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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to drive a race car, speeding down the road like a flash of lightning? You don't have to imagine—you can learn to race go-karts. Go-kart racing is sometimes called *karting*. People who race go-karts ride in cars that look a lot like race cars. They usually race around a track, just like the tracks you see in other auto races. Some go-karts are made for kids and for people who are just learning how to race. They don't go very fast, but they are good cars to use when you are learning to drive. Other go-karts go very fast; people who want to become professional race car drivers use those. Some amusement parks have karting. You can also race go-karts at some indoor tracks.

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1. (Y) (N)

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Total**1.** Which would be a good title for this text?

- (A) Make Your Own Go-kart
- (B) The Best Amusement Parks
- (C) All About Go-karts
- (D) How to Drive

2. What are go-karts?

- (A) boats
- (B) cars that look like race cars
- (C) special bicycles
- (D) trucks

3. Which word has the root word *auto*?

- (A) automobile
- (B) automatic
- (C) autograph
- (D) all of the above

4. Which words are synonyms?

- (A) *car* and *auto*
- (B) *race* and *driver*
- (C) *indoor* and *amusement*
- (D) *professional* and *driver*

5. What is the phrase *like a flash of lightning* an example of?

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

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Go-karting can be a lot of fun, but it can be dangerous, too. It's important to be safe when you are driving a go-kart. For example, make sure you always wear a helmet and safety glasses when you ride. Check to be sure that your clothes and hair cannot catch on any of the moving parts of the go-kart. Stay in the go-kart seat at all times; don't try to get out of the seat when the go-kart is moving. Before you ride, check to be sure that the go-kart is working properly. Don't ride it if you hear unusual noises or if any parts are not working. Keep the go-kart on the track, and watch your speed. Following these precautions will help you have a safe and fun ride.

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1. What is the main focus of the text?

- (A) how to make a go-kart
 (B) go-kart safety
 (C) the history of the go-kart
 (D) where you can buy a go-kart

2. Which is **not** an important go-kart safety tip?

- (A) Drive as fast as you can.
 (B) Always wear a helmet and safety glasses.
 (C) Check to be sure the go-kart is working properly.
 (D) Keep the go-kart on its track.

3. Which is the root word in *dangerous*?

- (A) anger
 (B) dang
 (C) danger
 (D) gerous

4. Which is the antonym of *unusual*?

- (A) difficult
 (B) expensive
 (C) rare
 (D) normal

5. What is the tone of this text?

- (A) factual
 (B) humorous
 (C) informal
 (D) unhappy

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Go-karts consist of several basic parts, beginning with the frame. The frame is the body of the go-kart; it is the part most people see first. Attached to the frame is the driver's seat. Some go-karts are built for just one person and have one seat. Others are built for two and have two seats. Go-karts also have engines. Some engines are very powerful, and some are not. The engine's power depends on who will drive the go-kart. Expert drivers' go-karts have more powerful engines than children's go-karts do. The engine is connected to a special device called the transmission. Of course, go-karts wouldn't get very far without wheels, so they have four tires, too.

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1. Which of these is **not** part of a go-kart?

- (A) sails
- (B) frame
- (C) transmission
- (D) engine

2. Which connects the go-kart's steering wheel to the engine?

- (A) frame
- (B) transmission
- (C) wheels
- (D) steering wheel

3. Which word is defined as *the body of the go-kart*?

- (A) steering wheel
- (B) transmission
- (C) frame
- (D) device

4. Which is a synonym for *engine*?

- (A) transmission
- (B) motor
- (C) device
- (D) powerful

5. Which word describes the tone of this text?

- (A) informative
- (B) persuasive
- (C) funny
- (D) serious

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IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Go-karting is very popular in the United States. It's popular in many other countries, too. Children as young as seven or eight years old can start racing. In the United States, there are even special "kid karts" for children as young as five. There are many indoor and outdoor go-kart tracks. There are go-kart raceways, too. Some amusement parks have go-kart tracks. Sometimes people practice on them for fun. Other times, there are races.

There are three kinds of go-kart races. Some are *sprint races*, which are short races; usually they are between one-quarter mile and one mile long. Most of these races last about fifteen minutes. The most important thing that you need to win a sprint race is speed; the faster your go-kart can safely go, the more likely you are to win. *Endurance races* are different from sprint races. They are longer races that typically last from thirty to forty-five minutes. There are even a few endurance races that last much longer than that. To win an endurance race, you need a very well-made go-kart that will last. You also need to keep an even speed over the whole distance. Finally, some go-kart races are *speedway races*. They take place on special tracks that are usually one-sixteenth to one-quarter of a mile long. In speedway racing, drivers do several laps around the track.

Whatever kind of race you choose, go-karting can be a lot of fun. Almost anybody can do it because you don't have to be very big or strong. Are you interested in learning to drive a go-kart? There are many places to learn. Lots of cities have go-karting schools, teachers, and lessons. You might find you really enjoy being in the driver's seat!



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Read "In the Driver's Seat" and then answer the questions.

1. How do sprint races compare to endurance races?

- (A) Sprint races mostly focus on speed.
- (B) Sprint races are a kind of go-kart race.
- (C) Sprint races take thirty to forty-five minutes.
- (D) Sprint races are not for adults.

2. Which are the longest go-kart races?

- (A) endurance races
- (B) amusement park races
- (C) sprint races
- (D) speedway races

3. What is the purpose for reading this?

- (A) to find a go-kart track near you
- (B) to learn more about go-kart racing
- (C) to build your own go-kart
- (D) to read about famous go-kart drivers

4. Which inference can be made about "kid karts" and regular go-karts?

- (A) Kid karts go much faster.
- (B) The karts are the same size.
- (C) Kid karts are bigger than go-karts.
- (D) Kid karts are smaller than go-karts.

5. What is the author's opinion?

- (A) Go-karting is not a good idea.
- (B) Go-karting is too expensive.
- (C) Go-karting is very boring.
- (D) Go-karting is interesting.

6. What do endurance racers want?

- (A) expensive cars
- (B) cars that will go very fast for a short time
- (C) cars that will last for a long time
- (D) cars that will go very fast and then very slowly

7. Which detail supports the topic sentence: *There are three kinds of go-kart races.*

- (A) Go-karting is very popular.
- (B) Lots of cities have go-karting schools, teachers, and lessons.
- (C) Endurance races are different from sprint races.
- (D) Some amusement parks have go-kart tracks.

8. Which best summarizes this text?

- (A) Go-karting is very dangerous.
- (B) Go-karting is very popular and exciting.
- (C) Go-karting is not fun for most people.
- (D) Go-karting requires a lot of practice.

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