

REVIEW Test 5

Implied Main Ideas

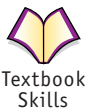
A. Read each group of supporting details. In the spaces provided, write the letter of the best main idea for each group.

1. Supporting details:

- Mindy refuses to eat in front of other people.
- Mindy often flushes her food down the toilet or throws it away when no one is looking.
- When Mindy does eat, she forces herself to throw up before the food can digest.
- Mindy, age 22, weighs 80 pounds and is 5 feet 4 inches in height.
- Mindy thinks she is fat.

_____ Which sentence best expresses the implied main idea?

- a. Mindy is a healthy young woman.
- b. Mindy has a serious eating disorder.
- c. Mindy thinks she is fat.
- d. Mindy has low self-esteem.



2. Supporting details:

- **Commercial** radio stations seek to make a profit, and programming is usually music, interview and call-in shows, and news.
- **State-run** radio stations are owned and operated by governments with direct control of content on a day-to-day basis.
- **Public** radio stations are noncommercial stations that receive money from the general public, private foundations, and governments.
- **Shortwave** radio beams international programming.
- **Educational** radio stations are owned and operated by universities, colleges, and even high schools; more than 800 U.S. educational institutions have broadcast licenses.
- **Community** radio stations are low-power stations that promote community participation in solving local problems.

- **Special-interest** radio stations are financed by noncommercial groups that have specific political or religious beliefs.
- **Pirate** radio stations are unlicensed stations.

—Adapted from Folkerts and Lacy, *The Media in Your Life*, 2001, p. 192

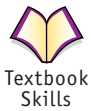
- _____ Which sentence best expresses the implied main idea?
- a. Government supports many radio stations.
 - b. All radio stations are licensed by the federal government.
 - c. Radio stations can be divided into eight types on the basis of ownership and types of financing.
 - d. Radio stations are an important part of modern society.

3. Supporting details:

- According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) annual report on the Nation's health, 6.5 percent of American adults were diagnosed with diabetes in 2002.
- In 1997, 5.1 percent of American adults were diagnosed with diabetes.
- Another recent study shows that about 12 million adults have been diagnosed with diabetes and an additional 5 million adults have the condition but don't know it.
- An estimated 12 million adults have impaired fasting glucose tolerance and many of these will go on to develop diabetes unless they successfully adopt changes in weight management and physical activity.
- Obesity is a major risk factor for type 2 diabetes.
- Visits to physician offices and hospitals for diabetes have increased dramatically since the mid-1990s.
- Diabetes was the fifth leading cause of death among women and sixth among men in 2001.
- People with diabetes run the risk of severe complications, including heart disease, chronic kidney disease, blindness, and amputations.
- "Prevention is the only sure way to stem this epidemic," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, CDC director. "By eating a healthy diet and engaging in regular physical activity, individuals can greatly reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes."

—“HHS Issues Report Charting Steady Gains in Americans' Health, Though Diabetes Remains Growing Concern,” National Center for Health Statistics, 3 Oct. 2003, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2 Dec. 2003.
<<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/02news/ameriwomen.htm>>

- _____ Which sentence best states the implied main idea?
- Diabetes is a serious disease.
 - Many Americans are obese.
 - Diabetes is a growing epidemic with serious health complications that can be reversed with diet and exercise.
 - Diabetes can be controlled by a healthful diet and proper exercise.
- B.** Read the following paragraph from a college history textbook. In the space provided, write the letter of the best statement of the implied main idea.



Puritan Women

¹Dealings with neighbors and relatives and involvement in church activities marked the outer limits of the social range of most Puritan women in the 1600s. ²Care of the children was a full-time job when broods of 12 or 14 were more common than those of 1 or 2. ³Fewer children died in New England than in the Chesapeake or in Europe. ⁴Childbearing and motherhood, therefore, often lasted over two decades of a woman's life. ⁵Meanwhile, she also was the chief operating officer of the household. ⁶Cooking, baking, sewing, and supervising servants fell to her. ⁷In addition she had to master skills such as making cheese from milk, bacon from pork, and beer from malt. ⁸These jobs were physically demanding, yet large numbers of New England wives outlived one or more husbands.

—Adapted from Garraty and Carnes, *The American Nation*,
Volume I, 10th ed., p. 52

- _____ **4.** Which sentence is the best statement of the implied main idea?
- Puritan women in the 1600s were treated unfairly.
 - Puritan women were strong and productive.
 - American women today have a much easier life than Puritan women of the 1600s.
 - Puritan women outlived their husbands.

REVIEW Test 6

Implied Main Ideas and Central Ideas

- A.** Read each group of supporting ideas. Then use your own words to write the best statement of the implied main idea for each group.

Group 1**The Olympic Games: Then and Now**

- The original Olympic Games began in ancient Greece and were held every fourth year for several hundred years.
- The Olympic Games established by the Greeks were abolished in the early Christian era.
- The original Olympic Games served as a way for the Greeks to honor their gods.
- The Games were reestablished in 1896 and have been held every fourth year since, except during World War I and World War II.
- The modern Games serve as a way for the international community to honor their athletes.
- The first Olympics included competitions in music, speech, and theatrical performances.
- The modern Olympics includes many more varieties of athletic competitions.

