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C.A. P.O.W. #6

Section 1: Context Clues

Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined words.

1. Fortunately, the dizzy spell was **transient**. He was able to continue playing within seconds and had no trouble winning the match.

harmful

helpful

not long lasting

2. Brea and Elizabeth are having a **dispute** over which radio station to play at work. It would be so much simpler if they both liked the same kind of music.

conversation

discovery

disagreement

3. It's a wonder to me how anyone can still be undecided about this election. These two candidates are certainly **distinct**. Each would lead our nation in opposite directions.

dishonest

clearly different

about the same age

4. The news story was based on a letter that was a **fabrication**. Now the reporter who wrote the story is in big trouble. Will anyone believe him again?

fake

made of cloth

funny story

5. The reporter insisted that the letter he used was **authentic**. He said that he had shown it to many experts before he used it in his story.

carefully written

genuine, or real

very old

Section 2: Sentence Fragments and Run-ons

Label the following as either a complete sentence (CS), sentence fragment (SF), or run-on (RO).

_____ 1. Because she finished the assignment.

_____ 2. I went to school in Ankara it is the capital of Turkey.

_____ 3. Mr. Baker used to teach arts in Memorial High School I used to be a student there.

_____ 4. When I went to the store.

_____ 5. Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Section 3: Figurative Language

Identify each expression as a simile, metaphor, personification, or idiom.

_____ 1. He was as busy as a bee.

_____ 2. You are what you eat.

_____ 3. My teddy bear gave me a hug.

_____ 4. The soda fizzed as I poured it into the glass.

_____ 5. Shirley and Joe painted the town red.

Section 4: Topic, Supporting Sentences, and Main Idea

Basketball was invented in 1891 by a physical education instructor in Springfield, Massachusetts by the name of James Naismith. Because of terrible weather in winter, his physical education students were indoors rather than outdoors. They really did not like the idea of boring, repetitive exercises and preferred the excitement and challenge of a game. Naismith figured out a team sport that could be played indoors on a gymnasium floor, that involved a lot of running, that kept all team members involved, and that did not allow the tackling and physical contact of American style football.

1.) What is the topic of the passage?

- A. The life of James Naismith
- B. The history of sports
- C. Physical education and exercise
- D. The origin of basketball

2.) What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. James Naismith invented basketball in order to make physical education fun indoors.
- B. Basketball is one of the most popular sports in America today.
- C. Basketball is better than football.
- D. How basketball was invented in 1891 by James Naismith.

3.) Circle a supporting idea sentence in the passage above that supports the main idea.