

• Reading Comprehension 6 Level 7

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Section IV: **Funding**

While it is clear that understanding the social, cultural, religious, and occupational beliefs and needs of the surrounding population is **essential**, it is also absolutely necessary that we discuss another aspect of the project: funding. The cost of design is estimated to be \$50,000. The cost of materials is estimated to be \$75,000. The cost of labor is estimated to be \$100,000. These costs are **substantial**. That is why it is very important that we have a plan in place to cover them all. It has been confirmed that \$50,000 of the cost will be paid for through the generous donation of Willa J. Arthur. We are very appreciative of Mrs. Arthur's donation, as it covers the cost of design. However, this does not pay for the entire project. We still need to raise \$175,000 for materials and labor.

Questions

- 1) Grier wants to play tennis. As used in the passage, we can understand that to do this, it is **essential** that he has a
 - I. ball
 - II. racquet
 - III. water bottle
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III

- 2) Based on information in the passage, it can be inferred that the title of the previous section is most likely
 - A. Section III: Religion
 - B. Section III: Location
 - C. Section III: Community
 - D. Section III: Construction

- 3) As used in the title of this section, what is **Funding**?
 - A. project development
 - B. religious beliefs
 - C. population control
 - D. financial support

- 4) According to the author, what is the cost of materials?
- A. \$50,000
 - B. \$75,000
 - C. \$100,000
 - D. \$150,000
- 5) Based on information in the passage, which of the following situations describes something that is **substantial**?
- A. An anthill is destroyed by a gentle rain.
 - B. A boulder is too heavy to move.
 - C. A small fox eats less than a large bird.
 - D. A class has ten students in it.
- 6) Who made a donation to the project?
- A. Archer K. Miller
 - B. William A. Arthur
 - C. Martha E Archer
 - D. Willa J. Arthur
- 7) What will the author most likely talk about next?
- A. How to raise money for materials and labor.
 - B. How to use advanced construction techniques.
 - C. How to interact with people from other cultures.
 - D. How to increase the speed of project development.

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

essential (*adjective*): crucial, necessary, key, vital.

The author writes, "While it is clear that understanding the social, cultural, religious, and occupational beliefs and needs of the surrounding population is essential, it is also absolutely necessary that we discuss another aspect of the project: funding." We can use context clues—hints from known words or phrases around the unknown word or phrase—to help us figure out what essential most nearly means. The first part of this quotation identifies various "understandings" that are essential. Immediately after this, the second part of the quotation begins with "it is also absolutely necessary..." The word "also" lets us know that essential must mean something like absolutely necessary, crucial, or vital. Using this close definition and what we know about tennis, we can tell that if Grier wants to play tennis, it is essential—or absolutely necessary—that he have a ball. This supports **option (I)**. Using the above information, we can tell that if Grier wants to play tennis, it is essential—or absolutely necessary—that he have a racquet. This is because we know that tennis is a sport that requires a racquet. This supports **option (II)**. Using the above information, we can tell that if Grier wants to play tennis, it is not essential—or absolutely necessary—that he have a water bottle. Since he can play tennis without a water ball, we can tell that this piece of equipment is not crucial or absolutely necessary. This eliminates **option (III)**. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

2) **C**

The author writes, "While it is clear that understanding the social, cultural, religious, and occupational beliefs and needs of the surrounding population is essential, it is also absolutely necessary that we discuss another aspect of the project: funding." The author uses this first introductory sentence to transition from a previous section and topic. After looking at the first part of this sentence, we can determine that the "social, cultural, religious, and occupational beliefs and needs of the surrounding population" was discussed in the previous section. Since the surrounding population and its social, cultural, religious, and occupational beliefs and needs are known as community, it can be inferred that the title of the previous section is most likely Section III: Community. Therefore **(C)** is correct. Using the above information, we can tell that religion in the surrounding population was included in the previous section. This topic, however, is much too specific to include the "social, cultural, religious, and occupational beliefs and needs of the surrounding population." Because it would not necessarily include the other aspects of community that were mentioned, we cannot infer that the title of the previous section is most likely Section III: Religion. This means **(A)** is incorrect. The passage does not provide information for us to infer that the title of the previous section is either Section III: Location or Section III: Construction. Therefore choices **(B)** and **(D)** are incorrect.

3) **D**

funding (*noun*): the raising of, or act of putting up, money.

The author writes, "While it is clear that understanding the social, cultural, religious, and occupational beliefs and needs of the surrounding population is essential, it is also absolutely necessary that we discuss another aspect of the project: funding." We can use context clues—hints from known words or phrases around the unknown word or phrase—to help us figure out what funding most nearly means. Immediately after this selection, the author writes, "The cost of design is..." Since cost is discussed, we can tell that funding must mean something like the raising of, or act of putting up money. The raising or putting up of money and information about cost, both involve financial support. This lets us know that as it's used in the title of this section, funding is financial support. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **B**

The author writes, "The cost of materials is estimated to be \$75,000." This means that according to the author, the cost of materials is \$75,000. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The author writes, "The cost of design is estimated to be \$50,000." We are not looking for the cost of design, however, so we can tell that the cost of materials is not \$50,000. This means **(A)** is incorrect. The author writes, "The cost of labor is estimated to be \$100,000." Since we are looking for the cost of materials and not the cost of labor, we can tell that the cost of materials is not \$100,000. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. The passage does not provide information to support choice **(D)**. Therefore it is incorrect.

5) **B**

substantial (*adjective*): sizable, considerable, significant, large.

The author writes, "These costs are substantial." We can use context clues—hints from known words or phrases around the unknown word or phrase—to help us figure out what substantial most nearly means. Previously, the author writes, "The cost of design is estimated to be \$50,000. The cost of materials is estimated to be \$75,000. The cost of labor is estimated to be \$100,000." Since we know that these costs add up to \$225,000, we can tell that substantial must mean something like sizable, large, or significant. A boulder that is too heavy to move must be sizable, large, or have a significant weight. This means that a boulder too heavy to move is substantial, and **(B)** is correct. Using the above information, we can tell that we are looking for the situation that describes something that is sizable, large, or significant. If an anthill could be destroyed by a gentle rain, it must not be very sizable, large, or significant. This lets us know that this situation does not describe something substantial, so **(A)** is incorrect. Using the above information, we can tell that we are looking for the situation that describes something that is sizable, large, or significant. If a small fox weighs less than a large bird, it must not eat very much, since most birds are thought to eat less than mammals, generally speaking. This means that this situation does not describe something substantial, so **(C)** is incorrect. Using the above information, we can tell that we are looking for the situation that describes something that is sizable, large, or significant. If a class only has ten students in it, we can tell that it must not be sizable, large, or significant, since some classes have more than 30 students in them. Therefore this situation does not describe something substantial, and **(D)** is incorrect.

6) **D**

The author writes, "It has been confirmed that \$50,000 of the cost will be paid for through the generous donation of Willa J. Arthur." This means that Willa J. Arthur made a donation to the project. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

7) **A**

At the end of the passage, the author writes, "We still need to raise \$175,000 for materials and labor." Since this is the last sentence in this section, it provides clues about what the author will talk about next. Since the project still needs \$175,000 for materials and labor, we can conclude that the author will most likely talk about how to raise money for materials and labor next. This means **(A)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.