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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Bull's-eye! An arrow whistles through the air! It hits the target! Bows and arrows are beautiful to watch. They are useful, too. Bows and arrows have a very long history. Early humans made the first arrows from wood. They burnt the wood and then sharpened it into points. Later, people made arrows with stone tips. The bow and arrow made it much easier to hunt. Before the bow and arrow, hunters had to use sharpened sticks. Sometimes, they used spears. But a hunter had to get very close to a wild animal to use a stick or spear, which was dangerous. A bow and arrow were safer. They let the hunter stay far away from the prey. Today, some people still go hunting. Sometimes, they use bows and arrows.

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1. Why was it dangerous to hunt with a spear?

- (A) Spears could be thrown from far away.
- (B) Spears were faster.
- (C) Spears were louder.
- (D) Hunters sometimes needed to get close to wild animals.

2. Which title most appropriately describes the text?

- (A) The History of the Bow and Arrow
- (B) How to Hunt Large Animals
- (C) Collecting Stone-Age Artifacts
- (D) Bull's-Eye!

3. Which shows the correct pronunciation of *sharpened*?

- (A) shahr-PUHN-ed
- (B) shahr-PUHND
- (C) SHAHR-puhn-ed
- (D) SHAHR-puhnd

4. Which is a synonym for *dangerous*?

- (A) secure
- (B) risky
- (C) enormous
- (D) nervous

5. *An arrow whistles through the air!* The word *whistles* tells about

- (A) the size of the arrow.
- (B) the color of the arrow.
- (C) the speed of the arrow.
- (D) the noise the arrow makes.

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Arrows look very simple, but they are made of several parts that all have to work together. The *arrowhead* is the sharpened point of the arrow. That is what hits the target or the prey. The arrowhead is connected to a shaft. The *shaft* of an arrow is the long, straight part of the arrow. Along the shaft is called *fletching*. Fletching is the group of plastic feathers you see on arrows. Fletching gives the arrow balance and helps it move in a straight line. At the very end of the shaft is the *nock*. The nock is a little plastic slot that is used to fit the arrow into the string of a bow. Some arrows are made of wood. But many are made of aluminum (uh-LOO-muh-nuhm). Aluminum is the same metal used in making cans.

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1. What would clarify the parts of an arrow described in this text?

- (A) a glossary definition
- (B) a thesaurus
- (C) a friend who is an archer
- (D) a labeled diagram of an arrow

2. Which can be used to find the meaning of the word *fletching*?

- (A) the Internet
- (B) a glossary
- (C) a dictionary
- (D) all of the above

3. Which syllable is stressed in the word *aluminum*?

- (A) the first syllable
- (B) the second syllable
- (C) the third syllable
- (D) the fourth syllable

4. Which is a synonym for *connected*?

- (A) apart
- (B) joined
- (C) next to
- (D) larger

5. What is the author's purpose?

- (A) to inform
- (B) to persuade
- (C) to instruct
- (D) to explain

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What happens when you shoot an arrow? How does it get to its target? First, you fit the arrow onto the string of the bow. Then, you draw the string back towards you. When you do that, you are storing energy that you will use to shoot the arrow. Then, you shoot the arrow. When you do that, the energy you stored moves to the arrow and pushes it. When you shoot an arrow, it doesn't fly perfectly straight. An arrow actually flies in an arch pattern, which is why people who shoot arrows are called *archers*. At first, the arrow goes up because of the force used to shoot. But gravity pulls the arrow back down. If you use enough force, the arrow will hit the target before it hits the ground.

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1. What are people who shoot arrows called?

