

# Summarize, Paraphrase, and Generalize Ideas

## Question 1 .

### Gabriel José de la Concordia "Gabo" García Márquez

Born in Aracataca, Colombia, in 1928, García Márquez spent his early years with his grandparents who influenced him greatly. His grandfather, a colonel, was a widely respected veteran of the Thousand Days War and an excellent storyteller. While his grandfather's stories influenced his world views and ideals, his grandmother shaped his storytelling. She always related fantasy and improbable tales as everyday facts. Much of what García Márquez would write in his later life was already decided in his childhood.

García Márquez became one of the most significant authors of the 20th century. Affectionately known as "Gabo" throughout Latin America, he started as a journalist and published acclaimed works of non-fiction. However, he is most known for his novels, mainly *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and *Love in the Time of Cholera*. These widely popular works of fiction are most notable for popularizing a literary style known as "magic realism." This style diminishes the difference between magic and reality. Typically, magical events and elements are used to describe ordinary, realistic situations. Most of his works express the theme of solitude.

With García Márquez, a new light was shed on Colombian literature, creating much movement among followers and critics alike. For his influential magic realism that tells the story of a continent's life and conflicts, he received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982. García Márquez continues to write stories of his continent. With many of his works being adapted into films, more people are becoming aware of the "magical reality" and stories of Latin America.

Choose the best summary of this passage.

- ☐ A. García Márquez is most known for *One Hundred Years of Solitude* and *Love in the Time of Cholera* and their use of improbable tales delivered as truth.
- ☐ B. Born in Colombia, García Márquez started as a journalist and ended up writing works of fiction that introduced the life and conflicts of the continent to the world.
- ☐ C. García Márquez, affectionately known as "Gabo" wrote great works of fiction and nonfiction and became one of the most significant authors of the twentieth century.
- ☐ D. Highly influenced by his grandparents' stories, Nobel Laureate García Márquez popularized magical realism in his fiction and brought great attention to Colombian literature.

**Question 2 .****Penguin Returns**

Jack Douglas, a retired professor, lived on an island near the city of Rio de Janeiro in Argentina, South America. His house was by the beach, and every morning he walked along the sandy beach, keeping an eye out for stranded starfish, sea birds, or animals. A few months ago, he found a penguin lying on the rocks near the beach, with its feathers covered in oil and looking very weak. Jack took the bird home and washed the muck and dirt off its feathers. He then fed some fish to the bird to help it regain its strength. He decided to call the penguin Keekee. When Keekee regained its weight and became strong, Jack decided to release it back into the sea. Surprisingly, Keekee refused to leave Jack. It followed Jack around just as it would with a group of penguins and stayed with him for about two months. One day, Jack could not find Keekee anywhere. He missed the bird and hoped that it was all right. After all, Jack had looked after Keekee as his own child. However, Keekee was nowhere to be found. The penguin had just lost all its feathers and sprung a new coat when it disappeared.

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Based on the passage, what generalization can the reader make?

- ☐ A. Jack knows that Keekee would return to see him one day.
- ☐ B. Jack has compassion and love for animals and birds.
- ☐ C. Jack is an expert on the various species of penguins.
- ☐ D. Jack usually finds penguins on the beach near his home.

**Question 3 .**

For many high school students, the task of choosing a college is inevitable. This becomes a mind-boggling job because it is difficult to figure out which university is best for you. No person is the same as another, and that goes the same for colleges as well. Each university has some aspect in which it excels. Therefore, the choice comes down to the details.

Feeling comfortable in your college is one of the keys to a successful choice. Although you might not know what you want to major in, a college that helps you find your calling is invaluable. Being a good match with your university also means that it should be the right size for you. This means the number of people attending the college does not make it a good college. Rather, it is the type of people. These people should help you grow and develop in your own way.

In addition, the price of college should also be considered. Attending a college can get expensive; however, there are many benefits in going to college. Most often, people do get paid more with a degree. Do not automatically dismiss a college based on price alone. The college tuition could be paid in other ways, such as scholarships, financial aid, or installments.

After all the debate and the research to find a college, the most important thing is what you gain there. In college, a growth occurs in your body and mind. You, of course, mature in age as you attend school. And, the knowledge that you gain from experience and learning can go with you. Thus, choose what school is best for you.

Which of the following is the best summary for the entire passage?

