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1	A is incorrect because it tells how Mrs. Snavin acts when using computers.	B is incorrect because it tells why Mrs. Snavin is confused.	C is incorrect because it helps the reader visualize Mrs. Snavin's frustration.	D is correct because it helps the reader visualize why Jake is embarrassed.
2	F is incorrect because Jake does not learn a lesson in paragraph 6.	G is correct because Jake's problem begins when Mrs. Snavin praises him in paragraph 6.	H is incorrect because Jake does not have to make a decision in paragraph 6.	J is incorrect because Jake's problem is not solved in paragraph 6.
3	A is correct because Jake turns red when his classmates stare.	B is incorrect because Jake likes computers.	C is incorrect because this information is not in the story.	D is incorrect because Jake does not want help with his project.
4	F is incorrect because Jake does not take a risk.	G is incorrect because Jake does not learn that he should help others.	H is incorrect because Jake does not learn about what other people know.	J is correct because Jake does not know that helping will cause an embarrassing situation.
5	A is correct because Jake's response causes Mrs. Snavin to praise him more.	B is incorrect because Jake's response does not cause Mrs. Snavin to have problems with the program.	C is incorrect because Jake's response does not keep him from working on his project.	D is incorrect because Jake's response does not cause the librarian to help.
6	F is correct because this means that Jake can now leave the classroom.	G is incorrect because this does not mean that Jake is going to his favorite class.	H is incorrect because Jake easily makes the computer work.	J is incorrect because this does not mean that Jake's classmates will forget.
7	A is incorrect because it focuses only on the class asking Jake for help.	B is correct because it focuses on the most important ideas in the story.	C is incorrect because it focuses only on Mrs. Snavin's discovery.	D is incorrect because it focuses only on Mrs. Snavin's problem.
8	F is correct because an *expert* is someone who is highly skilled, and Mrs. Snavin thinks Jake is very skilled with computers.	G is incorrect because an *expert* is not the same as a helper.	H is incorrect because an *expert* is not necessarily a person who enjoys working on machines.	J is incorrect because an *expert* is not necessarily a person who has learned from watching others.
9	A is incorrect because it is a detail about Scrub.	B is correct because it tells what the entire selection is mainly about.	C is incorrect because it is a detail about Roxy.	D is incorrect because it is a detail about tags and collars.
10	F is correct because the diagram shows an enlarged, detailed view of a microchip.	G is incorrect because the diagram does not show a scanner.	H is incorrect because the diagram does not show where to put a microchip.	J is incorrect because the diagram does not show differences between pet collars and microchips.
11	A is incorrect because the fact that Roxy wandered away is not why it is surprising that she was found.	B is incorrect because paragraph 4 tells that Roxy was missing for months, not years.	C is incorrect because the fact that Roxy was on a busy street is not why it is surprising that she was found.	D is correct because the fact that Roxy was far from home makes it surprising that she was found.
12	F is correct because the questions make readers curious about how microchips reunite owners and pets.	G is incorrect because the questions do not tell readers about services at the animal shelter.	H is incorrect because the questions do not give readers details about the photograph of Scrub.	J is incorrect because the questions do not share with readers how it feels to lose a pet.
13	A is incorrect because the diagram does not show *when* pets can be microchipped.	B is incorrect because the caption does not tell *when* pets can be microchipped.	C is incorrect because the photographs do not show *when* pets can be microchipped.	D is correct because the boxed information tells that pets can be microchipped *when* they are 6 to 8 weeks old.
14	F is incorrect because the diagram's details do not tell why it was difficult to find George.	G is incorrect because the diagram's details do not tell how George was found.	H is correct because the diagram's details tell what George's owners did to try to find him.	J is incorrect because the diagram's details do not tell where George's owners found him.

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15	A is incorrect because the sentence does not help the reader infer where microchips are located.	B is correct because the sentence helps the reader infer that microchips do not bother pets.	C is incorrect because the sentence does not help the reader infer how microchips are inserted.	D is incorrect because the sentence does not help the reader infer that microchips are helpful for pets.
16	F is correct because the context indicates that the hotel allowed Mrs. Baird to pay in bread and rolls.	G is incorrect because the context does not indicate that the hotel begged Mrs. Baird to pay in bread and rolls.	H is incorrect because the context does not indicate that the hotel forced Mrs. Baird to pay in bread and rolls.	J is incorrect because the context does not indicate that the hotel needed Mrs. Baird to pay in bread and rolls.
17	A is incorrect because Mrs. Baird did not begin selling baked goods at a bakery.	B is incorrect because Mrs. Baird did not begin selling baked goods at a hotel.	C is incorrect because Mrs. Baird gave baked goods to her neighbors.	D is correct because paragraph 2 tells that Mrs. Baird started selling baked goods at her husband's restaurant.
18	F is correct because the subheadings tell that the business began as a family business and grew over time.	G is incorrect because the subheadings do not tell how Mrs. Baird felt about her baked goods.	H is incorrect because the subheadings do not tell that Mrs. Baird was pleased that her family helped her.	J is incorrect because the subheadings do not tell that Mrs. Baird wanted people to have enough bread.