- (A) shooters
- (B) archers
- (C) arrowers
- (D) forcers

2. What pulls an arrow down?

- (A) push
- (B) pull
- (C) gravity
- (D) the ground

3. Which word has the same root word as *archers*?

- (A) parched
- (B) arrow
- (C) ranch
- (D) archery

4. In this text, what does *draw* mean?

- (A) sketch
- (B) an even score
- (C) pull
- (D) lengthen

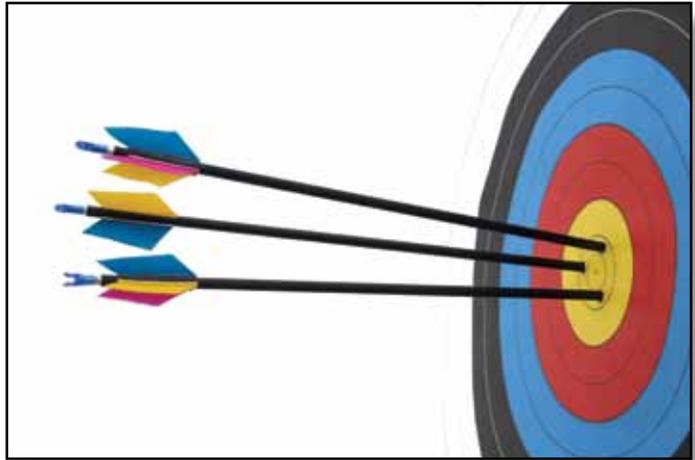
5. The word *actually* implies

- (A) that arrows fly low to the ground before they hit their target.
- (B) that the reader may think arrows don't fly in an arch.
- (C) that arrows act like an arch.
- (D) that arrows are exciting and fun to hunt with.

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BULL'S-EYE!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to use a bow and arrow? People have used bows and arrows for thousands of years. Many people still do use bows and arrows. Archery—shooting arrows—is a very popular sport. It is even an Olympic event! People love to see their arrows hit the middle of the target. That is called *hitting the bull's-eye*. Archery is also a safe sport. It is safer than sports like baseball and football where balls are used.



Archery is good for your body. When you shoot arrows, you use your upper body. Using your body helps to keep it strong. Shooting arrows also helps your mind, too. How? In archery, you must keep your mind on what you are doing. You must block out other things. When you do that, you learn to focus. Being able to focus helps you think better.

Almost anyone can learn archery. You do not have to be very big or strong. So archery is a good sport for a lot of people. You do not have to buy expensive bows and arrows. You can rent bows and arrows from an archery club. Many clubs offer lessons, too. So even if you are a beginner, you can learn. You can take lessons with other kids, too, and make new friends.

Archery is a safe and fun sport. But you still need to be careful. Take lessons from an expert. Make sure you have an adult with you when you are practicing. It is also important to shoot in a safe place. Most archery clubs have safe places for practicing. You can practice there without hurting anyone. When you are at the club, follow all of the rules; they are there to keep you safe. It is also important to use safe equipment. Make sure your bows and arrows are in good shape. If you do it safely, archery can be a lot of fun. So be safe, have fun, and hit that bull's-eye!

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Read "Bull's-Eye!" and then answer the questions.

1. Based on the title alone, a reader might think this is about

- (A) target shooting.
- (B) archery.
- (C) darts.
- (D) all of the above

2. The author probably wrote this to

- (A) warn of how incredibly dangerous archery can be.
- (B) introduce a fun sport.
- (C) help get an archery business going.
- (D) all of the above

3. Why is archery good for your body?

- (A) It helps your eyesight improve.
- (B) It helps you make friends.
- (C) It is a form of exercise.
- (D) It doesn't take too much thinking.

4. Which is **not** true about archery?

- (A) It helps you focus.
- (B) There are no rules.
- (C) It is a safe sport.
- (D) It is an Olympic event.

5. Based on your knowledge of other sports, which of the following will **not** help an athlete in archery?

- (A) safe, well-built equipment
- (B) an archery instructor
- (C) cool shoes with stripes
- (D) an archery range

6. Which is the best summary of this text?

- (A) Archery is a safe sport. It is safer than sports that use balls.
- (B) People like archery because they love to see their arrows hit the bull's-eye.
- (C) If you are careful, archery is a fun and safe sport that is also good for you.
- (D) Archery clubs have safe places to practice shooting.

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