1- Reading Comprehension Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below

When we are young, we learn that tigers and sharks are dangerous animals. We might be scared of them because they are big and powerful. As we get older, however, we learn that sometimes the most dangerous animals are also the smallest animals. In fact, the animal that kills the most people every year is one that you have probably killed yourself many times: the mosquito. While it may seem that all mosquitoes are biters, this is not actually the case. Male mosquitoes eat plant nectar. On the other hand, female mosquitoes feed on animal blood. They need this blood to live and produce eggs.

When a female mosquito bites a human being, it transmits a small amount of saliva into the blood. This saliva may or may not contain a deadly disease. The result of the bite can be as minor as an itchy bump or as serious as death. Because a mosquito can bite many people in the course of its life, it can carry diseases from one person to another very easily. Two of the most deadly diseases carried by mosquitoes are malaria and yellow fever. More than 700 million people become sick from these diseases every year. At least 2 million of these people will die from these diseases. Many scientists are working on safer and better ways to kill mosquitoes, but so far, there is no sure way to protect everyone in the world from their deadly bites.

Mosquito nets can be placed over beds to protect people against being bitten. These nets help people stay safe at night, but they do not kill any mosquitoes. Mosquitoes have many natural enemies like bats, birds, dragonflies, and certain kinds of fish. Bringing more of these animals into places
where mosquitoes live might help to cut down the amount of mosquitoes in that area. This is a natural solution, but it does not always work very well. Mosquitoes can also be killed with poisons or sprays. Even though these sprays kill mosquitoes, they may also harm other plants or animals. Although mosquitoes may not seem as scary as larger, more powerful animals, they are far more dangerous to human beings. But things are changing. It is highly likely that one day scientists will find a way to keep everyone safe from mosquitoes and the diseases they carry.

Questions

1) According to the author, some people are more afraid of tigers and sharks than mosquitoes because tigers and sharks
   A. kill more people than mosquitoes
   B. are big and powerful
   C. are found all over the world
   D. have no natural enemies

2) Based on the information in paragraph 2, we can understand that I. male mosquitoes and female mosquitoes have different eating habits II. male mosquitoes are harmless to humans III. female mosquitoes are responsible for transmitting diseases to humans
   A. I only
   B. I and II only
   C. II and III only
   D. I, II, and III

3) In paragraph 2 the author writes, "This saliva may or may not contain a deadly disease." The purpose of this statement is to
   A. oppose a previous argument
   B. question an upcoming conclusión
   C. confirm a hypothesis
   D. support a later statement

4) As used in paragraph 2, minor most nearly means
   A. insignificant
   B. deadly
   C. frustrating
D. dangerous

5) Based on information in paragraph 3, it can be understood that if you get sick with malaria or yellow fever, your chances of survival are
A. terrible
B. mediocre
C. good
D. excellent

2- Reading Comprehension 2 Level 5 Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Have you ever heard someone use the phrase “once in a blue moon?” People use this expression to describe something that they do not do very often. For example, someone might say that he tries to avoid eating sweets because they are unhealthy, but will eat chocolate “once in a blue moon.” Or someone who does not usually like to go to the beach might say “I visit the shore once in a blue moon.” While many people use this phrase, not everyone knows the meaning behind it. The first thing to know is that the moon itself is never actually blue. This is just an expression. The phrase “blue moon” actually has to do with the shape of the moon, not the color. As the moon travels around the earth, it appears to change shape. We associate certain names with certain shapes of the moon. For example, when we can see a small part of the moon, it is called a crescent moon. A crescent is a shape that looks like the tip of a fingernail. When we cannot see the moon at all, it is called a new moon. When we can see the entire moon, it is called a full moon. Usually, there is only one full moon every month. Sometimes, however, there will be two full moons in one month. When this happens, the second full moon is called a “blue moon.” Over the next 20 years, there will only be 15 blue moons. As you can see, a blue moon is a very rare event. This fact has led people to use the expression “once in a blue moon” to describe other very rare events in their lives.
Questions

1) Which of the following would be a good example of someone doing something “once in a blue moon”?  
A. Mary likes to go to the mountains every weekend. Mary goes to the mountains once in a blue moon.  
B. Tom rarely remembers to take out the trash. Tom takes out the trash once in a blue moon.  
C. Cindy hates to wash the dishes. Nevertheless, she does it every day. Cindy washes the dishes once in a blue moon.  
D. Ming sometimes forgets to do his homework. Ming forgets to do his homework once in a blue moon.

2) When does a blue moon happen in nature?  
A. when there are two full moons in one month  
B. when the moon has a blue color  
C. when we cannot see the moon at all  
D. when we can only see a small part of the moon

3) Using the passage as a guide, it can be understood that which of the following sentences does not contain an expression?  
A. Thomas has lost his mind.  
B. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.  
C. I'll mow the grass after I finish my homework.  
D. It's never a bad time to start something new.

4) As described in paragraph 3, what is another example of something that has a crescent shape?  
A. your thumb  
B. a distant star  
C. the letter “C”  
D. the letter "H"

5) In the final paragraph, the author states: “Over the next 20 years, there will only be 15 blue moons.” This means that over the next 20 years, a blue moon will happen  
A. once a year  
B. less than once a year  
C. more than once a year  
D. not enough information is provided
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