- ☐ A. When choosing a college, it is important to see if the school matches with the person's personality. This is done by observing the people who make up the college. In addition, price is another factor because college is not always expensive.
- ☐ B. Choosing a college can be a difficult choice; however, comparing the details can help in the decision. Whether a school is a good match and an affordable price is important, but what a person gains in knowledge is just as significant.
- ☐ C. The value of the college depends on what the person gains from the experience. In college, a person learns in and out of the classroom. Therefore, it's important for the college of choice to be able to foster the change in the person.
- ☐ D. Going to college should not be dependent upon the price of the college because there are a number of ways a person can pay for it. Thus, a person can receive a college degree and benefit from the increase in pay when he or she gets a job.

**Question 4 .**

In baseball history, one of the most famous games took place between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants. It was a game to decide which team would win the National League pennant in 1951. Throughout the season, both teams had impressive winning records. However, by the end of the season, the two teams had tied and had to play each other in a deciding three-game playoff.

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Choose the best summary for the entire passage.

- ☐ A. The game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants helped determine who would play in the 1951 World Series. The winning team would have to play the New York Yankees. The Giants won two out of the three games. It was a very exciting game.
- ☐ B. In game 3 of the race for National League pennant, Bobby Thomson hit the winning homerun. That homerun was called "The Shot Heard 'Round the World" because it led to the New York Giants' victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- ☐ C. The 1951 baseball game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants is one of most famous games. It's legendary because it was an exciting game and decided which team would go to the World Series. The Giants win the game with the Bobby Thomson's memorable homerun.
- ☐ D. The Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants played in 1951 so that the winner of National League could be determined. There, Bobby Thomson hit a homerun that won the game for the Giants. It was a three-run drive that made the score 5–4 in the favor of the New York Giants.

**Question 5 .****Hazardous Waste**

Hazardous waste includes waste products that are potentially harmful to living beings and the environment. With growing industrialization, the quantity of hazardous waste has also increased rapidly. Scientists are still researching means to safely dispose of such waste, but the high risk of exposure to waste is unavoidable.

Lakes and rivers are often polluted because the drainage systems of cities, towns, and factories empty into them. Factories often dump severely harmful chemicals into this water, which poisons the water and makes it difficult for flora and fauna to survive in it.

Ocean-going tankers at times leak large quantities of oil into the sea. When this happens, great patches of oil are left floating on the sea's surface. If fish swallow this oil, or if their gills get clogged, they struggle to swallow water. Similarly, if birds land on it, the oil coats their feathers, rendering them incapable of flying. Unless the oil is cleaned off, the birds cannot use their wings.

Electricity for our homes is made in buildings called power plants, which usually use coal, oil, or gas to generate electricity. However, some power plants use nuclear energy for this purpose. To create nuclear energy, uranium is needed. Uranium is a radioactive substance that emits particles that are dangerous and even deadly to any living thing. People working in nuclear power plants must wear special clothing and masks to protect themselves. After uranium is used, it still leaves some dangerous waste, or residue. Scientists have yet to find a way to safely dispose of radioactive waste, and so meanwhile it is sealed in huge concrete containers and buried at sea, or deep underground. Some people fear that the radioactivity from this waste might escape and poison living things, as this residue remains dangerous for thousands of years.

Which sentence is the **best** paraphrase of the effect of uranium residue on living things?

- ☐ A. Uranium residue is still dangerous to living things as scientists have not yet discovered a way to safely dispose of radioactive waste.
- ☐ B. The radioactivity of even the residue of uranium is so powerful that there is a chance that it may escape its containment barriers.
- ☐ C. Scientists consider uranium residue to be potentially lethal to living things since it remains radioactive for thousands of years.
- ☐ D. Living things can suffer severe damage or even death on exposure to uranium residue or radioactive waste.

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Read the following summary of the first paragraph.

The historic game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants was a tiebreaker.

Which information should be added to make this a complete summary?

- ☐ A. the number of games that each of the teams had already won
- ☐ B. the reason why Dodgers and the Giants tied with one another
- ☐ C. the game determined who won the National League pennant
- ☐ D. the kind of season records the Giants and the Dodgers had

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- ☐ A. America witnessed Bobby Thomson hit a homerun that led the New York Giants to victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- ☐ B. Bobby Thomson became known for his homerun that was a three-run home drive for a final score of 5–4.
- ☐ C. On October 3, 1951, Bobby Thomson hit a homerun that was "The Shot Heard 'Round the World," which won the game.
- ☐ D. In game 3 between the Dodgers and the Giants, Bobby Thomson hit his famous homerun, which gave victory to the Giants.

