

TEAS Test

1. Which of the following best describes the purpose of this passage?

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A. to criticize

B. to entertain

C. to inform

D. to analyze

Answer(s): D

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A. It is the main idea of the novel.

B. To illustrate one of the themes in the novel.

C. To show how the book is semi-autobiographical.

D. To create interest in the novel.

Answer(s): B

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A. identity

B. espionage

C. culture

D. immigration

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4. Based on the passage, why do Lee's novels focus on race and cultural identity?

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A. Because Lee's ancestors are Korean.

B. Because Lee immigrated to America at a young age.

C. Because Lee was born in Korea.

D. Because Lee feels these issues are the biggest problem facing America.

Answer(s): B

5. How does the author of the passage feel about the ideas presented in Lee's novels?

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A. Critical regarding the role technology has played in society and how it destroys the immigrant experience.

B. Concerned about the disappearance of cultures in a rapidly expanding and mixed world.

C. Excited that immigrants are easily able to redefine and establish themselves in new cultures.

D. Certain that all borders will eventually be eliminated so world cultures will commingle and fully assimilate.

Answer(s): B

6. What is the main reason for taking this formula?

Read the set of directions below to answer the questions.

This formula is for people with deficiencies and anemic conditions. It aids in the body absorption of vital minerals such as iron, calcium, zinc, potassium, and sulfur.

Take the following ingredients: Parsley root, Comfrey root, Yellow dock, Watercress, Nettles, Kelp Irish moss. Simmer slowly equal parts of these herbs with four ounces to a half-quart of water.

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Strain, reserve the liquid, and cover the herbs with water once more. Then simmer again for 10 minutes. Strain and combine the two liquids.

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A. to increase the absorption of minerals

B. to reduce the absorption of minerals

C. to get rid of unnecessary minerals

D. to serve as a mineral supplement

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7. If a 1/4 ounce of yellow dock is used, how much watercress should be used?

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A. 1/2 ounce

B. 1/3 ounce

C. 1/4 ounce

D. 1 ounce

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8. If a patient follows the directions correctly, how often could the medicine be taken? Read the set of directions below to answer the questions.

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A. once every six hours

B. once every four hours

C. once every three hours

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A. whisking

B. filtering

C. mixing

D. evaporating

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10.

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Date	Albany	Coral Bay	Bunbury
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6/5	0.90	1.01	0.50
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On what day was flooding most likely the greatest concern?

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B. sixth

C. fifth

D. first

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Based on the data in the table, which city has the driest climate?

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B. Coral Bay

C. Albany

D. They all have the same climate.

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Which statement best compares the precipitation between Albany and Coral Bay?

A. Albany is usually slightly wetter than Coral Bay.

B. Coral Bay is always much wetter than Albany.

C. Coral Bay is usually slightly wetter than Albany.

D. There is no difference between Albany and Coral Bay.

Answer(s): C

13. “The \$100 Bill” is an example of what type of writing? “The \$100 Bill”

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A. narrative

B. educational

C. biography

D. essay

Answer(s): A

14. What can be deduced about Paul and Samantha’s relationship from the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of the story? “The \$100 Bill”

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A. Paul, habitually, does not treat Samantha well.

B. Paul is a mean boss.

C. Paul does not care what Samantha does.

D. Paul's disappointment is a source of stress for Samantha.

Answer(s): D

15. What is the topic of the passage? "The \$100 Bill"

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A. the presence of generosity in society

B. Samantha's workday failures and successes

C. the relationship between Paul and Samantha

D. the difficulties of using a bike as one's sole source of transportation

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A. to teach the audience about proper workplace etiquette

B. to warn against tardiness in the workplace

C. to tell a hopeful story about a down-on-her-luck waitress

D. to convince the audience to leave generous tips

Answer(s): C

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A. Paul was responsible for Samantha’s tire trouble.

B. Samantha’s job is a big part of her financial stability.

C. The gentleman who left the tip was a friend of Samantha's.

D. Samantha's trouble at work stemmed entirely from Paul.

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18. What word best describes Samantha and her role in the story? "The \$100 Bill"

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A. protagonist

B. antagonist

C. narrator

D. heroine

Answer(s): A

19. What is the purpose of the passage? To whom it may concern,
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We look forward to seeing your work in the future. Good luck!
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A. to inform a student that his work has not been selected for the student journal

B. to discourage a student from submitting work in the future

C. to announce a student's success in applying for a student journal internship

D. to encourage a student to submit work to the student journal

Answer(s): A

20. What can be inferred about the student's work from the explanation offered in the passage?
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A. The student's work met the journal's requirements.

B. The student's work needs further revision and improvement before being accepted.

C. The student failed to provide all of the necessary information for publication in the journal.

D. The student's work content was inappropriate.

Answer(s): B
