Dialogues – “Milk and Aesthetics”

**Phillip:** Mmmm, chocolate milk is so good.

**Mimi:** Yeah, but plain milk is better.

**Phillip:** hmm, I disagree.

**Mimi:** Well, we can’t both be right, right?

**Phillip:** I don’t know. That’s a good question. How could we ever discover if one of us is actually “right” about a question involving aesthetic value judgments?

**Mimi:** Hmm, maybe if we ask enough people which they like better, then we will find an answer.

**Phillip:** An interesting hypothesis. Let’s do it.

**Mimi:** Okay, sounds like a plan to me. Let’s ask Logan.

**Phillip:** Okay.

**Mimi:** Hey Logan, what is better, plain milk or chocolate milk?

**Logan:** Chocolate milk, for sure.

**Phillip:** Okay. So, that’s one vote for chocolate milk. Now let’s ask Nina and Billy.

**Mimi:** Alright. Hey Nina, what do you think is better: Chocolate milk or plain milk?

**Nina:** I like chocolate milk, *personally*.

**Mimi:** And what about you Billy, chocolate or plain?

**Billy:** I’d probably have to go with chocolate as well.

**Phillip:** Haha, I win!

**Mimi:** It wasn’t a contest Phillip.

**Phillip:** Oh yeah, sorry. Well, we do know that chocolate milk is better, don’t we?

**Mimi:** Yeah, but only for you, Logan, Nina, and Billy!
Questions:

1) What do Phillip and Mimi disagree about?
   
   A. The taste of chocolate milk
   B. Whether chocolate milk is better than plain milk
   C. If plain milk is better than chocolate milk
   D. Both B and C are correct.

2) Why does it seem difficult to discover who is actually right about a question involving aesthetic value judgments?
   
   A. Because aesthetic value judgments are absolute
   B. Because aesthetic value judgments are relative
   C. Because different people like different things
   D. Both B and C are correct.

3) How do Phillip and Mimi endeavor to discover who is right?
   
   A. They consult an almanac.
   B. They consult their friends.
   C. They consult an encyclopedia.
   D. They consult previous studies done on the aesthetic values of various milk products.

4) According to the dialogue, which is better: Chocolate milk or plain milk?
   
   A. Plain milk
   B. Plain milk for Mimi
   C. Chocolate milk for Phillip, Logan, Nina, and Billy
   D. Both B and C are correct.

Vocabulary:

1) A good synonym for *actually* is…

   A. pretty much.
   B. truly.
   C. really.
   D. Both B and C are correct.

2) *Aesthetic* value judgments are value judgments about…

   A. sensory things.
   B. intellectual things.
   C. ideas.
   D. none of the above.

3) A *hypothesis* is…

   A. a conclusive explanation of facts.
   B. a probable explanation of facts.
   C. a random guess.
   D. all of the above.

4) Nina says that she likes chocolate milk, "*personally.*" This means…

   A. she really likes chocolate milk.
   B. she kind of likes chocolate milk.
   C. that her answer only pertains to herself.
   D. that answer pertains to most people.