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Listen to two people talking about standardized testing, take notes and then answer the questions below.

1. What change is being proposed at the beginning of the conversation?
 - A. Standardized tests might be replaced with project-based assessments
 - B. Traditional exams might be combined with additional classroom activities
 - C. National testing systems might be expanded to include more subjects
 - D. School grading methods might be adjusted to increase competition
2. Does Tom support or criticize standardized testing?
 - A. He believes standardized testing should remain the main system
 - B. He thinks standardized testing creates unnecessary pressure on students
 - C. He feels standardized testing works well in certain situations only
 - D. He argues standardized testing should be used more frequently in schools
3. Why does Tom believe standardized testing is a problem for students?
 - A. It limits teachers from adapting lessons to student interests fairly
 - B. It places excessive pressure on students and measures learning poorly
 - C. It prevents schools from organizing creative educational activities regularly
 - D. It reduces opportunities for students to participate in group projects
4. What reason do proponents of standardized testing give to support it?
 - A. It allows educational results to be compared across different schools
 - B. It encourages teachers to focus more carefully on academic performance
 - C. It helps students become more prepared for university entrance exams
 - D. It creates opportunities for schools to improve classroom discipline policies
5. What word is used in the conversation to describe someone who supports a cause or idea?
 - A. Critic
 - B. Advocate
 - C. Opponent
 - D. Proponent
6. What type of conditional is used in the sentence: "If education was focused more on student engagement..." ?
 - A. Zero conditional expressing a general truth about educational practices
 - B. First conditional describing a realistic future educational possibility
 - C. Second conditional describing a hypothetical or imagined educational situation
 - D. Third conditional describing a past situation with a different possible result
7. Identify a sentence from the conversation that uses the passive voice.
 - A. "Students might actually learn more deeply through meaningful engagement."
 - B. "If schools were funded fairly and access to education was improved..."
 - C. "Some proponents say it is the only fair method available today."
 - D. "More students could participate actively in collaborative learning projects."
8. According to Tom, how could improving access to education reduce the need for standardized tests?
 - A. Better educational access would reduce dependence on tests for resources
 - B. Improved educational funding would increase student participation in testing
 - C. Expanded educational programs would encourage schools to design new exams
 - D. Greater educational flexibility would allow teachers to assign fewer projects
9. What two aspects of the education system does Lena say would need to change?
 - A. Student behavior policies and methods of classroom evaluation procedures
 - B. School technology systems and approaches to online learning development
 - C. Curriculum structure and methods used for teaching and instruction
 - D. National funding systems and procedures for educational administration
10. What is Tom's final suggestion for how students can be better prepared for life?
 - A. Schools should encourage lifelong learning and develop critical thinking skills
 - B. Schools should provide additional examinations focused on practical knowledge
 - C. Schools should increase digital instruction and independent study opportunities
 - D. Schools should require more academic subjects related to workplace preparation