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1.

Which sentence is correct?

- A. Rachael is known for she cooking expertise.
- B. Rachael is known for her cooking expertise.
- C. Rachael is known for their cooking expertise.
- D. Rachael is known for herself cooking expertise.

2.

Which sentence would BEST engage the reader's attention in an essay on mold and fungi?

- A. Once upon a time there grew a mold.
- B. Molds are a member of the fungus family.
- C. There are organisms in the world that are new to many human beings.
- D. In a nearby forest, a blob of glistening green slime creeps over the surface of a rotting log.

3.

**Treasure Island**

by *Robert Louis Stevenson*

I remember him as if it were yesterday, as he came plodding to the inn door, his sea-chest following behind him in a hand-barrow--a tall, strong, heavy, nut-brown man, his tarry pigtail falling over the shoulder of his soiled blue coat, his hands ragged and scarred, with black, broken nails, and the sabre cut across one cheek, a dirty, livid white. I remember him looking round the cover and whistling to himself as he did so, and then breaking out in that old sea-song that he sang so often afterwards:

"Fifteen men on the dead man's chest-- Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"

**Why is first-person point of view a good way of telling this story?**

- A. The narrator has a good sense of humor.
- B. The narrator knows a lot about sea life.
- C. The narrator describes how the man feels.
- D. The narrator sees most of the events as they happen.

4.

What is the BEST way to combine the three sentences?

**The lab conducted a study of cells. The study was lengthy. The study was detailed.**

- A. The lab conducted a lengthy, detailed study of cells.
- B. The lab conducted a cell study, and it was lengthy and detailed.
- C. The lengthy and detailed study of cells was conducted by the lab.
- D. The lab conducted a study of cells which was lengthy and detailed.

5.

**Which sentence is a clear position statement for a persuasive essay about students using cell phones during school hours?**

- A. Cell phones are cool.
  - B. My favorite thing to do is text my friends.
  - C. I really hate it when my cell phone battery runs out.
  - D. Although distracting, cell phones have their benefits.
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6.

**What type of organizational structure did the author use in the paragraph?**

The water cycle is the journey water takes as it circulates from the land to the sky and back again. First, the Sun's heat evaporates water from the Earth's surface. Next, the water vapor eventually condenses, forming tiny droplets in clouds. Finally, when the clouds meet cool air over land, precipitation is triggered, and water returns to the land.

- A. cause and effect
  - B. chronological order
  - C. compare and contrast
  - D. question and answer
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7.

Which sentence is correct?

- A. Their cars need to be moved.
  - B. There are going to go camping.
  - C. They're is the great big teddy bear.
  - D. They're backpacks are hung on the wall.
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**8. Use the dictionary entry below to answer this question.**

<b>familiar</b> (fə mil' yər) <i>adj.</i> 1. known or reminding one of something 2. happening or found frequently and in various places. 3. acting well-acquainted; informal. 4. being too presumptuous; bold.
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Which dictionary definition BEST fits the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence below?

Mr. Winston disliked the dignified business world because he could not be on familiar terms with his associates.

- A. definition 1
  - B. definition 3
  - C. definition 2
  - D. definition 4
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9.

**What is the author's purpose in writing the paragraph?**

In many hurricanes, winds in the wall cloud area blow at speeds of 130 to 150 miles per hour. The winds and rain, combined with the force of the sea, produce huge waves. These waves, called a storm surge, rise several feet above normal and cause floods over land. A storm surge can be especially destructive if it occurs at high tide.

- A. to tell a story
  - B. to report information
  - C. to entertain the reader
  - D. to persuade the reader's opinion
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10.

**How should these sentences be ordered to create a logical paragraph?**

1. I told him I was, and we discussed what cards we wanted to trade.
2. He said he collected cards, too, and wanted to know if I was interested in trading any of mine.
3. One of my classmates noticed some baseball cards that I brought into school one day.
4. The next day, he brought in his cards, and we did some trading at lunch.

- A. 1,4,3,2
- B. 2,3,1,4
- C. 3,2,1,4
- D. 4,2,1,4

**Answer Key**

1. B) Rachael is known for her cooking expertise.
2. D) In a nearby forest, a blob of glistening green slime creeps over the surface of a rotting log.
3. D) The narrator sees most of the events as they happen.
4. A) The lab conducted a lengthy, detailed study of cells.
5. D) Although distracting, cell phones have their benefits.
6. B) chronological order
7. A) Their cars need to be moved.
8. B) definition 3
9. B) to report information
10. C) 3,2,1,4