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**DIRECTIONS**

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Nurses are very important professionals. They need to know a lot in order to do their jobs well. They need to be able to do many different kinds of things. They treat patients, they teach people how to stay healthy, and they create plans for patient care. They do a lot of other things, too. Many nurses go to college to learn nursing. Then, they choose what kind of nursing they want to do. Today, they have many choices. Some nurses work in hospitals and some nurses work in schools. Some work at doctors' offices and some work in clinics. Other nurses are called *visiting nurses*; they go to the homes of people who cannot get to a doctor's office. Nursing takes a lot of skill and practice. But it is also very rewarding.

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**Total**

1. Which of these is the topic sentence of this paragraph?
- (A) Nurses are very important professionals.
  - (B) Other nurses are called *visiting nurses*.
  - (C) They do a lot of other things, too.
  - (D) They treat patients, they teach people how to stay healthy, and they create plans for patient care.

2. What is something that nurses do **not** do?
- (A) treat patients
  - (B) create plans for patient care
  - (C) build hospitals
  - (D) teach people how to stay healthy

3. Which words from the text have the same root word?
- (A) *nurses* and *homes*
  - (B) *visiting* and *nursing*
  - (C) *stay* and *skill*
  - (D) *nurses* and *nursing*

4. Which is a synonym for *choices*?
- (A) options
  - (B) rules
  - (C) thoughts
  - (D) tasks

5. Which is a synonym for *create*?
- (A) discuss
  - (B) make
  - (C) visit
  - (D) erase

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Today's nurses are important professionals. They have many skills. But that wasn't always true. Many years ago, nurses were not skilled. They simply fed patients, helped them wash, and kept them warm. They sometimes helped doctors, but they were not treated with respect. And only women could be nurses. Nursing was not considered good enough for men. Florence Nightingale changed that. She was an English nurse. She lived during the 1800s. In 1853, the Crimean War began. England was at war in Turkey. Florence took a team of nurses to Turkey. She and her team helped the British soldiers. She insisted that nurses should be respected. She wanted nurses to get an education. After the war, she set up a school just for nurses. Today, both men and women can be nurses. Nurses are well educated. They are also very skilled.

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

- (A) the history of nursing  
 (B) England's war in Turkey  
 (C) Florence Nightingale as a child  
 (D) the British army

**2.** What did Florence Nightingale want nurses to do?

- (A) stay away from patients  
 (B) avoid hospitals  
 (C) get an education  
 (D) never help doctors

**3.** Which of these is a prepositional phrase?

- (A) *She lived*  
 (B) *during the 1800s*  
 (C) *the 1800s*  
 (D) *lived*

**4.** What does the word *insisted* tell you about Florence Nightingale?

- (A) She was afraid.  
 (B) She was not a nurse.  
 (C) She did not care.  
 (D) She did not give up.

**5.** Which word describes the tone of this text?

- (A) informative  
 (B) silly  
 (C) funny  
 (D) false

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Sometimes, large storms or earthquakes strike. Sometimes, volcanoes erupt. There are floods and other natural disasters, too. When those things happen, many people are badly hurt. And even people who are not hurt need help. The Red Cross is there to do just that. The Red Cross is a volunteer group. It sends people to help when disaster strikes. Those people treat patients. They also provide food, clothes, water, shelter, and medicine. Sometimes, rescue dogs join the Red Cross volunteers. Many countries have Red Cross groups. When there is a disaster in another country, the American Red Cross works with other Red Cross groups. They help people together. When disaster hits the United States, Red Cross groups from other countries help. They send volunteers to the United States. Everyone works together to help people in need.

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1. Which word or words would tell a reader more about this text?

- (A) Red Cross
- (B) happen
- (C) badly
- (D) people

2. Which is a fact about the Red Cross?

- (A) Rescue dogs do not join the Red Cross volunteers.
- (B) Only the United States has a Red Cross group.
- (C) The Red Cross does not help during disasters.
- (D) The Red Cross is a volunteer group.

3. What is a *volunteer*?

- (A) a person who goes to other countries
- (B) a person who earns a lot of money
- (C) a person who helps without being paid
- (D) a person who causes disasters

4. Which words are synonyms?

- (A) *volunteers* and *rescue*
- (B) *food* and *shelter*
- (C) *disaster* and *strikes*
- (D) *strikes* and *hits*

5. Which is an example of a *shelter*?

- (A) a tent
- (B) a rainstorm
- (C) a sock
- (D) a pizza

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## CLARA BARTON

Whenever there is a disaster, there are people who may need help. The Red Cross is there to help them. The Red Cross is a group of volunteers who go to places where there are disasters. They provide food, water, shelter, and medicine. The Red Cross has been responsible for saving many people's lives. The American Red Cross was started in 1881 by Clara Barton.

Clara was born on December 25, 1821. She knew she was good at being a nurse and helping people from the time she was a child. When she was eleven years old, her brother David became very ill, and Clara nursed him back to health. Later, she became a teacher and even started her own school. But then the Civil War came, and everything changed for Clara. She saw that the soldiers needed blankets, clothes, food, and more. So she and some other people gave them supplies. Then, she led a team of nurses who helped the soldiers. Clara worked very hard and became very famous for everything that she did to help the soldiers.

Clara worked so hard that she became ill. Her doctors advised her to take a long trip and rest. So Clara went to Europe. But she did not rest. Instead, she learned about the Red Cross. Some countries had groups of volunteers that assisted people who needed help. Clara wanted the same kind of organization in the United States. So when she came back to America, she worked with other people and created the American Red Cross. For twenty-three years, she was its president.

Clara did many other things, too. For example, she worked very hard to give women the right to vote. She also worked hard to create a system to find missing people. Clara Barton died in 1912, but the work she did changed the United States and has saved millions of lives.



*Clara Barton*

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Read "Clara Barton" and then answer the questions.

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

- (A) the Civil War  
 (B) Clara Barton  
 (C) the Red Cross  
 (D) Europe

**2.** Which event happened first?

- (A) Clara became ill.  
 (B) Clara nursed her brother back to health.  
 (C) Clara became a teacher.  
 (D) Clara was the president of the American Red Cross.

**3.** How do you think the author felt about Clara?

- (A) The author dislikes her.  
 (B) The author does not know about her.  
 (C) The author admires her.  
 (D) The author is afraid of her.

**4.** What inference can be made about how Clara felt when the American Red Cross was created?

- (A) confused  
 (B) angry  
 (C) jealous  
 (D) proud

**5.** How is this text organized?

- (A) It is told chronologically, in the order that the events happened.  
 (B) It compares two people.  
 (C) It explains a problem then describes its solution.  
 (D) It describes a cause-and-effect relationship.

**6.** Which statement is true?

- (A) Clara did not want women to have the right to vote.  
 (B) Clara did not like taking care of people.  
 (C) The Civil War happened before Clara was born.  
 (D) Women did not have the right to vote when Clara was young.

**7.** Why did Clara stop being a teacher?

- (A) The Civil War came and changed everything.  
 (B) She was too ill to teach.  
 (C) She was tired of teaching.  
 (D) She moved and there were no schools near her.

**8.** Which word best describes Clara?

- (A) hardworking  
 (B) timid  
 (C) selfish  
 (D) athletic

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Reread the text "Clara Barton." Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.

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What do you think it is like to be a volunteer for the Red Cross? Explain your answer.

Horizontal lines for writing an answer.