**Question 8 .**

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Choose the best summary for the entire passage.

- ☐ A. Beverages and food are more available today because of the development of preservation techniques. Before preservation in glass jars and tin cans, people had no way to keep things cold, like in a refrigerator or a freezer. Therefore, food would spoil and rot, and people would waste food or become sick from it.
- ☐ B. Glass jars and tin cans were used as containers to preserve food. The jars were used by Nicolas Appert while the cans were employed by Peter Durand. Both men placed partially cooked food in the containers, covered them tightly, and boiled them to seal them tightly. This later helped in developing aluminum cans.
- ☐ C. Before beverage and food cans, food was being wasted because there was no means of keeping them fresh, so the French government enlisted the help of its people. Nicolas Appert developed preservation in glass jars while Peter Durand worked with tin cans. Their work led to the development of aluminum cans.
- ☐ D. Nicolas Appert and Peter Durand were leaders in preservation. When the French government offered 12,000 francs in order to find a way to feed its soldiers, Appert solved the problem by preserving food in glass jars. Soon after this, Durand followed with his work with tin cans, which were more durable than glass.

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Which line from the passage **best** supports the generalization that Keekee might have considered Jack to be one of his own species?

- ☐ A. "Surprisingly, Keekee refused to leave Jack."
- ☐ B. "The penguin had just lost all its feathers and sprung a new coat when it disappeared."
- ☐ C. "Apparently, the penguin swam for 3,000 miles to see Jack again."
- ☐ D. "However, Jack's friends thought that the penguin could have mistaken Jack for another penguin!."



**Question 10 .**

Evan looked both ways before he walked through the door. He wanted to make sure that nobody saw him and his grandma walking into the thrift store. He knew that Anthony, the class bully, would make fun of him if he found out that his grandma only bought him used clothes.

He knew because he stood by and watched it happen to other kids. He always felt guilty about that. He knew there was nothing to be ashamed of. He also knew that the other kids who were made fun of knew that there was nothing to be ashamed of. If they kept pretending that wearing used clothes was bad, people like Anthony would try to make them feel shame.

That is when Evan realized that his grandma never worried about people seeing her shopping in thrift stores. In fact, she dressed very well and often received compliments from people who liked her outfits.

Evan raised his head, just like his grandmother's. He let everybody in the store see his face. He was not going to let bullies tell him how to feel. He looked at the entrance and saw Anthony walking in with his father. Anthony had his head down, hiding his face. Evan wanted to tell Anthony that there was nothing to be ashamed of, but he knew that Anthony would eventually figure it out for himself.

Which of these **best** summarizes the last paragraph?

- ☐ A. Evan notices his grandmother proudly walking into the thrift shop with her head high and realizes that there is nothing wrong in wearing used clothes.
- ☐ B. Evan spots Anthony at the entrance of the thrift shop and remembers all the times when Anthony bullied others at school for wearing used clothes.
- ☐ C. Evan raises his head and walks into the thrift store just like his grandmother does, and he decides to tell Anthony to stop bullying others for wearing used clothes.
- ☐ D. Evan decides that he will not let anyone bully him and thinks of advising Anthony about wearing used clothes, but he realizes that Anthony will understand this by himself.

## Question 11 .

**Modern Ships**

Can you imagine living in a floating town that moves across the ocean at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour? A town complete with hotels, shops, hairdressing salons, swimming pools, restaurants, and hospitals? You are of course on board a modern luxury holiday cruise liner, looked after by a skilled crew of engineers, doctors, cooks, servers, entertainers, and many more personnel.

Everything about the cruise liner is huge. A person can walk up a street and count 500 paces—that's how long a cruise liner is—about 300 meters! Imagine all the car engines in a multistory car park pooling their engines together and they still wouldn't match the vast power of the ship's mighty steam turbine engine. All those cars and the car park as well wouldn't weigh anything close to the liner's 60,000 tons. Some of the most popular cruise liners in the world today include the *Allure of the Seas*, the *Norwegian Getaway*, the *Anthem of the Seas*, and the *Carnival Breeze*.

Unlike earlier times, these days most people travel long distances by airplane, which means that the number of ocean liners is considerably few. Most ships on the sea are merchant ships, which are trade vessels carrying goods or cargo rather than passengers.

So as you cruise along, you might perhaps see an oil tanker five times heavier than your liner. The crude oil that the tankers carry is used to make petrol and other fuels as well as plastics, dyes, and some types of cloth. There are also cargo ships carrying millions of tons of food—wheat, apples, bananas, sugar, meat, rice, wine—from one country to another.

