NAME:_____ DATE:_____

DIRECTIONS   Read the text and then answer the questions.

    If you're looking for a family dog, the Labrador retriever might be the dog for you. Labradors (also called *Labs*) are originally from Newfoundland. They are now popular all over the world. In fact, Labs are the most popular breed of dog in the United States! They were first bred to work with fishermen. Soon, they became skilled hunting dogs. Now, Labs are also gentle family pets. They like to be active. They also enjoy being with their families. They are smart and learn fast. Labs come in three different colors: black, chocolate, and yellow. Whichever color of Lab you choose, your Lab will be a friendly, loving pet.

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1. What image would tell a reader about the text?

Ⓐ an image of England

Ⓑ an image of the United States

Ⓒ an image of a science lab

Ⓓ an image of a Labrador retriever

2. Which contains the main idea?

Ⓐ the second sentence

Ⓑ the third sentence

Ⓒ the fourth sentence

Ⓓ the last sentence

3. What is the suffix in *hunting*?

Ⓐ *–ing*

Ⓑ *hunt*

Ⓒ *suf–*

Ⓓ *hunting*

4. What color is a chocolate Lab?

Ⓐ black

Ⓑ white

Ⓒ spotted

Ⓓ brown

4. Ⓨ Ⓝ

5. Ⓨ Ⓝ

5. What is the author's purpose?

Ⓐ to entertain

Ⓑ to persuade

Ⓒ to instruct

Ⓓ to explain

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Have you ever wondered how tall dogs can get? Look no further than the Irish wolfhound. Wolfhounds are the tallest breed of dog. Their average height is between thirty-one and thirty-three inches tall—that's almost as tall as the average two-year-old human. When standing on their hind legs, wolfhounds can stretch up to seven feet! Wolfhounds are loyal to their families and are friendly with strangers. Even though they are large, Irish wolfhounds are also very good with kids. They seem to know that they have to be careful around small children. Because they're so big, they do best if they have a large yard for play.

1. How tall is the average Irish wolfhound?

Ⓐ seven feet

Ⓑ two years old

Ⓒ about thirty-two inches

Ⓓ thirty-three feet

2. Which statement is **not** true?

Ⓐ Irish wolfhounds are very big, tall dogs.

Ⓑ Irish wolfhounds are loyal animals.

Ⓒ Irish wolfhounds do not need a lot of space.

Ⓓ Irish wolfhounds are good with young children.

3. What is the suffix in the word *careful*?

Ⓐ *–ly*

Ⓑ *care–*

Ⓒ *–ful*

Ⓓ *full*

4. Which definition of *hind* is used in the text?

Ⓐ back or rear

Ⓑ female deer

Ⓒ nice

Ⓓ front

5. Which best describes the tone?

Ⓐ serious

Ⓑ childish

Ⓒ informative

Ⓓ snobbish

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DIRECTIONS   Read the text and then answer the questions.

   If you think that all dogs bark, you haven't met the basenji (buh-SEN-jee). Basenjis were first bred in Africa. They were later brought to the United States in 1941. Basenjis have short, fine coats. They don't need a lot of grooming. They are very active, playful dogs, so they do need exercise and attention. You can train basenjis to walk on a leash and obey commands. They are intelligent and learn fast. Basenjis think for themselves, so it's important to train them early. And just because basenjis don't bark doesn't mean they don't make noise. Basenjis can squeak, whine, and even yodel!

1. Which phrase does **not** describe basenjis?

(A) *they don't make noise*

(B) *if you think*

(C) *and even yodel*

(D) *intelligent and learn fast*

2. Which title best describes the main idea?

(A) Easy Dog Grooming

(B) How to Train Your Dog

(C) Meet the Basenji

(D) The Story of Africa

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

(A) bread

(B) breathe

(C) bead

(D) breeding

4. What is a *yodel*?

(A) a breed of dog

(B) a toy

(C) a kind of sound

(D) a color

5. Which type of text would have a similar tone?

(A) a dictionary

(B) a joke book

(C) a fairy tale

(D) a nonfiction book about cat breeds

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WHICH DOG IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

"Yes, we can get a dog." How exciting! A dog can give you several years of love and friendship. But before you bring a dog home, there are some things you need to decide. One of those things is which breed of dog to choose. Different breeds of dog are best for different families. Here are some questions to help you choose the right dog for you.

How much space do you have?

Dogs come in many different sizes, and so do homes. Make sure your home has enough space for your new friend. If you live in an apartment, a small dog, such as a pug or a Boston terrier, is a good choice. If you live in a house with plenty of space and a big backyard, you may want a large breed. Some very popular large breeds are Labrador retrievers and standard poodles.

Who is in your family?

Some dog breeds are very good with little children. The golden retriever is one of those breeds. Other breeds, such as the border collie, prefer older kids. How many kids are in your family? How old are they? Make sure the dog you choose is right for your family.

How active is your family?

All dogs need exercise, but some breeds of dogs are more active than others. Does your family like to go hiking or camping? Do you play sports? You may want an active dog. Some popular active breeds are the Irish setter and the Jack Russell terrier. If your family is less active, you will want a dog that requires less activity. Basset hounds and cocker spaniels, for example, are less active dogs.

How much time do you have?

Dogs need to be regularly trained, fed, walked, and groomed. That takes a lot of time. And dogs make good friends, so you will want to play with your dog. That takes time, too. Some breeds, such as the Pekingese, need to be groomed carefully every day. Other breeds, such as the short-legged dachshund, need a lot of training. Training and grooming take a lot of time. How much free time do you have? Will you have enough time to take care of the dog you choose?

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Read "Which Dog Is Right for You?" and then answer the questions.

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1. Based on the title, which prediction about the text is most accurate?

Ⓐ It is about how to correct the behavior of dogs that misbehave.

Ⓑ It is about selecting a dog that best suits one's needs.

Ⓒ It is about dogs from the West Coast and the East Coast.

Ⓓ It is about a trip to the vet.

2. A reader would most likely read the text if he or she wanted to

Ⓐ get a Basset hound.

Ⓑ make sure to choose the right breed of dog for himself or herself.

Ⓒ get a cat.

Ⓓ get the smallest dog he or she can find.

3. Which breed of dog would **not** be a good choice if you live in an apartment?

Ⓐ standard poodle

Ⓑ pug

Ⓒ Boston terrier

Ⓓ dachshund

4. Knowing about _____ before reading would help a reader understand the text.

Ⓐ dogs

Ⓑ apartments

Ⓒ swimming

Ⓓ hiking

5. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

Ⓐ You will have to make many decisions when you get a dog.

Ⓑ It is exciting to get a new dog.

Ⓒ Different breeds of dogs are right for different kinds of families.

Ⓓ Everyone should get a new dog.

6. Why is it important for a family to choose the right dog?

Ⓐ so the family and the dog are happy

Ⓑ so the family doesn't get tired walking the dog

Ⓒ so the dog food isn't too expensive

Ⓓ so the dog doesn't get too big

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DIRECTIONS Reread "Which Dog Is Right for You?" Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.

There are certain breeds of dog that are right for certain kinds of people. What kind of dog would be best for you?

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