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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Eván looked up at the clock in the school gymnasium. It was already nearly five o'clock. He would have to leave soon to be home in time for dinner. Eván had been practicing basketball and had lost track of the time. Now he would have to hurry. He had heard that there was a shortcut from his school to his street, so today he decided he would take it. He changed into his regular clothes, put his sneakers back on, and started for home. The shortcut led through a small park that Eván had never seen before, and he wanted to stop and explore. But he knew he would be late if he did, so he hurried home. Tomorrow, he promised himself, he would look around that park.

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Total**1.** Which word tells a reader the most about this text?

- (A) shortcut
- (B) explore
- (C) park
- (D) five

2. Which event happens first?

- (A) Eván changes into his regular clothes.
- (B) Eván promises himself to look around the park.
- (C) Eván discovers a small park.
- (D) Eván decides to take a shortcut.

3. Which definition of *park* is used in this text?

- (A) settle
- (B) a road
- (C) leave your car
- (D) a place to play

4. What does it mean to take a *shortcut*?

- (A) to take a new way somewhere
- (B) to take a longer way somewhere
- (C) to take a shorter way somewhere
- (D) to take a dangerous way somewhere

5. What does it mean to *lose track of time*?

- (A) to know what time it is
- (B) to not pay attention to the time
- (C) to not be able to find a clock
- (D) to buy a new clock

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As soon as school ended, Evan hurriedly got his books and assignments together. He put them in his backpack and zipped it up, and then he quickly exited the building. He headed for a small park that he had found the day before. The park had a small, clear pond, plenty of trees, and some grassy areas, too. There were even some geese and ducks occupying the pond. Evan didn't notice anyone in the park that day; he had it all to himself. For an hour, he explored, wandering all over the park. Then he noticed the sun beginning to set. It was getting cooler, too. It was time for him to think about getting home. He gathered his jacket tighter around him, quickly threw his hood over his head, and went on his way. He would definitely be back.

1. Which is **not** at the park?

- (A) geese
- (B) a pond
- (C) trees
- (D) rabbits

2. What is the setting?

- (A) a bus
- (B) Evan's house
- (C) a park
- (D) the mall

3. What do context clues tell you about the meaning of the word *occupying*?

- (A) The ducks and geese are flying over the pond.
- (B) The ducks and geese are living on the pond.
- (C) The ducks and geese are near the pond.
- (D) The ducks and geese are afraid of the pond.

4. Which is an antonym of *exited*?

- (A) ignored
- (B) saw
- (C) left
- (D) entered

5. What is the tone of this text?

- (A) happy
- (B) sad
- (C) guilty
- (D) suspicious

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One Saturday morning, Evan decided to take his skateboard over to the new park he had recently discovered. It was a beautiful day, and he couldn't wait to get outside. After he dressed and ate breakfast, he got his skateboard and helmet. Then he walked over to the park. There were a lot of people there today. For a while, Evan rode around the park on his skateboard. Then he noticed a dirt path he hadn't seen before, sneaking through a small group of pine trees. He hopped off his skateboard and headed over to the path. He was curious about where it went. He wandered along the path for a short distance. Then he flopped down on the grass near one of the pine trees. He looked around, enjoying the view. He was happy he had stumbled onto this place.

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Total**1.** When does this text take place?

- (A) a Saturday afternoon
- (B) a Tuesday evening
- (C) a Saturday morning
- (D) a Sunday morning

2. Which does Evan enjoy?

- (A) being outdoors
- (B) skateboarding
- (C) exploring
- (D) all of the above

3. Which means *stumbled onto*?

- (A) found by accident
- (B) hurt
- (C) hidden
- (D) hurried through

4. Which is a synonym for *wandered*?

- (A) ran
- (B) skipped
- (C) strolled
- (D) slept

5. What is using the phrase *sneaking through* to describe the dirt path an example of?

- (A) a simile
- (B) alliteration
- (C) a metaphor
- (D) personification

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AN ITCHY SURPRISE

Evan was preparing for bed when he noticed some red patches on his arms and hands. At first, he didn't worry about it, but soon, his arms and hands began to itch, so he went downstairs to tell his father about it. His dad examined the red patches and said, "It looks like some sort of rash."

"But how did I get it?" Evan wanted to know.

"Usually people get rashes because something irritates their skin or because they're allergic to something," his dad answered.

"But I'm not allergic to anything," Evan said. "How could I get a rash if I'm not allergic to anything?"

"Well, you could also get a rash if something irritates your skin. Sometimes laundry detergents do that," said his dad.

Evan checked, but the laundry detergent was the same brand the family always bought. He had never gotten a rash from it before, so that probably wasn't the problem. When he told his father, his dad said, "Sometimes people get rashes from plants, too. Have you been around different plants?"

"Well," Evan answered, "I've been spending time at that park a few blocks away. Maybe something there caused this."

"Maybe you're right," his dad said. "Tomorrow, we'll go take a look. For tonight, put some cream on your rash, and you'll probably feel better."

Evan followed his dad's advice, and finally drifted off to sleep.

The next morning, Evan and his father walked to the park Evan had discovered. Evan showed his dad the dirt path he had been exploring just a day earlier, and the two walked along it for a bit. Suddenly his dad stopped and pointed. "Is that where you were?" he asked. Evan nodded.

"Now I know what that rash is! It's poison ivy—see? There are some poison ivy plants right there."

Evan looked where his father was pointing and saw the plants with their three shiny dark green leaves. So that's what poison ivy looked like!

"Don't worry," his dad said. "We'll go to the drugstore and get you some medicine for that rash. You'll be fine in few days. But I wouldn't come this way again if I were you."



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Read "An Itchy Surprise" and then answer the questions.

- 1.** What is a reasonable prediction about this text based on the title?
- (A) The text is about a birthday present.
(B) The text is about trees.
(C) The text is about getting a rash.
(D) The text is about a new friend.
- 2.** Where will Evan and his dad go next?
- (A) to school
(B) to their house
(C) to the mall
(D) to the drugstore
- 3.** What is the author's purpose?
- (A) to inform
(B) to persuade
(C) to entertain
(D) to scare
- 4.** How does the author show that the detergent didn't cause Evan's rash?
- (A) It is the same brand the family always uses, and he has never had a rash.
(B) His clothes are not washed with laundry detergent.
(C) He did not wash any of his clothes.
(D) The laundry detergent bottle is full.
- 5.** What is another activity that Evan likely enjoys?
- (A) hiking
(B) reading
(C) playing video games
(D) singing
- 6.** What do you predict Evan will do from now on?
- (A) He will go up the dirt path again.
(B) He will stay away from poison ivy.
(C) He will learn to ride a bicycle.
(D) He will tell his father he does not have a rash.
- 7.** What does Evan learn in the text?
- (A) how to do laundry
(B) where the nearest park is
(C) what poison ivy looks like
(D) where the drugstore is
- 8.** Which text has a similar theme?
- (A) a fictional story about a boy who thinks he sprained an ankle and tells his dad
(B) a nonfiction text about native plants
(C) a letter to a mayor about keeping parks clean
(D) a medical book with pictures of a poison ivy rash

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