Naval ships carry soldiers, tanks, guns, bombs, and even helicopters. Aircraft carriers are so enormous that fighter planes can take off and land on their decks. At 1092 feet, the American Nimitz class of aircraft carriers are among the largest naval ships in the world. Other ships such as the Russian *Admiral Kuznetsov* class, the Chinese *Liaoning*, and the Indian INS *Vikramaditya* rank among the largest naval ships in the world today.

Based on the passage, what generalization can the reader make?

- ☐ A. Modern ships are so massive in size that they can carry almost anything that people require in luxury or defense.
- ☐ B. Modern ships are so massive and have such a complex mechanism that it takes decades to build these ships.
- ☐ C. Modern ships are the future of safe and luxurious travel across the world, beating even airplanes.
- ☐ D. Modern ships can be multipurpose—the same vessel can be used for passengers as well as cargo or weaponry transportation.

**Question 12 .**

It's hard to imagine football or basketball games without cheerleaders. Their shouts and cheers are common sounds at most sporting events. They encourage the players to play their best with a variety of catchy chants. In addition, cheerleaders can perform difficult gymnastic and balancing techniques. All the while, cheerleaders keep the crowd excited and entertained at the event.

Although cheerleaders are part of the sport landscape, many people question whether cheerleading should be considered a sport. In July 2010, a ruling by a federal judge in Connecticut stated that cheerleading was not a sport because it was not a fully developed activity. There are very few definitive rules for cheerleading, which make it appear disorganized. This ruling came about because Quinnipiac University decided to reduce costs by cutting women's volleyball team, which fought against this decision. The university was going to replace volleyball with a cost-effective cheerleading squad.

Despite this ruling, supporters of cheerleaders viewed it as an opportunity for development. They believed that the ruling would prompt a change within the cheerleading world. Cheerleaders would begin pushing to be called a sport by making new rules and regulations. In effect, they would make their activity a sport as well as design it to be safer for its participants.

Whatever happens to cheerleading in the future, it will still be a part of sports. Cheerleaders still encourage players and entertain people all around the world with their upbeat attitudes.

Choose the best summary for the entire passage.

- ☐ A. Cheerleading has been a way to motivate players and stir up excitement in sporting events. However, a court ruling determined it to not be a sport when Quinnipiac University decided to replace a sport with it. This ruling might start a change in cheerleading so that it can become a sport.
- ☐ B. At Quinnipiac University, the school wanted to remove its women's volleyball team in order to save money for the next year. However, the volleyball team fought it, taking the argument to federal court. The judge deemed that cheerleading was not a sport because the activity was underdeveloped.
- ☐ C. Cheerleaders are a central part of sporting events because they give players confidence while keeping the crowd enthusiastic about the game. They do this with memorable chants, spectacular tumbles across the floor, and acrobatic routines in the air.
- ☐ D. The court ruling stated that cheerleading could not be considered a sport because it was not fully developed and pointed out that its rules were not definitive. Some advocates for cheerleading said that this ruling would eventually benefit the activity because new rules and regulations would begin.

**Question 13 .**

Game shows have been an entertaining way to watch television for years. They can challenge the mind as well as provide slapstick humor. The popularity of game shows owes much to Merv Griffin, who developed many such shows through the decades. He developed two of the most popular syndicated games. He created *Jeopardy!* and *Wheel of Fortune*—they both have lasted decades.

*Jeopardy!* first appeared in 1964 after Griffin's wife wanted to revive the old question-and-answer game shows that no longer existed. The concept of this game was to give the contestants the answer and have them reply in the form of a question. This gave a twist to the typical question-and-answer game. *Jeopardy!* was first hosted by Art Fleming during its first run on television. After its syndication, Alex Trebek became the show's next and present host.

Griffin's next successful show was *Wheel of Fortune*, which began its run on television in 1975. The game's popularity was due to its similar style to the game of hangman. The contestants were given a word puzzle to solve by guessing one letter at a time to fill in the missing blanks. *Wheel of Fortune* went through a string of hosts before Pat Sajak took over in 1983 along with Vanna White. The show is considered the top-rated game show on television today.

Which of these best summarizes the third paragraph?

- ☐ A. On *Wheel of Fortune*, contestants are given a word puzzle to solve, much like hangman.
- ☐ B. *Wheel of Fortune*, based on the game hangman, is the most popular Merv Griffin game.
- ☐ C. In 1983, Pat Sajak and Vanna White began their hosting jobs on *Wheel of Fortune*.
- ☐ D. Merv Griffin's game show *Wheel of Fortune* first premiered on television in 1975.

