

Text Structure and Purpose Question for ESL students

Answer all 5 questions

Q1 A city in Japan wanted more people to use bicycles. Officials added new bike lanes and improved safety at busy intersections. A later survey found that bicycle use increased in many neighborhoods. Researchers concluded that safer cycling routes encouraged more residents to ride.

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- a) To describe a study about the effects of cycling improvements
- b) To explain why bicycles are cheaper than cars
- c) To compare transportation systems in different countries
- d) To argue that everyone should stop driving

Q2 A sports training center investigated whether runners could improve their performance through different types of exercise. One group focused on longer distances, while another regularly completed hill workouts. After several months, the hill-training group showed greater gains in both speed and endurance. The researchers suggested that the increased physical challenge contributed to these improvements.

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- a) To explain the history of hill running
- b) To present research comparing two training methods
- c) To argue that long-distance running is unhealthy
- d) To describe a famous sports competition

Q3 Many cooking instructors now use online videos in addition to written recipes. To determine which method helped learners most, researchers asked participants to prepare the same meal using either video instructions or printed directions. Participants who watched videos generally completed the recipe more accurately. The researchers suggested that visual demonstrations made complex steps easier to understand.

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- a) To explain how a particular meal is prepared
- b) To describe a study comparing two methods of teaching cooking
- c) To argue that written recipes are outdated
- d) To discuss the growth of online cooking channels

Q4 A film studio adapted a popular fantasy novel into an animated feature. Although the filmmakers removed several minor plot lines, they preserved the central conflict and most of the major characters. Reviewers noted that some details were lost, but many believed the adaptation successfully captured the themes of the original work.

Which choice best describes the overall structure of the text?

- a) It presents an adaptation and then evaluates its faithfulness to the source material.
- b) It compares several fantasy films released in the same year.
- c) It explains how animation technology has developed over time.
- d) It argues that novels are more effective than films.

Q5 Researchers studying student motivation allowed participants to select project topics that matched their personal interests, including travel, sports, food, and entertainment. The researchers then compared these students with others who had been assigned topics. Students who chose their own subjects generally spent more time researching and produced stronger final presentations. The researchers concluded that personal relevance could increase academic engagement.

Which choice best states the main purpose of the text?

- a) To compare the popularity of different student hobbies
- b) To describe research examining the relationship between topic choice and motivation
- c) To argue that teachers should eliminate assigned projects
- d) To explain how presentation skills are developed

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