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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Female athletes have not always been respected. Some sports only allow men to play. Many people ignore female sports. The Olympics used to do this, too. At first, no women were allowed to play in the Olympic Games. This changed in 1900. This was when women were allowed to compete. Today, female athletes win a lot of medals! Women's sports are a lot of fun to watch in the Games.

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1. Which question about the text would help readers monitor their reading?

- (A) When were women allowed to play in the Olympics?
- (B) What sport should I play at recess?
- (C) Who is respected at our school?
- (D) What happened in 1920?

2. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) The Events of 1900
- (B) Women in Sports
- (C) Olympic Games
- (D) Changes to Come

3. Which word has the same vowel sound as *play*?

- (A) plaid
- (B) wave
- (C) plan
- (D) sandy

4. What is a synonym for *allow*?

- (A) count
- (B) loud
- (C) let
- (D) hear

5. Which word describes the tone of the this text?

- (A) factual
- (B) funny
- (C) personal
- (D) persuasive

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Many fans enjoy watching Olympic events. Some people have a favorite sport. They watch the athletes and root for them. They hope that a favorite athlete will win a medal. It is fun to watch people who are in great shape. The athletes work hard for the Olympic Games. They train for years. The Olympic Games help people's dreams come true.

1. What is the main focus of this text?

- (A) dreams
- (B) Olympic events
- (C) medals
- (D) hard work

2. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) Rooting for the Team
- (B) Olympic Athletes and Events
- (C) Getting in Shape
- (D) Too Much Hard Work

3. Which two words from the text have the same vowel sound?

- (A) *win* and *their*
- (B) *games* and *fans*
- (C) *true* and *root*
- (D) *hope* and *come*

4. Which word is a synonym for *root* as it is used in this text?

- (A) source
- (B) plant
- (C) search
- (D) cheer

5. What other type of text is most similar to this text?

- (A) a math book
- (B) a story about frogs
- (C) a menu
- (D) an article about training for sports

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The Olympic Games have a special symbol. It is five rings that are connected. The rings are blue, yellow, black, green, and red. They are shown on a white background. These five rings represent the idea that all countries are welcome to join the Games. The colors were chosen to include the colors of every nation's flag. This symbol is shown on flags that are flown at the Olympic Games.

1. Which type of image would tell a reader more about this text?

- (A) a picture of a blank flag
- (B) a time line showing 1912
- (C) a picture of the Olympic symbol
- (D) a photograph of an athlete

2. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) Many Colors
- (B) Flag Colors
- (C) The Big Games
- (D) The Symbol of the Olympics

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

- (A) related
- (B) linked
- (C) colored
- (D) big

4. Which of these words has the same root word as *designed*?

- (A) designer
- (B) sing
- (C) describe
- (D) danger

5. What is true about the Olympic symbol?

- (A) The symbol's design includes countries from around the world.
- (B) The symbol needs to be redesigned.
- (C) The symbol represents only a few countries.
- (D) The symbol is rarely seen.

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The History of the Olympics



The Olympic Torch in Beijing, 2008

The Olympics are games played every two years. Countries from around the world compete. Athletes win medals. Gold is for first place. Silver is for second place. Bronze is for third place. The Games move from place to place. It is an honor for any city to host the Olympic Games. They are a tradition that people from all over enjoy watching.

The Olympics are divided into Winter Games and Summer Games. They alternate, so every two years, one of the games is played. The Winter Games host winter sports. These include skating and skiing. They also include the bobsled and luge. There are 15 winter sports.

The Summer Games host summer sports. Swimming is a popular summer sport. So are cycling and track events. There are 42 summer sports.

There have been a few rare times when there were no Olympics. World War I and World War II forced people to cancel the Games. This happened in 1916, 1940, and 1944.

The Olympic Games have been around for thousands of years. They began in Greece. They started in ancient times. Ancient Greeks liked competitions. They took the Games seriously.

Over the years, sports that are played in the Games have changed. In fact, the first Games had only one sport. It was called the *stade*. It was a foot race. Today's sports change every once in a while. There used to be a boating competition. Polo was also played at the games. These two sports are no longer part of the Olympics.

The Olympics are a part of history. They are a symbol of goodwill. They bring people together from all over the world. People are happy to see who will win or lose. Yet the Olympics are about more than winning. They are about being a part of a tradition. They are about celebrating the global community.

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Read "The History of the Olympics" and then answer the questions.

1. What is a reasonable prediction based on the title?

- (A) This is a fictional story about attending the modern Games.
- (B) This is a nonfiction text about the history of the Olympics.
- (C) This is a text about the history of a family named the Olympics.
- (D) This is a nonfiction text about a town named Olympics.

2. What is the author's purpose?

- (A) to describe who won the most gold medals
- (B) to persuade others to buy tickets to the Games
- (C) to teach about the history of the Olympic Games
- (D) to teach about World War I

3. Which statement makes a connection to the text?

- (A) I like playing in soccer tournaments.
- (B) I watched some of the 2012 London Olympics events.
- (C) I won first place in a chess tournament.
- (D) I don't enjoy watching sports.

4. The sixth paragraph would work best in a text about

- (A) changes in Olympic events.
- (B) the Olympics in 2008.
- (C) life in ancient Greece.
- (D) the Olympic medals.

5. What is the main idea?

- (A) The Olympics are special games that bring people around the world together.
- (B) The Winter Games include skiing.
- (C) The Summer Games include swimming.
- (D) The Olympics are played every four years.

6. Why are people from around the world involved with the Olympics?

- (A) because it is on television everywhere
- (B) because athletes from all countries can compete
- (C) because the winners become very rich
- (D) because everyone wants to be an Olympic athlete

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