19	A is incorrect because paragraph 4 states that the wood-burning stove belonged to Mrs. Baird.	B is correct because the wood-burning stove could bake only a few loaves at a time, but the oven could bake 40 loaves at a time.	C is incorrect because there is no evidence that the wood-burning stove burned the bread.	D is incorrect because there is no evidence that Mrs. Baird's wood-burning stove cooked too slowly.
20	F is incorrect because there is no evidence that Mrs. Baird had trouble teaching her children how to help.	G is correct because the selection tells that Mrs. Baird's sons had to keep changing delivery methods to handle increasing sales.	H is incorrect because there is no evidence that Mrs. Baird was unable to remember her customers' orders.	J is incorrect because there is no evidence that Mrs. Baird was unable to make enough money.
21	A is correct because the Bairds' hard work led to success, and this message is found throughout the selection.	B is incorrect because there is no one in the selection who worked more than others.	C is incorrect because there is no indication that Mrs. Baird changed her recipe over the years.	D is incorrect because there is nothing stated in the selection about knowing what the future will bring.
22	F is incorrect because the section includes nothing about how the children liked the bread.	G is correct because the section gives examples of how Mrs. Baird's children helped when they were older.	H is incorrect because the section does not describe how the children learned to bake bread.	J is incorrect because the section does not describe how the children encouraged people to buy their mother's bread.
23	A is incorrect because in paragraph 8, *sign* does not mean a movement that shows a thought or command.	B is incorrect because in paragraph 8, *sign* does not mean a mark in math, language, or music.	C is incorrect because in paragraph 8, *sign* does not mean evidence that a fact or idea is true.	D is correct because in paragraph 8, *sign* means a display that advertises or gives the name of a business.
24	F is correct because Mrs. Baird's sons first delivered bread by walking to customers' homes.	G is incorrect because the sons delivered by car after delivering by foot, wagon, and bicycle.	H is incorrect because the sons delivered by bicycle after delivering by foot.	J is incorrect because the sons delivered by wagon after delivering by foot and bicycle.
25	A is incorrect because there is no evidence that the time Mrs. Baird spent with her children led to her success.	B is incorrect because the selection does not tell how Mrs. Baird felt about other people making their own bread.	C is incorrect because there is no evidence that Mrs. Baird did not want to work in a restaurant.	D is correct because paragraph 1 tells that Mrs. Baird loved baking bread, and this is likely a reason for her success.
26	F is incorrect because the caption does not tell where the photograph was taken.	G is incorrect because the caption does not explain why the photograph was taken.	H is incorrect because the caption does not tell the age of the photograph.	J is correct because the caption gives the name of the person in the photograph.

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27	A is incorrect because the description of the teddy bear is only a small part of the selection.	B is incorrect because the author is not trying to get the reader to buy a teddy bear.	C is correct because the author informs the reader of the history of teddy bears from the early 1900s to today.	D is incorrect because the author gives little information about President Theodore Roosevelt.
28	F is incorrect because *craze* does not mean *purpose,* and there are no clues to support that option.	G is correct because craze means popularity, and there are several examples in paragraph 3 that support this.	H is incorrect because *craze* does not mean *changes*, and there are no clues to suggest that teddy bears were changing.	J is incorrect because *craze* does not mean *materials*, and there are no clues to support that option.
29	A is incorrect because there is no evidence that nurses use teddy bears to get sick children to stay in bed.	B is incorrect because there is no evidence that nurses use teddy bears to keep children busy while they are waiting to see the doctor.	C is incorrect because there is no evidence that nurses use teddy bears to give hospitalized children something to play with.	D is correct because paragraph 4 states that nurses use teddy bears to teach children about health and doctor visits.
30	F is incorrect because paragraph 1 has no information about the size of the first teddy bear.	G is correct because paragraph 1 explains that the first teddy bear was named after Roosevelt.	H is incorrect because paragraph 1 does not tell how much the first teddy bear cost.	J is incorrect because paragraph 1 does not tell how long it took to sew the first teddy bear.
31	A is incorrect because the fact that Breeze lived in a national park did not cause horse-farm workers to care for Breeze.	B is incorrect because the fact that Breeze grew strong did not cause horse-farm workers to care for Breeze.	C is correct because the fact that Breeze was separated from his mother caused horse-farm workers to care for Breeze.	D is incorrect because the fact that Breeze cuddled with Buttons did not cause horse-farm workers to care for Breeze.
32	F is incorrect because it describes only part of the section.	G is incorrect because it describes only part of the section.	H is incorrect because it describes only part of the section.	J is correct because it tells the most important ideas in the entire section.
33	A is incorrect because the word *honor* does not mean *copy*, and there is no evidence that the Michtoms made the bear to copy the president.	B is incorrect because the word *honor* does not mean *help*, and there is no evidence that the Michtoms made the bear to help the president.	C is incorrect because the word *honor* does not mean *make fun of*, and there is no evidence that the Michtoms wanted to make fun of the president.	D is correct because the word *honor* means *show respect to* in paragraph 1, and there is context to suggest that the Michtoms respected the president.
34	F is incorrect because there is no evidence that teddy bears help animals more than they help children.	G is correct because the selection gives examples in paragraphs 3, 4, and 6 of how teddy bears are still loved by children today.	H is incorrect because there is no evidence that books are no longer written about teddy bears.	J is incorrect because there is no evidence that teddy bears have become less useful over time.