**Question 14 .**

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Which of the following best summarizes the fourth paragraph?

- ☐ A. After many years of experimentation, Nicolas Appert and Peter Durand each worked out techniques that helped people stop wasting food needlessly.
- ☐ B. Durand's tin-can preservation method made the transportation of food easier because of the tin's durability, and it also helped develop the aluminum can.
- ☐ C. Durand's tin cans were tougher than Appert's glass jars, and therefore, they were easier to carry and transport for many food companies.
- ☐ D. In many cases, aluminum cans held different kinds of beverages because they were considered to be lighter than tin and did not rust easily.

**Question 15 .****Home Alone**

"Look after Hal," Ann's mother called as she and her husband, John, got into the car. Ann's parents were going downtown to attend a party that was organized in honor of Ann's father and a few of his other colleagues. John and his team had bagged a coveted project for their company. Since it was an official party, Ann's parents could not take Ann and Hal along with them.

Ann felt all grown-up as this was the first time her parents had given her the responsibility of looking after Hal, her younger brother who was only 3 years old. It was also a novel experience for her to have the house all to herself. She had been planning since last evening all that she would do during her parents' absence. Her parents knew she had decided to invite her friend, Tanya, to spend the day with her.

Tanya and Ann were excited about their evening. They decided to watch a movie they had wanted to see for a long time. As Hal was sleeping in his room upstairs, it seemed the perfect time to enjoy the movie without having to worry about Hal disturbing them. In the thrill of their new-found independence, they raised the volume of the movie player. The curtains were drawn, they were eating popcorn, and the volume was high - all of which made them feel as if they were watching the movie in a theater. The girls would shout and scream with glee when they watched a fun scene. Suddenly, during a rare quiet moment, Ann heard a cry. At first, she did not pay attention to it, as she thought it was a sound in the movie. But the cries persisted and kept getting louder. "Oh my goodness! It's Hal," she shouted and rushed upstairs.

Hal was screaming in pain as he had fallen while trying to get down from his cot. Ann

noticed a slight bump on his head. His face had turned red and as much as Ann tried, he would not stop crying. Tanya and Ann brought Hal downstairs. They tried to feed him crackers, chocolates, and popcorn, but he kept crying. "I can't call my parents. They are at an important event. How can I make Hal stop crying?," wailed Ann as she held her brother close. She, too, felt like crying.

It was then that Tanya thought of calling her mother. "Mom, can you come over to Ann's place immediately. We might have a situation," pleaded Tanya when she spoke to her mother on phone. In ten minutes Tanya's mother was at Ann's place. When she saw the bump on Hal's head, she said, "He is probably in pain. Ann, can you get me the first-aid kit please." Ann dashed to the cabinet in the living room where she knew her mom kept all the medicines. Tanya's mom picked an ointment and applied it gently on the forehead where she could see the bump. She rocked him gently. In a few minutes he stopped crying. "I want popcorn," demanded Hal and everyone laughed with relief.

Tanya's mother looked around and soon realized how and why Hal might have gotten hurt. "Ann, do you realize how immature your behavior was? Your mother entrusted you with the responsibility of taking care of your brother. Even if you wanted to watch a movie, shouldn't you have been careful about checking on your brother at regular intervals? I hope you have learned your lesson," chided Tanya's mother. Ann was deeply ashamed of herself. She was sorry that she had let her parents down. She hugged Hal, kissed him, and said, "I am sorry! I will never be irresponsible again." Hal squealed gleefully as if to say "all is well that ends well." Tanya and Ann laughed happily.

Choose the **best** summary of this passage.

- ☐ A. Ann's parents ask Ann to look after her younger brother, Hal, in their absence. She forgets about Hal while watching a movie with her friend. As a result, Hal hurts himself. With the help of her friend's mother, she resolves the problem. Ann realizes her mistake and vows to be more responsible in future.
- ☐ B. Ann felt all grown-up when she was given the responsibility of looking after her brother. She was paid a surprise visit by her friend, Tanya. The two girls decided to watch a movie together. Both the girls took great care of little Hal.
- ☐ C. Ann is happy that her parents have gone out and she is alone with her brother. She plans to watch a movie with her friend. Although she feels sad that Hal hurt himself, she was glad to get an opportunity to have fun with her friend, Tanya.
- ☐ D. Ann had been wanting to watch a movie for a long time and she got a perfect opportunity when her parents were away at a party. She got so engrossed in watching the movie that she completely forgot to look after her younger brother. She felt sad when her brother hurt himself.

