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**DIRECTIONS**

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Imagine a place where you can swim, take a boat or ferry ride, and visit a park—all in the same city! You don't have to imagine it—it's Auckland, New Zealand! Auckland is located on New Zealand's North Island. It is the biggest city in New Zealand. Auckland is sometimes called "The City of Sails." That is because it is famous for sailing and yacht races. Auckland is also home to Sky Tower. Sky Tower is the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere. You can go to the top of Sky Tower and see for miles around. You can also go on a dolphin and whale-watching tour. Auckland has a zoo and many bike paths. There are many stores and restaurants. No matter what you like to do, you can find something fun to do in Auckland.

**SCORE**

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**Total****1.** What would be a good title for this text?

- (A) All About Auckland
- (B) Let's Visit Sky Tower!
- (C) The Story of New Zealand
- (D) The Best Bike Trails

**2.** Why is Auckland sometimes called "The City of Sails"?

- (A) It is located on the North Island.
- (B) It is the largest city in New Zealand.
- (C) It is famous for sailing and yacht racing.
- (D) You can go dolphin and whale watching.

**3.** Which part of speech is the word *imagine*?

- (A) an adjective
- (B) a noun
- (C) a verb
- (D) a pronoun

**4.** What is a *yacht*?

- (A) food
- (B) a boat
- (C) an animal
- (D) a shoe

**5.** Which word describes the tone of this text?

- (A) informative
- (B) serious
- (C) funny
- (D) depressing

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There is a sport that is played in over 100 countries. Can you guess what it is? It is played with fifteen players on each team. The object of the game is to carry the ball over the opponents' goal line. Have you guessed the sport yet? It's rugby! Rugby is extremely popular in many countries of the world. It is the national sport of New Zealand, South Africa, Wales, and other countries. Rugby is like American football in some ways, but many rules are different. For example, in both rugby and American football, the ball has an oval shape. Players try to carry it down the field. But there are different rules in each sport for how the ball can move. Rugby is getting more popular. In fact, it is so popular that it will be included in the 2016 Olympics!

1. Which of these is a topic sentence?

- (A) It is the national sport of New Zealand, South Africa, Wales and other countries.
- (B) Rugby is extremely popular in many countries of the world.
- (C) There is a sport that is played in over 100 countries.
- (D) It is played with fifteen players on each team.

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

- (A) There are fifteen players on a team.
- (B) It is the national sport of several countries.
- (C) It will be included in the 2016 Olympics.
- (D) It is exactly like American football.

3. Which of these is a prepositional phrase?

- (A) *in over 100 countries*
- (B) *there is a sport*
- (C) *sport that is played*
- (D) *that is played*

4. What are *opponents*?

- (A) players on the other team
- (B) players on the same team
- (C) popular in many countries
- (D) the national sport of New Zealand

5. Which word does **not** reflect how the author describes rugby?

- (A) popular
- (B) varied
- (C) widespread
- (D) dangerous

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Read the text and then answer the questions.

The Maori (MAH-aw-ree) have an old culture. They are *indigenous* (in-DIJ-uh-nuhs) to New Zealand. That means they were the first people to live there. The Maori are Polynesian like the people of Hawaii. Nobody knows when they came to New Zealand. Nobody knows exactly where they came from. But we do know that they came to New Zealand in canoes. They came from other parts of the Pacific. They were very skilled sailors! Today, about fourteen percent of New Zealand's people are Maori. The Maori people have their own language, customs, and legends. They have a strong sense of community, too. Maori singing and art are famous, as are their tattoos.

1. What is this text mostly about?

- (A) Hawaii  
 (B) the Maori people  
 (C) New Zealand  
 (D) sailing

2. What are the Maori **not** famous for?

- (A) weaving  
 (B) art  
 (C) tattoos  
 (D) sailing

3. What do context clues tell readers about what a *canoe* is?

- (A) It is a paint.  
 (B) It is a type of boat.  
 (C) It is a tattoo.  
 (D) It is a song.

4. Which is a synonym for *skilled*?

- (A) new  
 (B) unknown  
 (C) lazy  
 (D) talented

5. Which definition for *indigenous* is included in this text?

- (A) the first people to live in a place  
 (B) skilled sailors  
 (C) language, customs, and legends  
 (D) from the Pacific

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Read "Kia Ora! Welcome to New Zealand" and then answer the questions.

**1.** What are New Zealanders called?

- (A) Islanders  
 (B) Crickets  
 (C) Kiwis  
 (D) Kia Ora

**2.** Which statement is true about New Zealand?

- (A) Its national sport is baseball.  
 (B) The largest cities are on South Island.  
 (C) It is a small country made up of two islands.  
 (D) It is larger than the United States.

**3.** What is the author's purpose?

- (A) to tell about New Zealand  
 (B) to tell a personal story  
 (C) to tell about kiwis  
 (D) to get you to go skiing

**4.** Why is there so much sea life around New Zealand?

- (A) The climate is very cold.  
 (B) It is an island country.  
 (C) It is a very large country.  
 (D) There are mountains in New Zealand.

**5.** How is the information about New Zealand organized in this text?

- (A) It compares the hemispheres.  
 (B) It describes the nation's history.  
 (C) It shares facts about New Zealand.  
 (D) It explains how to speak Maori.

**6.** Why is sailing so popular in New Zealand?

- (A) New Zealand is an island country, so there is a lot of water.  
 (B) New Zealand is a very large country.  
 (C) Sailing is a very easy thing to do.  
 (D) Sailing is one of the oldest sports.

**7.** Which fact does **not** support the main idea?

- (A) New Zealand is in the Southern Hemisphere.  
 (B) Cricket is a game a little like baseball.  
 (C) New Zealand has two islands.  
 (D) There are many interesting animals in New Zealand.

**8.** Which summarizes this text?

- (A) New Zealand is in the Southern Hemisphere.  
 (B) New Zealand is a small country with a lot to offer residents and visitors.  
 (C) Life in New Zealand is pretty easy.  
 (D) Rugby is the national sport.

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