

READING COMPREHENSION (SKILL 1-2)



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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ There are 3 sections of TOEFL: Listening, Structure and Written Expression, and Reading Comprehension
- ▶ Reading Comprehension consists of 50 questions that must be completed in 55 minutes.
- ▶ There are 13 skills to master the reading section.

Strategi Umum

- ▶ Lihat langsung pertanyaan yang mengikuti teks untuk menentukan letak jawaban secara cepat.
- ▶ Temukan bagian dari teks yang mengandung jawaban pertanyaan.
- ▶ Baca bagian teks yang mengandung jawaban dengan cermat.
- ▶ Pilih jawaban yang paling tepat.

A. Questions about the Ideas of the Passage

Skill 1: Answer Main Idea Correctly

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The passage:

In the philosophy of John Dewey, a sharp distinction is made between intelligence and reasoning. According to Dewey, intelligence is the only absolute way to achieve a balance between realism and idealism, between practicality and wisdom of life. Intelligence involves “interacting with other things and knowing them,” while reasoning is merely the act of an observer, “...a mind that beholds or grasps objects outside the world of things....” With reasoning, a level of mental certainty can be achieved, but it is through intelligence that control is taken of events that shape one’s life.







The question:

What is the *topic* of this passage?

- (A) The intelligence of John Dewey
- (B) Distinctions made by John Dewey
- (C) Dewey’s ideas on the ability to reason
- (D) How intelligence differs from reasoning in Dewey’s works

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MAIN IDEA QUESTIONS  		
HOW TO IDENTIFY THE QUESTION	on both paper and computer tests  	<p>What is the topic of the passage?</p> <p>What is the subject of the passage?</p> <p>What is the main idea of the passage?</p> <p>What is the author's main point in the passage?</p> <p>With what is the author primarily concerned?</p> <p>Which of the following would be the best title?</p>
WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWER	The answer to this type of question can generally be determined by looking at the first sentence of each paragraph.	
HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read the first line of each paragraph.2. Look for a common theme or idea in the first lines.3. Pass your eyes quickly over the rest of the passage to check that you have really found the topic sentence(s).4. Eliminate any definitely wrong answers and choose the best answer from the remaining choices.	



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Skill 2: Recognize the Organization of Ideas

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The passage:

If asked who invented the game of baseball, most Americans would probably reply that it was Abner Doubleday. At the beginning of this century, there was some disagreement over how the game of baseball had actually originated, so sporting goods manufacturer Spaulding inaugurated a commission to research the question. In 1908 a report was published by the commission in which Abner Doubleday, A U.S. Army officer from Cooperstown, New York was given credit for the invention of the game. The National Baseball Hall of Fame was established in Cooperstown in honor of Doubleday.

Today, most sports historians are in agreement that Doubleday really did not have much to do with the development of baseball. Instead, baseball seems to be a close relation to the English game of rounders and probably has English rather than American roots.






The question:



The second paragraph

- A. Provide examples to support the ideas in the first paragraph
- B. Precedes the ideas in the first paragraph
- C. Outlines the effect of idea in the first paragraph
- D. Refutes the idea in the first paragraph

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ORGANIZATION OF IDEAS  		
HOW TO IDENTIFY THE QUESTION	on both paper and computer tests  	<i>How is the information in the passage organized? How is the information in the second paragraph related to the information in the first paragraph?</i>
	on computer test only 	Click on the paragraph that...
WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWER	The answer to this type of question can generally be determined by looking at the first sentence of the appropriate paragraphs.	
HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the first line of each paragraph. 2. Look for words that show relationships among the paragraphs. 3. Choose the answer that best expresses the relationship. 	

Conclusion skill 1 and 2



References

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