Assessment – Precise Writing

1. Which of the following statements about SUMMARIZING/PRECIS is false?

A. The Summary/precis is what the passage is mostly about.

B. The Summary/precis is what all or most of the sentences or paragraphs are about.

C. The Summary/precis is usually found in more than just one sentence of the passage.

D. The Summary/precis is one isolated thought in a passage.

**Answer: 1. D**

2. Which of the following statements about SUMMARIZING is true?

A. The Summary/precis is a thought that is true but is not in the passage.

B. The Summary/precis is what the passage is mostly about.

C. The Summary/precis is specific, detailed information contained in the passage.

D. The Summary/precis is always found in the first sentence of the passage.

**Answer: 2. B**

Read the following passage and then answer the question.

Tomorrow is Jill's birthday. She is excited because she gets to pick where she will eat dinner. Will it be Mexican food at the Big Enchilada House? Or will it be fried chicken at the Chicken Shack, or a big cheeseburger at Al's Hamburger Palace. She just couldn't decide. Then there was always the Pizza Shop with that great pepperoni pizza. How would she ever decide? Maybe she would just flip a coin.

3. The Summary of this passage is:

A. Jill has many restaurants to choose from for her birthday.

B. Jill loves Mexican food.

C. The Pizza Shop has the best pizza in town.

D. Jill will choose a place by flipping a coin.

**Answer 3. A**

Read the following passage and then answer the question.

It started when they got to the bears. Peter felt tired and his stomach hurt. He dragged himself over to see the elephants, which were eating from a stack of hay. Normally, the elephants were his favorite. Without much interest, Peter followed his classmates to the camels, which were busy swatting flies with their tails. Peter knew he should be having fun at the zoo, but he just felt terrible and all he wanted to do was lie down and rest. Even the lions and tigers did not interest him now.

4. Summarize this passage:

A. Peter's favorite animals were the elephants.

B. The camels were swatting flies with their tails.

C. It was really hot at the zoo.

D. Peter didn't enjoy the zoo because he felt really bad.

**Answer: 4. D**

Read the following passage and then answer the question.

For the walls, Jenny thought she would use a bright yellow paint. She would pick a border that had mostly bright red and green colors, and maybe a little bit of blue. She already had found some curtains that were sky blue with streaks of red, blue and yellow that she thought would go great with the walls. And finally, she had picked a carpet that was mostly blue with specks of red and yellow. Jenny couldn't wait till she was done decorating her room. It was really going to look awesome.

5. The Summary of this passage is:

A. Jenny likes bright colors.

B. Jenny was going to paint her room.

C. Jenny was picking out colors and materials to decorate her room.

D. Yellow is a good color to paint your walls.

**Answer: 5. C**