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**DIRECTIONS**

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Shaun White is a famous snowboarder. He has won many contests in his sport. He won a gold medal for snowboarding. This happened in 2006. He won a race in the Olympics. He won another gold medal in 2010. Shaun has been snowboarding for a long time. He also loves to skateboard. He was a skier first. Then, he decided to switch.

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

- (A) Who is Shaun White?
- (B) What is a skateboard?
- (C) What Olympic medal would I win?
- (D) When was Shaun born?

2. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) Skiing and Snowboarding
- (B) Gold Medals
- (C) Shaun White
- (D) A Young Skateboarder

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

- (A) fall
- (B) holly
- (C) gal
- (D) roll

4. What is the antonym of *famous*?

- (A) young
- (B) real
- (C) unknown
- (D) funny

5. Which word describes the tone of this text?

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

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Snowboarders like to take risks and enjoy the thrill of a fun ride on the snow. Many fans of the sport like to snowboard in a half-pipe, which is a U-shaped bowl. Riders can move from one side of the bowl to the other. They jump and do tricks inside the half-pipe. The half-pipe started with skateboarders. Now snowboarders enjoy it. It takes a lot of practice to do some snowboarding tricks, but it sure is lots of fun!

1. What does the first sentence tell about this text?

- (A) The text is about snowboarders.
- (B) The text is about going for a ride.
- (C) The text is about safety in the snow.
- (D) The text is about a risk.

2. Which chapter title would help a reader find this information in a table of contents?

- (A) Doing Tricks
- (B) The Thrill of a Snowboarding Ride
- (C) Jump and Spin
- (D) A Fun Day

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

- (A) *takes* and *fans*
- (B) *thrill* and *ride*
- (C) *ride* and *pipe*
- (D) *some* and *sure*

4. Which of the following is a synonym for *risks*?

- (A) choices
- (B) chances of something going wrong
- (C) gears
- (D) speeds

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

- (A) a story about thrilling sports
- (B) a book of poetry
- (C) a list of directions
- (D) a math textbook

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People who enjoy snow sports have to be safe. Snowy and icy conditions can be dangerous. One thing that can happen on the mountain is an *avalanche*. These are rare, but they can happen. An avalanche is a quick flow of snow down a hill. Avalanches occur on very steep slopes.

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

- (A) a list of what to take on a snow trip
- (B) a river
- (C) a photograph of an avalanche
- (D) a picture of a mountain in the summer

2. Which word from the text would most likely be found in the glossary?

- (A) caught
- (B) sports
- (C) avalanche
- (D) people

3. Which word from the text makes a new word by adding *-ing*?

- (A) avalanche
- (B) flow
- (C) safe
- (D) serious

4. Which of these words has the root word *safe*?

- (A) safety
- (B) saffron
- (C) cafe
- (D) sale

5. Which statement about the text is true?

- (A) The author uses facts to teach about avalanches.
- (B) The author uses funny words to entertain readers.
- (C) The author compares avalanches and volcano eruptions.
- (D) The author uses facts to teach people how to ski.

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## Hitting the Slopes

Visit any ski resort around the world. You would definitely see a lot of skiers on the slopes. You would also see quite a few snowboarders. These two sports did not always share space so happily. It took a while for people to embrace snowboarding. Today, it is one of the most popular winter sports.

Many people think that snowboarding is a recent sport. That is not true. There is evidence from the 1920s of people snowboarding. They used wood or boards from barrels. They would use horse reins or another type of tie. This would help keep the board attached to the feet. These early fans of the sport would ride through the snow.



Many years later, others were inspired to try the same thing. In 1965, a picture was taken of a skier's unique idea. He had tied two skis together. He put a rope at the front to make it easy to steer. The skier called it a *Snurfer*. He thought of it as a snow surfboard. The idea took off.

It spread more through the 1970s. More and more skiers were interested in the sport. It was hard to find a place to go and snowboard, however. Some resorts only allowed skiing. This began to change in the 1980s.

Soon after, the rest of the world began to learn about the sport. It debuted at the Olympics in 1998. It continued to catch on with fans. The younger kids who first started to snowboard became quite good. There were contests. Legends began to emerge. These athletes were at the top of the sport. They were able to do amazing things. People were captivated.

Today, snowboarding still remains popular. A lot of young kids try it. Older fans still hit the slopes, too.

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1. Which prediction is most accurate based on the title of this text?

- (A) This text is about snowboarding.
- (B) This text is about skateboarding.
- (C) This text is about water skiing.
- (D) This text is about surfing.

2. What is the author's purpose?

- (A) to compare skiing and snowboarding
- (B) to share facts about the life of a famous skier
- (C) to teach people how to snowboard
- (D) to share the history of snowboarding

3. Which statement reflects a prior experience related to the text?

- (A) I hate the snow.
- (B) I took lessons and went snowboarding last winter.
- (C) I played on my soccer team in second grade.
- (D) I want to visit the mountains.

4. How is this text organized?

- (A) a comparison of snowboarding and skateboarding
- (B) chronological history of snowboarding
- (C) a list of steps for how to get up on your snowboard
- (D) a chronological history of winter sports in the Olympics

5. What is the main idea?

- (A) Snowboarding is becoming more rare.
- (B) Snowboarding is a popular sport with an interesting history.
- (C) Snowboarding is too dangerous to try.
- (D) Snowboarding is a secret to most people.

6. Why is snowboarding popular?

- (A) Young kids try it.
- (B) Older fans enjoy it.
- (C) Most ski resorts allow it now.
- (D) all of the above

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