

## Level E - Form 1 - Reading: Construct Meaning

### Sample Question

Read the paragraph. Then choose the best answer to the question.

At the club, Bob sang in a band. While he was onstage, he would look into the crowd. Some people danced, and others just listened. Bob felt good when the people cheered.

How did Bob feel when he sang?

- A ugly
- B happy
- C scared
- D untalented

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Read each story. Then do Numbers 1 through 3.

1. My car is costing me too much. Last month, the brakes failed. This month, I had to replace the muffler. It might be cheaper to buy a new car.

This story is mostly about

- A buying a car
  - B getting a new muffler
  - C driving without brakes
  - D a car that needs many repairs
2. Raymond is afraid every time he has to work on a roof.

If Raymond hates heights, which of these would he probably also hate?

- F cooking
- G camping
- H roller coasters
- J long driving trips

3. Lena took her vacation pictures to work. The pictures showed palm trees and beaches. One showed Lena on a boat.

Where did Lena most likely go on her trip?

- A a mountaintop
- B a seacoast
- C a museum
- D a forest

This is an article about Christopher Columbus. Read the article. Then do Numbers 4 through 6.

### Columbus

Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer. In his day, it took a long time to travel to the East Indies over land or east around the tip of Africa, but people in Europe wanted the spices from the East Indies. Columbus was certain he knew a quicker way to reach the Indies: by sailing west around the world. He convinced the queen of Spain to pay for the trip. In return, he promised to bring her valuable spices.

Many people thought Columbus was crazy. They believed Earth was flat, so they thought the ships would fall off the edge. Columbus was sure he could reach the Indies, so he sailed anyway.

In 1492, Columbus landed in North America. The trip was one of history's most important accidents. Columbus thought he had reached the East Indies, so he called the people living here "Indians." In spite of Columbus's confusion, this voyage was a major event in history.

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| <p>4. Some people called Columbus crazy. They thought if he kept sailing west, he would</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F land in America</li><li>G run out of spices</li><li>H find a faster way to India</li><li>J fall off the edge of Earth</li></ul> <p>5. Based on the story, Columbus appears to have been what sort of person?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A confident</li><li>B careful</li><li>C unhappy</li><li>D shy</li></ul> | <p>6. Which of these would make the best title for this passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F "The Great Italian Explorers"</li><li>G "Why Earth Is Not Flat"</li><li>H "Columbus's Voyage to America"</li><li>J "The First Journey to the Indies"</li></ul> |
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Imelda and Delia went on a vacation. They found these phone lists in their hotel room. Read the lists. Then do Numbers 7 through 8.

<b><u>Visitor Information</u></b>	
Bus and Train Information	555-8959
Movie Hot Line	555-4444
Music and Dance Concerts	555-6480
Theater Tickets	555-8809
City Festivals	555-9898
Taxicabs	555-4489
Museums and Art Galleries	555-9999

  

<b><u>Important Numbers</u></b>	
Police	555-1482
Fire	555-4284
Ambulance	555-4484
Towing Service	555-4242

7. How is the second list different from the visitor information?
- A It is for emergencies.
  - B It was in the hotel room.
  - C It contains local phone numbers.
  - D It was written for people who are new to the city.
8. If Imelda decides to go a play tonight, which telephone number will she most likely call to make plans?
- F 555-9999
  - G 555-4284
  - H 555-8809
  - J 555-4242

Imelda and Delia are planning what they want to do on their vacation. Read the passage. Then do Numbers 9 through 13.

### One Trip, Two Vacations

Imelda wants to find a place to hike and rent a bike. She also wants to exercise in an exercise room, and she hopes the hotel has one. After she exercises, Imelda would like to visit a science and natural history museum. She'd also like to see as many plays as possible. Because most plays will be over late, Imelda will probably be tired each morning when she gets up to exercise.

Delia is an actress, and she wants to see plays and go to concerts. Delia has to stay in good shape for the long hours of practice for her plays. Delia also likes to spend time doing yoga to help keep herself calm.

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| <p>9. What sort of person is Imelda?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A shy</li><li>B funny</li><li>C athletic</li><li>D religious</li></ul> <p>10. Delia can best be described as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F creative</li><li>G nervous</li><li>H polite</li><li>J weak</li></ul> <p>11. From the details in the passage, you can tell that Delia and Imelda are <b>both</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A fit</li><li>B peaceful</li><li>C scientific</li><li>D mean</li></ul> | <p>12. Which of these would make the best title for the passage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F "Imelda in a Hotel"</li><li>G "Friends on Vacation"</li><li>H "Imelda and Delia Exercise"</li><li>J "Delia in a Play"</li></ul> <p>13. Why will Imelda probably be tired when she wakes up each morning?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A because she has fallen</li><li>B because she has exercised</li><li>C because she likes to go to science museums</li><li>D because she has stayed up late the night before</li></ul> |
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Selena is beginning a new job. Read this passage and sale ad. Then do Numbers 14 through 20.

Selena has found a new job. She left her old job because it was not interesting and did not pay well. Her new job is better than her old job in every way. Selena needs to buy new clothes for her new job. She will not have extra money until she has received several paychecks. She must find clothes that are on sale. While reading the Sunday newspaper ads, Selena found this sale.

## OurTown

**Department Store**

**Sale Dates March 6\*–March 10**

Store hours

**9:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M. Monday–Friday**

**Open until 9:00 P.M. on Thursday nights.**

Sale includes all shirts, pants, skirts, and shoes.

Not included in the sale are kitchen items, coats, and hats.

\*BONUS SHOPPING: Shoppers during the first day of the sale will earn a coupon for an extra 10% off entire purchase!

14. What is the best title for the passage?
- F “Leaving an Old Job”
  - G “Selena Reads an Ad”
  - H “Finding Clothes on Sale”
  - J “Selena Prepares for a New Job”

15. Why did Selena leave her old job?
- A The old job was too far away.
  - B Selena read a newspaper ad.
  - C The old job did not pay well.
  - D Selena found good prices.

16. When should Selena shop to save the most money?
- F March 6
  - G March 7
  - H March 8
  - J March 9

17. Selena only wants to buy items that are on sale. When she shops during the sale, she should not buy
- A coats
  - B shirts
  - C shoes
  - D pants

18. Selena will have extra money soon because she will

- F buy a shirt
- G go to the mall
- H receive paychecks
- J borrow from a friend

19. Selena does not get off work until 8:00 P.M.  
The **only** night she can shop is

- A Tuesday
- B Wednesday
- C Thursday
- D Friday

20. Selena's new job most likely pays

- F the same salary as her old job
- G a higher salary than her old job
- H a lower salary than her old job
- J salary more slowly than her old job