**Question 16 .**

Evan looked both ways before he walked through the door. He wanted to make sure that nobody saw him and his grandma walking into the thrift store. He knew that Anthony, the class bully, would make fun of him if he found out that his grandma only bought him used clothes.

He knew because he stood by and watched it happen to other kids. He always felt guilty about that. He knew there was nothing to be ashamed of. He also knew that the other kids who were made fun of knew that there was nothing to be ashamed of. If they kept pretending that wearing used clothes was bad, people like Anthony would try to make them feel shame.

That is when Evan realized that his grandma never worried about people seeing her shopping in thrift stores. In fact, she dressed very well and often received compliments from people who liked her outfits.

Evan raised his head, just like his grandmother's. He let everybody in the store see his face. He was not going to let bullies tell him how to feel. He looked at the entrance and saw Anthony walking in with his father. Anthony had his head down, hiding his face. Evan wanted to tell Anthony that there was nothing to be ashamed of, but he knew that Anthony would eventually figure it out for himself.

Select the **best** summary of this passage.

- ☐ A. Evan and his grandmother go to the thrift store to buy used clothes. Evan hopes that no one will see him there, especially Anthony, the class bully. Evan knows that the other kids in his class wear used clothes and that they are comfortable about it. Finally, Evan decides that he must tell Anthony that there is nothing wrong with wearing clothes bought from a thrift shop.
- ☐ B. Evan goes with his grandmother to buy used clothes from the thrift store. However, at the entrance of the store, Evan spots Anthony, the class bully, and fears that Anthony might see him. As a result, he hides his face and quietly sneaks into the store so that no one sees him.
- ☐ C. At first, Evan feels ashamed of going to a thrift shop to buy used clothes. However, he thinks about the other children who are comfortable wearing used clothes at school. Finally, Evan realizes it is wrong to judge people based on the kind of clothes they wear.
- ☐ D. At first, Evan tries to hide his face while entering a thrift shop because he does not want Anthony, the class bully, to see him and make fun of him for wearing used clothes. However, Evan realizes that his grandmother wears used clothes and is not worried about what others think of her. He decides to follow her example and proudly walks into the store such that everyone can see him.

**Question 17 .****Penguin Returns**

Jack Douglas, a retired professor, lived on an island near the city of Rio de Janeiro in Argentina, South America. His house was by the beach, and every morning he walked along the sandy beach, keeping an eye out for stranded starfish, sea birds, or animals. A few months ago, he found a penguin lying on the rocks near the beach, with its feathers covered in oil and looking very weak. Jack took the bird home and washed the muck and dirt off its feathers. He then fed some fish to the bird to help it regain its strength. He decided to call the penguin Keekee. When Keekee regained its weight and became strong, Jack decided to release it back into the sea. Surprisingly, Keekee refused to leave Jack. It followed Jack around just as it would with a group of penguins and stayed with him for about two months. One day, Jack could not find Keekee anywhere. He missed the bird and hoped that it was all right. After all, Jack had looked after Keekee as his own child. However, Keekee was nowhere to be found. The penguin had just lost all its feathers and sprung a new coat when it disappeared.

Five months later, when Jack was on the beach on one of his usual morning walks, he found Keekee swimming toward him. Jack was overjoyed to see him. Apparently, the penguin swam for 3,000 miles to meet Jack again. However, Jack's friends thought that the penguin could have mistaken Jack for another penguin!

Based on the passage, what generalization can the reader make?

- ☐ A. Jack has compassion and love for animals and birds.
- ☐ B. Jack is an expert on the various species of penguins.
- ☐ C. Jack usually finds penguins on the beach near his home.
- ☐ D. Jack knows that Keekee would return to see him one day.

**Question 18 .**

Once a trendy dessert found only in Los Angeles and New York, cupcakes have spread out to other parts of the country. Cupcakes have become a popular treat that often trumps other desserts, like brownies and cookies. One of the reasons for their success is that some people view them as an affordable luxury because they're not as extravagant as a full course meal or a pair of shoes.

However, opponents of the cupcake trend question its popularity. They view cupcakes as merely small versions of cakes. In addition, they find the number of cupcake stores in a city baffling. For them, the popularity of cupcakes does not warrant the stores that open each month. This is because cupcake eaters cannot support all of these stores. Because of this, cupcakes may end up just as a fad.

