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For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favorite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavors, but this doesn't really matter to me. That's because I always get coffee flavor. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I've never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think. Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavors—strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate—but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real from cocoa beans Bolivia. I didn't know where Bolivia is so I decided to look for it on a map. After hunting awhile, I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavors.

Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavors. Actually, the only Disco flavor I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of twinkle ice cream for \$4.50. That's only two weeks' allowance for me.

1) Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

- A. Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, and Bubblegum Too!
- B. The Four Top Ice Cream Manufacturers
- C. The Finest Ice Cream in the World
- D. Picking the Best Ice Cream Manufacturer**

2) If the author wanted to get a scoop of coffee ice cream, where would he or she probably go?

- A. Randolph Farms**
- B. Goodies
- C. Disco
- D. Twinkle

3) In paragraph 1, the author uses a colon. A colon (:) looks like two dots, one on top of the other. Colons are used to separate different parts of a sentence. The part before the colon introduces an idea and can stand alone as a sentence. The part after the colon gives more detailed information about this idea, often as a list. If the colon could talk, it would say, "And here they are!" Using this information, it can be understood that which of the following sentences contains the correct use of a colon?

- A. My friends are: sweet, young, and generous.
- B. I like: to talk on the phone at night.
- C. I have three pets: Toto, Spot, and Rover.**
- D. I want a new bicycle: or new roller skates.

4) According to the passage, the author likes Randolph Farms ice cream because it

- I. is all natural
- II. is made in Bolivia
- III. comes in many flavors

- A. I only**
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

5) In paragraph 3 the author writes, "That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good." Using this information, we can understand that the author believes that

- A. Goodies loses money on sales of chocolate ice cream
- B. Bolivia makes the best cocoa in the world

C. things that are hard to get must be high quality

- D. cocoa from the United States is not very good

6) According to the passage, the author likes Disco ice cream because it

- A. is relatively inexpensive
- B. has bubblegum in it**
- C. is made in Bolivia
- D. is okay

7) According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different than Goodies?

- I. Randolph Farms has many different flavors and Goodies does not.
- II. Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients and Goodies does not.
- III. Randolph Farms is very expensive and Goodies is not.

- A. I only**
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

8) An *adjective* is a word that is used to describe a thing. For example, in the sentence, "The car is fast," the word "fast" is an adjective. Using this information, which of the following are adjectives used in paragraph 3?

I. flavors

II. excellent

III. old

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

9) According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?

A. cheap ingredients

B. expensive price

C. mediocre quality

D. a lack of flavors

10) How much money does the author receive in his or her weekly allowance?

A. \$2.25

B. \$4.50

C. \$9.00

D. Not enough information is provided

11) Given the information included in the passage, which of the following statements would the author most likely agree with?

A. Each manufacturer has its strengths and weaknesses.

B. The best manufacturers are the ones with the most flavors.

C. Goodies is certainly not the best manufacturer, as they only have three flavors.

D. Each manufacturer is good for different reasons.

12) If the author did decide that one manufacturer is best, which one would he or she probably choose?

A. Randolph Farms

B. Goodies

C. Disco

D. Twinkle

13) How many weeks would it take for the author to save enough money to buy two cartons of Twinkle ice cream?

A. 1 week

B. 2 weeks

C. 3 weeks

D. 4 weeks

الكرسمس

Christmas is my favorite holiday. My grandmother makes ham, salad, and cupcakes on Christmas. I also get a present on Christmas! Last year I got a new set of paint brushes. This year I hope to get new pencils and a drawing pad. I always have fun on Christmas.

Halloween is another good holiday. My grandmother makes candy corn and cupcakes on Halloween. People wear costumes during Halloween. Last year I wore a skeleton costume. This year I am going to wear a zombie costume.

July 4 is a good holiday. July 4 is the birthday of the United States of America. My grandmother makes hot dogs and salad on July 4. I don't have to go to school on July 4. But I don't get any presents either. If I got presents on July 4 it would be my favorite holiday.

1) When does the author's grandmother make cupcakes?

I. Christmas

II. Halloween

III. July 4

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. I, II, and III

2) Which holiday does the author like most?

A. Christmas

B. Halloween

C. Easter

3) Based on the things the author gets for Christmas, we can understand that he likes

A. sports

B. art

C. music

4) What is the author's favorite thing about holidays?

A. not going to school

B. eating candy

C. getting presents

5) What costume did the author wear for Halloween last year?

A. a skeleton costume

- B. a zombie costume
- C. a pumpkin costume

6) Based on what you know about the author, what costume will he probably wear next year?

- A. a pumpkin costume
- B. a flower costume
- C. a ghost costume**

7) This story is mainly about

- A. why the author likes some holidays**
- B. how someone can get out of school
- C. which foods are the best to eat on different holidays

8) What is the best title for this passage?