1. Implied main idea: _____

Group 2**A Busy Season**

- In October, the festivities of Halloween require making or buying costumes and candy, as well as carving pumpkins and staging festivals or haunted houses.
- In November, hours of work go into buying, preparing, and serving Thanksgiving dinners for family and for those less fortunate.
- In December, people spend money and time shopping for and wrapping gifts, baking, decorating, hosting and attending parties in celebration of religious holidays such as Christmas and Hanukkah.
- In January, many people host or attend parties to celebrate the New Year.

2. Implied main idea: _____

Group 3

The “Do Not Call” Registry Stops Short

- In July of 2003, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) began registering consumers for the free “do not call” registry.
- However, the registry will not stop calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship.
- It will not stop calls for which you have given prior written consent.
- Nor will the registry stop calls that are not commercial or do not include unsolicited advertisements.
- Finally, the registry will not stop calls by or on behalf of tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

—Adapted from “The National ‘Do Not Call’ Registry,” U.S. Federal Trade Commission Online, 31 Oct. 2003. 3 Dec. 2003 <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/donotcall/#rules>>

3. Implied main idea: _____
- _____
- _____

- B. Read the following poem, and then write a sentence that states the implied central idea.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for My Teacher

by D. J. Henry

I have always known
 You—
 A gift
 From God no less,
 Because always,
 In the first and from
 All our moments
 That flow between us
 Electric shock around,
 Arching above and beyond us,
 You made me
 Know
 You see,

Saw something
In me
Of worth
Some value
Worth
The work to express itself,
And your sight
Gave me eyes
And now a voice
Urges on a body of work.

I have always known
You—
Your great gift,
And only yesterday
I prayed God
Give me a poem,
A poem I could
Give to you.

I have always known—
God answers
Before I ask.
As always,
This I know.

4. Implied central idea: _____

MASTERY Test 7

Name _____ Section _____
Date _____ Score (Number Correct) _____ $\times 25 =$ _____ %

- A. Read the following paragraphs. Then choose the letter of the best statement of the implied main idea for each one.

¹Jarrold sat in the back of the class with his notebook and textbooks open. ²He seemed bored during lectures, rarely took notes based on the teacher's instruction, and constantly flipped through his books, pausing frequently to read. ³When he was called on to answer questions by the instructor, he usually had to ask her to repeat the question. ⁴He then replied with the correct answer. ⁵He often challenged his teacher's feedback on his essays, forcing her to explain verbally her written remarks. ⁶His favorite classroom activities included using the computer to research, write, and revise his essays.

- _____ 1. The implied main idea is best expressed in which statement?
- Jarrold did not like his instructor.
 - Jarrold was an independent and active learner.
 - Jarrold was a poor student.
 - Jarrold paid attention to his instructor's feedback.

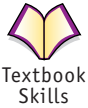
¹Marissa had worked for three weeks on her research project. ²She had used her home computer to locate a wide variety of government and educational sources for her topic. ³She had carefully followed her teacher's directions to create an outline, title page, and proper documentation. ⁴The night before the paper was due, Marissa was going over her project one last time to proofread for careless errors. ⁵Unexpectedly, a loud clap of thunder shook the walls, and lightning flashed just moments before her electricity cut off. ⁶Once power was restored, Marissa discovered that her computer had been severely damaged by the lightning strike, and her entire research project was wiped out. ⁷She had not made a backup copy on a disc or CD. ⁸Weeks of work were lost, and her grade was in jeopardy.

- _____ 2. Which sentence best states the implied main idea?
- Lightning can cause major damage.
 - Marissa is an excellent student who deserves an extension on the deadline for her research project.
 - Marissa's story is an example of the need to always make backup copies of important work on a disc or CD.
 - Computers can be frustrating.

¹Yesenia, at one time, had a habit of thinking and saying negative thoughts about herself, such as *I am so stupid, I can't do this*, and *I am so fat* (even though she was far from being overweight). ²During this time, she also felt a general and constant sense of anxiety, fear, and depression. ³Then one day several years ago, her friend Miguel chided her for

always being so negative about herself. ⁴“You know, Yesenia,” he said, “you have a bad habit of bad-mouthing yourself. ⁵You would never talk about anyone as meanly as you talk about yourself. ⁶Give yourself a break by being nice to yourself. ⁷Be your own friend.” ⁸Miguel’s words made sense to Yesenia, and she began the process of changing her habit of negative self-talk. ⁹She created several positive statements about herself that she could use in place of the negative statements, such as *I have a good mind, I can figure this out, I can do this*, and *I have a curvy figure*. ¹⁰Then, every time she began to say or think negative thoughts about herself, she substituted a positive statement. ¹¹Gradually, her thoughts and speech changed, and her general sense of well-being improved.

