

Reading Comprehension Section

Directions

In this section of the test, you will read seven texts and answer 42 questions. Choose the correct answer to each question and mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

Before you start, read the sample text and the questions below.

Sample Text

The Golden Gate Bridge is a famous bridge in San Francisco. The bridge has a red color, but gray clouds often surround it. On clear days people come to take pictures of the bridge. The pictures show the green hills next to the bridge and the blue water under it.

Sample Question 1

What is this text mostly about?

- (A) Gray clouds
- (B) San Francisco
- (C) A famous bridge
- (D) Taking photographs

The correct answer is C, "A famous bridge."

Sample Question 2

What color is the Golden Gate Bridge?

- (A) Red
- (B) Green
- (C) Blue
- (D) Gray

The correct answer is A, "Red."

Questions 1-5 are about the following note from a teacher.

Dear Cathy,

Thanks for volunteering to clean up the science laboratory this afternoon. Usually, when a student does this for the first time, I go to the lab to show him or her exactly what to do. However, today I have a teacher's staff meeting at 3:30, so I can't be there. Still, I'm sure everything will be fine, since you have worked in the lab many times. Here is what you should do:

1. Clean all the glass containers that were used in class today.
2. After washing the containers, place them upside down on a towel to dry.
3. Wipe down all the worktables with a wet cloth.
4. Put all the microscopes that have been left out back on the equipment shelf.
5. Sweep the floor.
6. Put the trash outside the door.
7. Turn off the lights and lock the door when you leave.

If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Edwards in the classroom next door.

You can return the key to me tomorrow when we have class at 10:30.

Thank you so much for your help!

— Mr. Marston

1. **In line 2 of the note, the word this refers to _____.**
 - (A) saying thank you
 - (B) finishing homework
 - (C) going to the science laboratory
 - (D) cleaning the science laboratory

2. **Where will Mr. Marston probably be when Cathy cleans the lab?**
 - (A) In the lab
 - (B) In his office
 - (C) At a meeting
 - (D) In the classroom next door

3. **Where should Cathy put the glass containers?**
 - (A) On a towel
 - (B) Near the door
 - (C) Next to the sink
 - (D) On the equipment shelf

4. **What should Cathy do immediately after sweeping the floor?**
 - (A) Lock the lab door
 - (B) Put away any microscopes
 - (C) Wipe down the worktables
 - (D) Take the trash out of the lab

5. **When should Cathy give the key back to Mr. Marston?**
 - (A) On her way home
 - (B) In class the next day
 - (C) Right after she cleans the lab
 - (D) Before school begins the next morning