



Read the following passage and answer the questions:

Wendy and her best friend, Aileen, were making plans to go for a short weekend trip. They had been feeling stressed due to their respective work commitments and needed a well-earned rest.

On Saturday, Wendy went over to Aileen's house to discuss their holiday plans. They surfed the Internet for vacation spots. First, they looked at Bangkok. Bangkok had lots of wonderful food to savor and shopping there was cheap. However, being a city, it was a very crowded place that was full of traffic and people everywhere. Wendy wanted a relaxing holiday without having to elbow her way through the crowd. So, they ruled it out.

The second option Wendy and Aileen had was to take a cruise to Malaysia. This was ideal because everything was already included in the price of the cruise. There was no need to travel anywhere for food and entertainment. All meals were provided and there was a wide range of activities to do. They could swim in the pool, watch movies in the cinema onboard or play sports as well. The only drawback to this plan was that Aileen would get seasick. She would be nauseous and giddy throughout the entire trip. Hence, this plan was scrapped too.

Another option was to go to Perth in Australia. Wendy had cousins living there and she could visit them. Moreover, her cousins could serve as tour guides, bringing them all around Perth. They could visit vineyards and the nougat factories. However, a weekend trip to visit her cousins would be too short and too rushed. Wendy would prefer spending more time catching up with her cousins.

Wendy and Aileen scoured the Internet for a long time. Finally, they came upon a website advertising beach resorts in Bintan. Bintan was an island near Singapore so the traveling time would be short. The two of them could relax by the beach or the pool, spend their time chatting with each other and enjoy good seafood. It would not be very crowded and noisy. It was the perfect place to go to for a quick getaway vacation. It was decided. They made their booking on the spot over the Internet and were looking forward to it. It would be a good reprieve from the everyday stresses of life and work.

1. According to paragraph one, why did Wendy and Aileen want to go for a trip ?

- (A) They were committed people.**
- (B) They wanted to earn their rest.**
- (C) They were under much stress to do so.**
- (D) They wanted to take a break from work.**

2. What does 'it' in paragraph two refer to ?

- (A) Going to Bangkok for a trip**
- (B) The wonderful food in Bangkok**
- (C) Finding cheap discounts in Bangkok**
- (D) Bangkok being very crowded with people**

3. Which of the following pieces of information is not true ?

- (A) All meals were provided on the cruise.**
- (B) The cruise offered a variety of activities.**
- (C) The cruise offered many forms of entertainment.**
- (D) Aileen did not want to go to Malaysia because she felt giddy.**

4. Wendy considered visiting Perth mainly _____.

- (A) to visit the vineyards**
- (B) to visit the nougat factories**
- (C) because she had cousins living there**
- (D) because her cousins could be their tour guides**

5. Why did Wendy and Aileen finally decide on Bintan ?

- (A) It had beaches.**
- (B) They could chat with each other there.**
- (C) It was a relaxing place that was not overly crowded.**
- D-They could make their booking on the spot over the Internet.**

Read the passage carefully. Then choose the correct answer.

Whales are the largest animals in the world, even larger than some species of dinosaurs. **Ironically**, whales are among the gentlest creatures we know. There are people who go through great lengths to help them.

One such case occurred in 1988, when three young whales were trapped in the sea. It was close to winter and the sea had begun to freeze over. Whales are mammals that require oxygen from the air, so the frozen ice was a great danger as it prevented them from getting any air. All they had was a tiny hole in the ice for them to breathe through. Volunteers from all over soon turned up to help these creatures. They cut holes in the ice so as to provide more breathing holes for the whales. These holes would also serve as guides for the whales so that they could swim to warmer waters. This effort was a success although one whale drowned.

Although the whale is very huge, it is not hindered at all by its size when it is in water. Whales have tails that end like flippers. With just a gentle flick, it can propel itself forward. The skin of a whale is so smooth that it does not create any friction that can slow the whale down. A whale's breathing hole is located on the top of its head, so it can breathe without having to completely push its head out of the water. It is also thus able to gulp its food down without breathing in any water. Whales are protected from the cold seawater by body fat that is called blubber. This is so effective that a whale can even get overheated in the cold temperatures of the sea.

Whales live in the ocean but in terms of behavior, they are more similar to humans than fish. They live in family groups and they even travel in groups when they have to migrate from cooler to warmer waters. The young stay with their parents for as long as fifteen years. Whales are known not to desert the ill or injured members; instead, they cradle them. Moreover, female whales have very strong **maternal instincts**.

1. By using the word 'ironically' in the second sentence, the writer suggests _____.

- (A) it is not true that whales are very gentle
- (B) whales may not be as gentle as they look
- (C) whales are definitely the gentlest creatures in the world
- (D) it is difficult to believe whales are gentle despite their humungous size

2. Winter poses such a danger to whales because _____.

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- (A) they cannot swim in icy cold water
- (B) whales can drown without sufficient air
- (C) they cannot eat when the weather is too cold
- (D) the water is too cold for them as they are warm-blooded

3. Whales can move easily in water because of their _____.

- (A) tail
- (B) flippers
- (C) tail and skin
- (D) tail, skin and breathing hole

4. The human qualities of whales are not highlighted by the fact that _____.

- (A) they migrate from cooler to warmer waters
- (B) they do not desert the ill or injured members
- (C) they live in family groups and travel in groups
- (D) they young stay with their parents for almost fifteen years

5. The phrase '**maternal instincts**' (last paragraph) suggests that female whales _____.

- (A) are very caring towards their young
- (B) are close to her family and other whales in the group
- (C) strongly believe in living and traveling with her own family
- (D) tend to leave their young to fend for themselves once they are ready

Read the following passage and answer the questions

Mrs. Brown loved living in the mountains with the animals and birds. Her favorite was the lyre bird that lived in her garden. Every day she said "hello boy" to the bird, and the bird repeated her greeting back. He also used to jump onto a platform she had built. The lyre bird would lift his long, long tail feathers over his head and sway from side to side as he sang his songs. He **mimicked** other animals that lived there – a parrot's laugh, a cat's purr - and even two men talking.

The parrot lived in a tree outside Mrs. Brown's front door. He used to laugh every morning when she stepped outside, and it was this sound the lyre bird would copy. There was also the black and white cat that had grown up with the parrot. They were the best of friends and often enjoyed the morning sunshine together.

One day Mrs. Brown got sick. She was sick for a very long time. During that time the lyre bird built a mound of soil and twigs outside her bedroom window. Every day Mrs. Brown's friend came and stood on the mound, and sang to her there. The cat and the parrot also joined the lyrebird, and together the three of them would wait patiently for her to get up and come to the window. Mrs. Brown slowly got better, and after a while she was back outside enjoying nature again. She believed the singing from the lyre bird, the laughing of the parrot and the purring of the cat helped her to recover.

Choose the correct answer:.

1-What is this text mainly about?

- A mountains
- B friendship
- C illness
- D nature

2-"Hello Boy" refers to

- A the parrot.
- B the cat.
- C the lyre bird.
- D the man.

3-What type of tail feathers does the lyre bird have?

- A long
- B heavy

- C colorful
- D beautiful

4-What does the word “mimicked” mean?

- A to sing
- B to copy
- C to sway
- D to laugh

5-Who grew up together?

- A Mrs. Brown and the lyre bird
- B the parrot and the lyre bird
- C the parrot and the cat
- D Mrs. Brown and the men