- _____ 3. Which sentence best expresses the implied main idea?
- Yesenia had low self-esteem.
 - Miguel was a good friend to Yesenia.
 - Yesenia had a bad habit that had to be changed.
 - Yesenia changed the habitual self-talk that influenced her sense of well-being.
- B. Determine the central idea stated in a thesis sentence for the following passage from a college communications textbook. Using your own words, write the central idea in the space provided.



Growth and Development of Public Speaking

¹Public speaking is a very old and a very new art. ²It’s likely that public speaking principles were developed shortly after our species began to talk.

³Aristotle’s *Rhetoric*, written some 2,300 years ago in Greece, was one of the earliest well-thought-out studies of public speaking. ⁴It was in this work that the three kinds of proof were introduced: logos are logical proof, pathos are emotional appeals, and ethos are appeals based on the character of the speaker. ⁵This way of thinking about proofs is still used today. ⁶Romans added to the work of the Greeks. ⁷Quintillian taught in Rome during the first century and built an entire educational system based on the development of the effective and responsible public speaker or orator.

⁸Throughout these 2,300 years, this Greco-Roman tradition has been deepened by experiments, surveys, field studies, and historical studies. ⁹Research has also added insights from other fields, mainly in the humanities and the social and behavioral sciences. ¹⁰And today, views from different cultures are blended into the study of public speaking.

—Adapted from DeVito, *Essentials of Human Communication*, 4th ed., p. 286

4. Central idea stated in a thesis sentence: _____
- _____

MASTERY Test 8

Name _____ Section _____
Date _____ Score (Number Correct) _____ × 25 = _____ %

- A. Read the following paragraphs. In the spaces provided, use your own words to write the best statement of the main idea for each of them.

¹Take your new pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible and schedule regular check-ups for vaccinations and worm treatments. ²To ensure health, feed your pet a well-balanced diet and do not let the pet drink water from a toilet or eat raw food. ³Keep your pet's living area and bedding clean. ⁴Dispose of your pet's feces carefully by burying it or wrapping it in plastic before discarding in the trash; use plastic gloves and wash your hands immediately. ⁵Obey leash laws and monitor your pet's whereabouts to avoid risk of disease from exposure to wild animals.

1. Implied main idea: _____

¹Influenza (flu) is a highly infectious disease of the lungs, and it can lead to pneumonia. ²Each year, about 114,000 people in the United States are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die because of the flu. ³Most who die are 65 years and older. ⁴But children younger than 2 years old are as likely as those over 65 to have to go to the hospital because of the flu.

—“Flu Facts for Everyone,” *Flu Home Page*, National Immunization Program (NIP) 26 Nov. 2003.

2. Implied main idea: _____

¹Born on July 6, 1935, in Taktser, Tibet, the Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists and former ruler of Tibet. ²In 1937, Tibetan monks began scouring the countryside northeast of the capital city of Lhasa on a holy mission of the utmost importance: the search for the new Dalai Lama, the fourteenth earthly reincarnation of the Buddhist Lord of Compassion. ³As dictated by centuries of tradition, the monks relied on dreams, oracles, and omens to lead the way, and at last they converged on a farmhouse in the village of Taktser. ⁴Inside they found a two-year-old boy whom they subjected to an exhaustive series of tests. ⁵His performance convinced the monks that they had indeed found the reincarnation of the thirteenth Dalai Lama, who had died in 1935. ⁶After lengthy negotiations with the Chinese overlord who ruled the region, the monks finally secured permission to take the boy, who was then known as Lhamo Dhondrub, to Lhasa. (⁷Today, due to hostilities with China, the Dalai Lama lives in exile in India.)

—“Dalai Lama,” *Contemporary Heroes and Heroines, Book II*, D. Straub, ed., Gale Research, 1992, reproduced online, *Biography Resource Center*, The Gale Group, 2003. <<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/BioRC>>

3. Implied main idea: _____

- B. Find the central idea for the following passage taken from a college health textbook. Write the central idea in the space provided.



Textbook
Skills

Sexual Harassment: An Abuse of Power

¹Although seldom a violent crime, sexual harassment is a criminal offense. ²Involving the abuse of power, it is found on the job, in the classroom, and in some cases, at home. ³It may be obvious, as in the case of a boss or professor imposing unwanted sexual attention or request for sexual favors. ⁴It may also be less direct, such as the creation of a hostile, intimidating, or offensive work or class environment by actions or speech of a sexual nature based on gender. ⁵On the college campus, sexual harassment might take the form of offers of a good grade in a course or special treatment in exchange for sexual favors, repeated staring in a suggestive way, or unwanted touching. ⁶Even sexual comments, jokes, or personal questions that are offensive or distracting to the person who feels harassed may be sexual harassment.

⁷Most commonly, it is women who are harassed, usually by men in a position of power or authority over them. ⁸However, men may be harassed by women, and either men or women may be harassed by persons of the same sex. ⁹If harassers are left unchallenged, others may become victims because harassers are usually repeat offenders.

—Adapted from Pruitt and Stein, *HealthStyles*, 2nd ed., pp. 278–79

4. Central idea: _____