Which of these best summarizes the first paragraph?

- ☐ A. Cupcakes are typically found in large cities, such as Los Angeles or New York.
- ☐ B. Desserts, like brownies and cookies, are overshadowed by the success of cupcakes.
- ☐ C. One of the most fashionable desserts to eat is the cupcake because it is inexpensive.
- ☐ D. Buying one cupcake is less expensive when compared to a dinner or a pair of shoes.



**Question 19 .**

There is something irresistible about the hiss of a soda can being opened and taking the first sip. However, do you ever wonder about how that aluminum can found its way into your hands? Without the can, that bubbly sip would not be as easily accessible as it is today. More importantly, without the can, eating food would not be the same.

Before preservation methods were developed, people had a difficult time saving food. They did not have the modern conveniences of refrigerators or freezers to keep food fresh. Therefore, food had to be eaten right away or wasted. In 1795, during Napoleon Bonaparte's military campaigns, the French government decided to find a way to feed the soldiers so that they would not get sick from spoiled food. It offered a prize of 12,000 francs to the person who could find a method to preserve food.

After 15 years of experimentation, a man named Nicolas Appert came up with a way to keep food fresh by canning food in glass jars. He would put the food in a jar and wire it shut, and then, he would boil the jar until it was sealed tightly. Appert was awarded the monetary prize. Following Appert's discovery, Peter Durand, an Englishman, used tin cans to hold the food. Both men used a similar way for preservation. However, the tin can was more durable than the glass jar.

Appert's and Durand's methods of preserving food helped people waste less food. However, Durand's tin can was tougher than glass. It made food more transportable because there wasn't the fear of breaking of jars. Later on, aluminum cans were developed because they did not rust and were lighter. They, now, popularly hold beverages.

Which of the following best summarizes the second paragraph?

- ☐ A. It was difficult for people to save food from spoiling because they did not have refrigerators and freezers to keep their food cold.
- ☐ B. The military campaigns of Napoleon Bonaparte caused soldiers to become sick because they were eating spoiled food when they were on the move.
- ☐ C. Because there was no method of preservation for food in the past, the French government enlisted their people's help to solve this problem.
- ☐ D. The prize for finding a food preservation method was 12,000 francs; the preserved food would feed soldiers on Bonaparte's campaigns.

**Question 20 .****The Gift**

Betty usually started her day at 6:30 in the morning, but today she couldn't even wait for her morning alarm to go off. It was only 5:30 am when she started getting dressed in her blue skirt, white blouse, and red coat for her usual round of the neighborhood.

It had been four months since Betty started delivering the morning newspaper to houses on her block. Apart from delivering newspapers, she watered plants for Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thomas, and old Mrs. Reed twice a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays. She also walked Mr. Morgan's collie, Pepper, around the neighborhood, when Mr. Morgan was at work.

Betty's birthday was just two weeks away and she had been saving to buy herself a special gift this year. Her parents had always made birthdays extra special for Betty—friends, a birthday party, cake, games, and gifts. It was her day, and for that one day she could live like a princess.

About four and a half months ago, when Betty was walking back home with Simone and Charlie, she saw a beautiful red bike on display at a store just down the street. It had a shiny silver bell, tassels on the handles, and a cute little basket with wild flowers painted on them.

Once home, she told her parents all about the red bike and asked them to gift the bike for her 12th birthday. She promised to be a good girl and get good grades, even in Math, and to eat her vegetables, even broccoli and spinach, which she didn't like. Her parents told her that if she wanted a bike, she would have to be more responsible. They proposed a deal. They would pay half the amount and Betty would have to save for the other half. In that way the bike would be a gift by Betty to herself for her birthday.

The idea of gifting herself something on her birthday excited Betty, as it wasn't something she or any of her friends had done before. That is when she decided to deliver newspapers and groceries, as well as do odd jobs to earn some money. After today's tasks, she would have saved enough to keep her end of the deal.

Which of the following **best** paraphrases Betty's daily routine?

- ☐ A. Betty woke up at 6:30 in the morning to perform various chores for her neighbors.
- ☐ B. Betty woke up at 6:30 am and began her usual round of the neighborhood.
- ☐ C. Betty started her day at 6:30 a.m. by delivering newspapers, watering plants, and walking pets in the neighborhood.
- ☐ D. Betty usually woke up at 6:30 in the morning to dress up and begin her daily chores.

