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**DIRECTIONS**

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Morgan enjoyed summer vacation, but after a while, she began to get bored. Then, she thought it might be fun to have some sort of job. The problem with that was that there weren't many jobs available for fourth-graders. One day, Morgan's mother was getting ready to go to work. She was a photographer, and Morgan had always thought her work must be interesting. As she watched Mom gather her things, Morgan said, "I wish I could go to work, too, and learn photography."

"Would you like to?" Mom asked. "If you want to, you could come along with me and help out while you're on vacation."

"That would be amazing!" Morgan answered. "I've always wondered what it'd be like."

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1. Which phrase suggests that Morgan will start looking for things to do?

- (A) she began to get bored
- (B) chores for her to do
- (C) if she told her parents
- (D) ready to go to work

2. After Morgan and her mother leave the house, which will be the most likely setting?

- (A) the waiting line at the bank
- (B) an office with desks and computers
- (C) a photo shoot with props and models
- (D) an alien spaceship

3. Which word does not have a long a vowel sound?

- (A) vacation
- (B) always
- (C) Morgan
- (D) amazing

4. What is a synonym for *gather*?

- (A) collect
- (B) lose
- (C) buy
- (D) scatter

5. *After a while* means

- (A) not right away.
- (B) immediately.
- (C) the next day.
- (D) never.

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Morgan and her mother got to the photography studio at 9:00 A.M. Her mom worked at the studio, and Morgan was going to help out for the summer. When they got there, Morgan's mom showed her where to put her things. Then, she gave Morgan a tour of the studio. There were two equipment rooms. That was where the photographers kept their cameras. There were three rooms for taking pictures. Those rooms had little stages with props such as chairs and boxes. They had cloth of different colors, too, to use as backgrounds in pictures. There were also big boxes of toys to make babies smile and laugh in their pictures. Finally, her mom showed Morgan the computers. She said they were used to store pictures.

1. Which image would best help a reader to visualize the setting?

- (A) an image of a photo studio
- (B) an image of a photographer
- (C) a picture taken in the studio
- (D) a picture of a large movie set

2. Which genre is this text?

- (A) biography
- (B) science fiction
- (C) realistic fiction
- (D) fantasy

3. Which words have the same root word?

- (A) *pictures* and *photography*
- (B) *photography* and *photographers*
- (C) *Morgan* and *mom*
- (D) *chairs* and *boxes*

4. In this text, *stages* means

- (A) wagons.
- (B) parts of a process.
- (C) a flat surface to be viewed on.
- (D) something animals are kept in.

5. Which word indicates that the computers are the last thing Morgan's mom shows her?

- (A) stored
- (B) computers
- (C) showed
- (D) finally

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Morgan was helping out at her mother's photography studio. She knew she wasn't ready to actually take pictures, but she didn't want to just sit and watch. So she asked her mother what she would be doing. She was hoping it would be interesting.

Mom told her, "You can keep the studio rooms clean and organized. That's really important. If they're a mess, people won't want to get their pictures taken. And it will be harder to find the props we need. You can also run errands and call customers when their pictures are ready. Those are important things, too."

"I'm going to be awfully busy," said Morgan. But she didn't mind at all. It all sounded interesting.

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1. Which will Morgan **not** do to help her mom?

- (A) keep the studio clean
- (B) call customers
- (C) take pictures
- (D) run errands

2. When is the text set?

- (A) in the past
- (B) in the present
- (C) in the future
- (D) it changes during the text from past to future

3. The root word in *organized* is

- (A) org.
- (B) organize.
- (C) ized.
- (D) organ.

4. A synonym for *ready* is

- (A) prepared.
- (B) interested.
- (C) busy.
- (D) adult.

5. To *run errands* means

- (A) to walk to a place.
- (B) to run a race course.
- (C) to run through errors.
- (D) to complete chores and tasks.

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## SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

Morgan was helping out at her mother's photography studio. She had been working there and learning for a few weeks. Her mom said that Morgan did a great job. The other photographers agreed. One day, Morgan asked her mom if she could help take a picture.

"I know I'm not ready to use the equipment by myself," she said, "but could I at least help?"

"I suppose so," her mom said. "I have a family coming in at noon today. You can help with that photo session."

Morgan was excited to meet the family and get started. When they got there, her mom introduced herself. She also introduced Morgan. Then, they started to plan the pictures. The first thing to think about was how many people would be in the pictures. There were five people in this family. They also had to think about the ages of the children. There were three kids, and one was a baby. So Morgan guessed they would use toys to make the baby smile.

Now it was time to choose the background. Morgan and her mom talked to the family about which color they wanted. The family wanted a light color; her mom thought that was a good idea. So Morgan suggested pale blue. Everyone said that was the right choice. Next, her mom got the camera. When the camera was set up, her mom had the family sit in several different poses. She took pictures of each pose. While her mom took the pictures, Morgan used some toys to make the baby laugh and smile. When her mom was done, she asked the family to wait for a few minutes. Then, she put the film disc in the computer and made a file with all the poses. Morgan told the family when her mom was ready for them. Then, the family chose the pictures they wanted. Morgan wrote down their order on an order form. The family thanked Morgan and her mom and left. Her mom said, "You did a super job, Morgan! Maybe you'll be a photographer yourself when you're older."



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Read "Smile for the Camera!" and then answer the questions.

1. What does Morgan **not** do to help with the photo shoot?

- (A) helps choose a background
- (B) gets lunch for everyone
- (C) makes the baby laugh
- (D) writes down the family's order

2. What is the author's purpose?

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

3. How might this story be different if there were no babies in the family?

- (A) Morgan would not use toys.
- (B) Her mom would not get the camera.
- (C) The family would not want a light background.
- (D) Morgan would not write the family's order on an order form.

4. How does Morgan probably feel when her mom says she did a super job?

- (A) proud
- (B) curious
- (C) angry
- (D) jealous

5. People who like \_\_\_\_\_ might want to be photographers.

- (A) history
- (B) mathematics
- (C) art
- (D) cooking

6. Which summarizes the theme of this text?

- (A) It is good to do something that is difficult.
- (B) You can be rewarded for not doing a very good job.
- (C) You can earn trust after putting in hard work.
- (D) It is helpful to ignore the things you really want.

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