**WS1: Reading & Comprehension**

**Exercise: Total Duration: 25 minutes**

**Activity: Duration: 15 minutes**

1. **Read the passage below and then choose the best answer to the question. Answer the question on the basis of what is stated or implied in this passage.**

Experienced truck drivers often travel in a convoy--a group of trucks that are travelling to the same part of the country. Convoys can help truckers to stay alert.

**The author implies that professional long-distance truck drivers may avoid travelling alone because:**

A) They might drive too fast.

B) They want to arrive before anyone else.

C) Accidents happen more frequently to lone truck drivers than to car drivers who travel alone.

D) Long-distance travel can cause drowsiness

1. **Two underlined sentences are followed by a question or a statement. Read the sentences, and then choose the best answer to the question or the best completion of the statement.**

Public speaking is very different from everyday conversation.

First of all, speeches are much more structured than a typical informal discussion.

**How are these sentences related?**

A) Sentence two supports the first statement.

B) Sentence two contradicts the first statement.

C) Sentence two shows an exception to the first statement.

D) Sentence two compares two kinds of speeches.

1. **Read the statements below and then choose the best answer to the question from the list of lettered choices that follows.**

Sometimes when we don’t get enough sleep we become very short-tempered.

It is important to set a time to go to bed that is realistic.

**How are these two sentences related?**

A) The first sentence explains the meaning of the second.

B) The second sentence explains why a lack of sleep affects us.

C) The second sentence offers a solution.

D) The second sentence contradicts the first.

1. **Read the statements below and then choose the best answer to the question from the list of lettered choices that follows.**

Most people collect Star Wars toys for sentimental reasons.

Some people collect them strictly to make money.

**What is the relationship between the two sentences?**

A) Cause and effect

B) Contrast

C) Repetition

D) Statement & example

1. **Answer the question based on what is stated or implied.**

There are two kinds of jewellery that I do. There is commercial jewellery--class rings, necklaces, the kinds of things most people wear. I sell these items to meet my expenses for raw materials, supplies, and to make my living. The other, more creative work I do makes me feel that I am developing as a craftsperson.

**The author of this passage implies that:**

A) Artists are poor.

B) There is no market for creative work.

C) Commercial and creative work fulfils different needs for the artist.

D) Rings and necklaces cannot be creative.

1. **Read the statements below and then choose the best answer to the question from the list of lettered choices that follows.**

Jenny does not like cake.

She does not like to bake it, to ice it, or to eat it.

**What does the second sentence do?**

A) It states the cause of the first.

B) It compares the three things Jenny does not like about cake.

C) It draws a conclusion about Jenny.

D) It emphasizes what is stated in the first.

1. **Read the statements below and then choose the best answer to the question from the list of lettered choices that follows.**

The new Dance Tunes CD has proved to be very popular. It has sold 80,000 copies over the last year.

**How are these two sentences related?**

A) The first sentence explains the meaning of the second

B) The second sentence provides evidence of the first.

C) The second sentence explains why the CD is popular.

D) The first sentence contradicts the second.

1. **Read the passage below and then choose the best answer to the question from the list of lettered choices that follows.**

Before the invention of automobiles and airplanes, travel was a slow process. When people travelled long distances, families would be out of communication until the travellers, reached their destination. Sometimes people lost touch with each other permanently.

**The author would most likely continue the passage with which of the following sentences?**

A) Airplanes make travel more fun.

B) Driving a car helps families stay in touch.

C) Cars can be used to travel comfortably.

D) Advances in communication have helped travellers stay in communication.

1. **Read the passage below and then choose the best answer to the question from the list of lettered choices that follows.**

Scuba diving is the most thrilling experience I have ever had. The first time I went, the dark mirror of the water tempted me to drop from the side of the boat. I jumped feet first and entered a brightly coloured world populated with fish, plants, and objects I had never dreamed of.

**Which of the following best describes the mood of the author after having this experience?**

A) Bored

B) Excited

C) Anxious

D) Peaceful

1. **Read the passage below and then choose the best answer to the question on the basis of what is stated or implied in these passages.**

In most cases little birds lay little eggs. The kiwi is an astonishing exception to this rule--it is a small bird that lays a big egg. The kiwi, a flightless bird found in New Zealand, weighs about four pounds, and its egg weighs, believe it or not, about one pound. That is one-fourth of the bird’s body weight! If an ostrich laid an egg that was in the same proportion to the ostrich as the kiwi egg is to the kiwi, an ostrich egg would weigh as high as seventy-five pounds instead of the usual three pounds.

**Which statement below best describes the organizational method used in this passage?**

A) Description

B) Comparison/contrast

C) Sequential

D) Cause/effect

**Discuss: Duration: 10 minutes**

Discuss your responses with your Facilitator after completing the exercise & clarify doubts if any.