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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Is pizza one of your favorite foods? If it is, you're not alone. Pizza is a very popular food. Every year, about three billion pizzas are sold in the United States. And kids like pizza more than any other type of food. For lunch or dinner, kids would rather eat pizza than anything else. Why do people love pizza so much? One reason is that pizza is easy to eat. You don't even need a knife or fork. Another reason is that there are many kinds of pizza. So no matter what your taste is, you can find a pizza you like. Pizza is also inexpensive. You can have a very tasty meal without spending a lot of money. And pizza lets you eat several different kinds of food at the same time. The sauce, the crust, the cheese, and the toppings all taste a little different. But they also taste very good together.

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Total**1.** What is this text about?

- (A) food around the world
- (B) cheap meals
- (C) pizza
- (D) the United States

4. Which is a synonym for *inexpensive*?

- (A) popular
- (B) rare
- (C) costly
- (D) cheap

2. According to the author, what is one reason people love pizza?

- (A) Pizza is easy to eat.
- (B) Pizza is quick to make.
- (C) Pizza is small.
- (D) Pizza is spicy.

5. Which simile best fits this text?

- (A) as long as a snake
- (B) as tasty as pie
- (C) wet like the rain
- (D) as round as the moon

3. Which word is an adjective?

- (A) tasting
- (B) tastes
- (C) taste
- (D) tasty

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Pizza has been around for longer than you might think. Ancient Egyptians and Greeks used to eat flat bread topped with olive oil and other things. Early Italians baked bread under hot stones. Then they topped the bread with spices and other ingredients. The pizza we know of began in 1889. It was made by Raffaele Esposito in Naples, Italy, in honor of a visiting king and queen. Many Italians came to the United States during the 1800s. They brought pizza with them. But most people in the United States did not know about pizza. It became popular after World War II. American soldiers ate pizza in Italy. They liked it and wanted more. When they came home from the war they wanted pizza at home. Soon pizza became popular all over the country!

1. Which event in the text happened first?
- (A) Raffaele Esposito made pizza in honor of a king and queen.
- (B) Early Italians baked bread under hot stones.
- (C) Pizza came to the United States.
- (D) Pizza became popular all over the United States.

2. Which of these is **not** a fact in this text?
- (A) Ancient Egyptians and Greeks ate flat bread with olive oil.
- (B) Many Italians came to the United States. They brought pizza with them.
- (C) Soldiers liked pizza and wanted more.
- (D) Pizza has only been around for a short time.

3. Which of these phrases is a prepositional phrase?

- (A) under hot stones
- (B) baked bread
- (C) Early Italians baked
- (D) Italians baked bread

4. In this text, what does the word *visiting* mean?

- (A) The king and queen ate pizza.
- (B) The king and queen lived in that town.
- (C) The king and queen did not live in that town.
- (D) The king and queen were hungry.

5. What is the tone of the text?

- (A) sad
- (B) informative
- (C) condescending
- (D) happy

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How do chefs make pizza? They begin by mixing the ingredients for pizza dough. Pizza dough is made with flour, yeast, and water. After the dough is mixed, the chef lets the dough rise. Then, it is rolled flat into the round shape we know so well. Then, the chef spreads some tomato sauce on the dough. Next, the chef adds the toppings and the cheese. When the ingredients are all ready, the chef puts the pizza into a special pan. Then, the chef uses a special tool called a *paddle* to put the pizza into a flat oven. When the pizza is ready, the chef pulls it out. Now, the pizza is ready to enjoy.

1. What does the pizza chef do right after adding the toppings and cheese?
- (A) The chef spreads some tomato sauce on the dough.
 - (B) The chef adds the toppings.
 - (C) The ingredients for the pizza dough are mixed.
 - (D) The pizza is put into a special pizza pan.

2. What is this text mostly about?
- (A) how pizza is made
 - (B) the history of pizza
 - (C) where to find good pizza
 - (D) different kinds of pizza

3. Which of the following is **not** an *ingredient*?
- (A) yeast
 - (B) flour
 - (C) pizza
 - (D) water

4. What do chefs use to put pizza into an oven?
- (A) an ingredient
 - (B) a paddle
 - (C) a special oven
 - (D) yeast

5. Which of these words is used in a series of steps?
- (A) adds
 - (B) cheese
 - (C) toppings
 - (D) next

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WE LOVE PIZZA!

Pizza is very popular all around the world. People from many different countries love to eat it. And in each country, the pizza is a little different. In Japan, for instance, there are two kinds of pizza. One kind looks like the pizza you are used to seeing, but it often has seafood on it. The other kind of Japanese pizza looks more like a pancake. The ingredients in that pizza are mixed up into the batter. Then, the batter is cooked like a pancake. Finally, the pizza is cut into slices, just like the pizza you are used to eating.

Many people in India also eat pizza. Pizza is a lot like an Indian bread called *naan* (nahn). Naan is like pizza dough. It is often brushed with butter and garlic. Indians like naan. So when pizza came to India, it soon became popular. In India, you can get pizza with pepperoni. You can also get pizza topped with tandoori chicken. You can get your pizza with tofu, too. Some Indians also add chili flakes and ketchup to their pizza.

Australians also love pizza. If you go to Australia, you can get a pizza with pepperoni. But you can also get a pizza with lamb or eggs. You can get a pizza with ham and pineapple. In fact, pineapple is the most popular pizza topping. Some Australians also like cut-up pumpkin on their pizza. Others like shrimp on their pizza.

There are many different ways to eat pizza. There are many different things you can put on your pizza. But no matter what's on a pizza, it's still a pizza. And people all over the world love it! What toppings do you like on your pizza?



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1. Who would be most interested in reading this text?

- (A) someone who is interested in science topics
(B) someone who reads history
(C) someone who likes to do math
(D) someone who enjoys cooking

2. Which is the most accurate statement about the text?

- (A) It is about different pizzas around the world.
(B) It explains why pizza is unhealthy.
(C) It is about many types of foods.
(D) It is about eating pizza in America.

3. What is the author's purpose?

- (A) to describe pizza around the world
(B) to get you to buy a lot of pizza
(C) to explain how to make a pizza
(D) to explain where to find pizza in your town

4. Which is a topic sentence?

- (A) Others like shrimp on their pizza.
(B) One kind looks like the pizza you are used to seeing, but it often has seafood on it.
(C) Many people in India also eat pizza.
(D) Do you like a lot of toppings?

5. Which is true for both India and Australia?

- (A) You can get pizza with pumpkin.
(B) You can get pizza with tandoori chicken.
(C) You can get pizza with pepperoni.
(D) You can get pizza with lamb.

6. Pizza is similar to which food?

- (A) shrimp
(B) naan
(C) pineapple
(D) ham

7. Which summarizes this text?

- (A) Pizza is a healthy food for people all over the world.
(B) Australians sometimes have egg or lamb on their pizza.
(C) People in India love pizza.
(D) People all over the world love pizza.

8. Why did pizza quickly become popular in India?

- (A) Pizza was invented in India.
(B) People in India already liked naan, which is a lot like pizza.
(C) People in India thought pizza was too spicy.
(D) Pizza has many different ingredients.

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Reread the text "We Love Pizza!" Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.

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What are your favorite kinds of pizza? Which kinds of pizza do you dislike? Write about your favorite pizzas.

Horizontal writing lines for the student's response.