

“The Brain”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

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

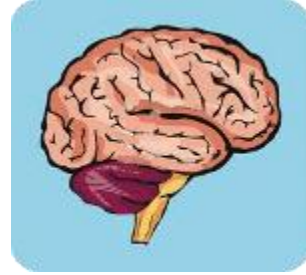
The brain is a part of your body.

It is inside your head.

You use the brain to think.

The brain makes your fingers, eyes, ears, arms, and legs work.

You need your brain!



Questions:

1) Where is the brain? It is

- A. in your fingers
- B. inside your head
- C. between your toes

2) The brain is

- I. simple
- II. important
- III. part of the body

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

Is the brain important? Why?

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

At the beginning, the passage says, “The brain is a part of your body. It is inside your head.” We can understand from this information that the brain is inside your head. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

The passage says that your brain makes your fingers work, but the passage does not say that the brain is in your fingers. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. The passage does not provide information to support answer choice **(C)**. Therefore it is incorrect.

2) **C**

Nothing in the passage says that the brain is simple. This eliminates **option (I)**. Near the end, the passage says you use the brain for thinking and to make your body work. Then the passage says, “You need your brain!” Since you need your brain for many different reasons, the brain is important. This supports **option (II)**. At the beginning, the passage says, “The brain is a part of your body.” This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(C)** is correct.