

Reading Comprehension Assessment: The Lookout's Report

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer for each question. Pay attention to facts and details, sequence of events, inferences, vocabulary, and the author's message.

1. At what time did the lookout first observe the smoke?

- A. 6:04 a.m.
- B. 6:14 a.m.
- C. 6:22 a.m.
- D. 7:00 a.m.

2. How long had the lookout been watching the eastern ridge when the smoke appeared?

- A. One hour
- B. Two hours
- C. Three hours
- D. Four hours

3. Which information was included in the lookout's first official report?

- A. The smoke's location, wind speed, and notification to dispatch
- B. The location of the research equipment and the crew's safety
- C. The predicted path of the fire and the damage it might cause
- D. The time the research crew entered the cedar grove

4. Why did the lookout know that the research equipment was in the cedar grove?

- A. The supervisor had assigned the lookout to inspect it.
- B. Dispatch had confirmed the equipment's location.
- C. The research crew had reported its location by radio.
- D. The lookout had watched the crew carry it into the grove.

5. What did the lookout observe about the direction of the smoke?

- A. It moved toward the research station.
- B. It moved toward the cedar grove.
- C. It moved away from both the station and the grove.
- D. It followed the direction predicted in the first report.

6. What change did the lookout record at 7:00 a.m.?

- A. The smoke disappeared, and the wind became calm.
- B. The research crew returned to the station.
- C. The smoke had doubled, and the wind had shifted southwest.
- D. The supervisor arrived and inspected the ridge.
- E.

7. According to the passage, what did the supervisor expect the lookout to do?

- A. Observe, record, and report the conditions accurately
- B. Predict every possible consequence of a changing wind
- C. Move the research equipment whenever smoke appeared
- D. Contact the research crew before notifying dispatch

8. What did the lookout do at 7:04 a.m.?

- A. Submitted the final report to the supervisor
- B. Returned to the eastern ridge to measure the smoke
- C. Asked dispatch to send the research crew to the station
- D. Contacted the research crew directly about the danger

9. At what time did the cedar grove burn?

- A. 7:04 a.m.
- B. 7:14 a.m.
- C. 7:22 a.m.
- D. 8:00 a.m.

10. What had happened to the research equipment before the grove burned?

- A. It had been destroyed by the fire.
- B. It had already been moved.
- C. It had been returned to the station by the supervisor.
- D. It remained in the grove until the fire was extinguished.

11. Why did the lookout leave the cedar grove out of the official report?

- A. The lookout did not know where the equipment was located.
- B. The lookout believed the grove was beyond the fire's reach.
- C. The lookout wanted the supervisor to discover the danger independently.
- D. The supervisor had instructed the lookout to report observations rather than speculate.

12. What can the reader infer about the lookout's decision to contact the crew directly?

- A. The lookout recognized the need to take additional action beyond the official reporting process.
- B. The lookout believed dispatch was incapable of receiving radio messages.
- C. The lookout wanted to avoid recording the changing wind direction.
- D. The lookout was no longer willing to perform the assigned duties.

13. What does the phrase "His report was accurate. It was not the whole story" mean?

- A. The report contained incorrect measurements but described the fire correctly.
- B. The supervisor misunderstood every detail in the report.
- C. The report presented correct facts but omitted the lookout's direct intervention.
- D. The lookout changed the recorded times after the fire occurred.

14. Which detail best shows that the lookout understood the danger before the fire reached the grove?

- A. The lookout had watched the eastern ridge for three hours.
- B. The lookout noticed the wind shift and recognized what was about to happen before the instruments detected it.
- C. The lookout wrote the first report at 6:14 a.m.
- D. The supervisor planned to read the report later.

15. Which statement best expresses the main idea of the passage?

- A. Research crews should always move their equipment before beginning fieldwork.
- B. Official reports are unnecessary when workers have enough experience.
- C. Scientific instruments cannot provide useful information during a fire.
- D. Accurate reporting is important, but sound judgment and timely action can also be necessary.