?
    A. “The audience cheered loudly.”
    B. “Mia stepped onto the stage.”
    C. “The bright lights made her nervous.”
    D. “She began to sing.”

13. What is the author’s main purpose?
    A. To persuade
    B. To entertain
    C. To inform
    D. To explain directions

Passage 2

Plastic waste harms oceans and wildlife every day. People can help by recycling, using reusable bags, and reducing trash. Even small actions can make a big difference for the environment.

14. What is the author’s purpose?
    A. To entertain
    B. To describe
    C. To persuade
    D. To tell a story

15. What tone best describes this paragraph?
    A. Encouraging
    B. Frightened
    C. Humorous
    D. Confused

16. Which sentence best shows the author’s purpose?
    A. “Plastic waste harms oceans and wildlife every day.”
    B. “People can help by recycling...”
    C. “Even small actions can make a big difference...”
    D. Both B and C

Passage 3

The museum opened in 1920 and contains over 10,000 historical artifacts. Visitors can explore exhibits about ancient civilizations, inventions, and famous historical events.

17. What is the author’s purpose?
    A. To persuade
    B. To entertain
    C. To inform
    D. To scare

18. What tone best describes this paragraph?
    A. Informative
    B. Angry
    C. Excited
    D. Sad

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