# Answers

1. D
2. B
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. C
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. D
11. A
12. A
13. B
14. B
15. A
16. D
17. A
18. C
19. C
20. C

# Explanations

1. A good summary states the main idea as well as the relevant supporting details. The best summary of this passage should mention the early influences, writing style, and contributions of García Márquez.
2. The passage focuses on Jack and his attitude toward animals. The author mentions that Jack looked out for stranded birds and animals on the beach. This would lead the reader to generalize that Jack was a compassionate person who loved animals and birds.
3. The best summary restates the main idea and relevant details in the most precise way possible. In this passage, the difficulty of choosing a college is established. It also reveals what factors should be sought out, and it mentions that the knowledge gained from attending college would be invaluable.
4. The best summary restates the main idea and relevant details in the most precise way possible. In this passage, the famous baseball game between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants is recounted. In addition, it tells the reader how the Giants win and why the game is important.
5. In the passage, the third paragraph discusses how scientists find uranium residue dangerous to living things as they have yet to discover means to safely dispose of it, and in its current forms of disposal the residue remains radioactive for thousands of years.
6. The best summary not only restates the main idea in a precise form but also includes important details. The correct answer choice mentions the teams that played as well as what it determined—the National League pennant.
7. The best summary not only restates the main idea in a precise form but also includes important details. The correct answer choice mentions Bobby Thomson's historic homerun as well as what it did for the New York Giants.
8. The best summary restates the main idea and relevant details in the most precise way possible. In this passage, the main topic is about the development of preservation. It began with the call for help by the French government, which was answered by Nicolas Appert's glass jar method. Following that, the passage mentions how Peter Durand developed the tin-can technique. This, then, influences the usage of aluminum cans.
9. The passage focuses on the affection shared between Keekee and Jack. In the last sentence of the passage, the author expresses the generalization that Keekee might have wrongly considered Jack to be another bird or penguin. The sentence "'Surprisingly, Keekee refused to leave Jack' supports this generalization.
10. Evan decides to walk into the thrift store with confidence just like his grandmother, and he decides that he would not let anyone bully him or tell him what to do. Later, he sees Anthony at the store and realizes that Anthony will himself understand that there is nothing wrong in wearing used clothes. Therefore, the correct answer is "Evan decides that he will not let anyone bully him and thinks of advising Anthony about using old clothes, but he realizes that Anthony will understand this by himself."
11. The passage describes the different types of modern ships. The main focus of the passage is the massive size of modern ships, showing how these ships are large enough to carry almost anything required by people across countries.
12. The best summary restates the main idea and relevant details in the most precise way possible. In this passage, the function of cheerleaders is described. In addition, it discusses the court ruling which states that cheerleading is not a sport as well as how that ruling may be beneficial to

the activity.

- 13.** The best summary not only restates the main idea in a precise form but also includes important details. The correct answer choice mentions the show's success as well as the concept of the game.
- 14.** The best summary not only restates the main idea in a precise form but also includes important details. The correct answer choice mentions how the Durand's tin cans were more durable and easier to transport than glass jars. In addition, the tin can helped in the development of aluminum cans.
- 15.** The best summary restates the main idea and relevant details in the most precise way possible. In this passage, Ann has the task to look after her brother, Hal, in her parents' absence. She gets engrossed in watching a movie and forgets about Hal. Hal hurts himself and Ann realizes her mistake of not acting more responsibly.
- 16.** A summary is a shorter way to give information. It includes only the most important ideas from a passage. The important ideas are (1) At first, Evan tries to hide his face while entering a thrift shop because he does not want Anthony, the class bully, to see him and make fun of him for wearing used clothes, (2) However, Evan realizes that his grandmother wears used clothes and is not worried about what others think of her, (3) He decides to follow her example and proudly walks into the store such that everyone can see him.
- 17.** The passage focuses on Jack and his attitude toward animals. The author mentions that Jack looked out for stranded birds and animals on the beach. This would lead the reader to generalize that Jack was a compassionate person who loved animals and birds.
- 18.** The best summary not only restates the main idea in a precise form but also includes important details. The correct answer choice mentions how cupcakes are popular because they are inexpensive.
- 19.** The best summary not only restates the main idea in a precise form but also includes important details. The correct answer choice mentions the lack of food preservation as well as the fact that the French government enlisted the help of their citizens.
- 20.** The best paraphrase should restate key details of a passage. The sentence "Betty started her day at 6:30 by delivering newspapers, watering plants and walking pets in the neighborhood" clearly describes all the tasks in Betty's daily routine.