- A. The Holidays I Like**
- B. Why Christmas is Best
- C. Hot Dogs and Salad

الاكل في المخيم

Some people think you need a kitchen to cook dinner. But you can make easy, delicious meals outside over a campfire.

One easy campfire meal is a baked potato. You wrap the potato in tin foil and put it under the flames in the hot ashes. After an hour, the heat from the fire will cook the potato. Open up the tin foil package and you have a baked potato!

It is also easy to roast food over a campfire. You can put hot dogs or sausages on sticks and hold them in the fire. The flames will cook the meat. For dessert, you can roast marshmallows on sticks. Hold them near the fire until they turn golden and begin to melt. But do not leave anything in the fire too long, or it will turn completely black and taste like ashes.

There are many nice things about campfire meals. To make these meals, you do not even need to know anything about cooking. Some people also say that food tastes better when cooked and eaten outside. But the best part of these campfire meals is there are no dishes to wash afterwards.

1) As used in paragraph 2, which is an example of a **package**?

- A. French fries are served on a tray in the cafeteria.
- B. A new toy comes wrapped up in a plastic box.**
- C. Cookies are easy to remove when there is tin foil on the cookie sheet.
- D. You can use a knife to cut open an orange instead of peeling it.

2) The author warns that if you leave anything in the fire too long, it

- A. can get burned**

- B. can be dangerous
- C. will melt
- D. will fall off the stick

3) Which sentence from the passage best describes why campfire meals are easy to make?

- A. "But you can make easy, delicious meals outside over a campfire."
- B. "You wrap the potato in tin foil and put it under the flames in the hot ashes."
- C. "It is also easy to roast food over a campfire."
- D. "To make these meals, you do not even need to know anything about cooking."**

4) After reading the passage, we can conclude that

- A. you do not need much to cook a campfire meal**
- B. cooking over a campfire is more fun than in a kitchen
- C. roasting food on a stick or wrapping it in tin foil is the only way to cook a campfire meal
- D. if you do not cook in a kitchen, you do not have any dishes to wash

5) According to the author, the best part of these campfire meals is that they

- A. are easy
- B. are delicious
- C. taste better outside
- D. use no dishes**

البالونات

Have you ever wondered what keeps a hot air balloon flying? The same principle that keeps food frozen in the open chest freezers at the grocery store allows hot air balloons to fly. It's a very basic principle: Hot air rises and cold air falls. So while the super-cooled air in the grocery store freezer settles down around the food, the hot air in a hot air balloon pushes up, keeping the balloon floating above the ground. In order to understand more about how this principle works in hot air balloons, it helps to know more about hot air balloons themselves.

A hot air balloon has three major parts: the basket, the burner, and the envelope. The basket is where passengers ride. The basket is usually made of wicker. This ensures that it will be comfortable and add little extra weight. The burner is positioned above the passenger's heads and produces a huge flame to heat the air inside the envelope. The envelope is the colorful fabric balloon that holds the hot air. When the air inside the envelope is heated, the balloon rises.

The pilot can control the up-and-down movements of the hot air balloon by regulating the heat in the envelope. To ascend, the pilot heats the air in the envelope. When the pilot is ready to land, the air in the balloon is allowed to cool and the balloon becomes heavier than air. This makes the balloon descend.

Before the balloon is launched, the pilot knows which way the wind is blowing. This means that she has a general idea about which way the balloon will go. But, sometimes the pilot can actually control the direction that the balloon flies while in flight. This is because the air above the ground is sectioned into layers in which the direction of the wind may be different. So even though the pilot can't steer the balloon, she can fly or higher or lower into a different layer of air. Some days the difference between the direction of the wind between layers is negligible. But other days the difference is so strong that it can actually push the balloon in a completely different direction!

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1) According to the passage, balloon pilots control the balloon's altitude by

A. moving into a different layer of air

B. regulating the air temperature inside the balloon

C. adjusting the amount of air in the envelope

D. changing the amount of weight contained in the basket

2) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best synonym for **ascend**?

A. move

B. fly

C. sink

D. climb

3) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best antonym for **descend**?

A. fall

B. float

C. rise

D. drop

4) According to the author, wicker is

I. comfortable

II. lightweight

III. durable

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

5) If the hot air balloon pilot wants to change directions during flight, what might he or she do to accomplish this?

A. head toward a mountain peak

B. wait for it to rain

C. fly into a cloud

D. fly higher

6) Using the passage as a guide, it can be inferred that which of the following statements is not true?

A. Air goes up and out the top of a chimney when you light a fire.

B. Cool air collects about the ceiling when you open a refrigerator.

C. Smoke from a candle rises after you blow out the flame.

D. Cold air coming from an air conditioning vent settles about the floor.

7) Based on its use in paragraph 4, it can be understood that **negligible** belongs to which of the following word families?

A. solemn, grave, serious

B. substantial, considerable, large

C. exhilarating, thrilling, exciting

D. insignificant, small, unnoticeable