

## Main Ideas and Supporting Details – 1

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Directions: Read the following passages and answer the questions.

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| <p><b>A.</b> Depending on the nature of their company, employers use various types of tests to screen out unsuitable job applicants. One common employment screening test is a drug test. For example, applicants might be required to take a test that detects marijuana or cocaine. A second type of test is a physical exam administered by a doctor. This testing indicates whether the applicant's health permits him or her to do the job, such as one that involves lifting. A skills test is the third type of test. Skills tests determine whether an applicant has the abilities and aptitudes required for a job. For example, an applicant may be required to demonstrate the ability to type, operate a cash register, or use a particular software program.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Underline the sentence that expresses the main idea of the paragraph.</li><li>2. Which one of the sentences below expresses a detail?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> One common employment screening test is a drug test.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Depending on the nature of their company, employers use various types of tests to screen out unsuitable job applicants.</li></ul></li><li>3. Circle the transitional words and phrases in the paragraph.</li><li>4. What types of screening tests are mentioned in the paragraph?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a.</li><li>b.</li><li>c.</li></ol></li></ol> |
| <p><b>B.</b> Using electronic devices at inappropriate times and places is a new form of rudeness that effects every aspect of society. For example, cell phones are as likely to ring during a church service as during a movie. Even worse, there are clods who actually accept the calls and start chatting. People around them are forced to listen to one side of the conversation, which is usually carried on in a loud voice. In addition to cell phones, pagers go off in restaurants, classrooms, and meetings. Furthermore, when people should be paying attention in a meeting or in class, they whip out laptops to check their email, surf the 'Net, or play computer games.</p>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Underline the sentence that expresses the main idea of the paragraph.</li><li>2. Which one of the sentences below expresses a detail?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> When people should be paying attention in a meeting or in class, they whip out their laptops, surf the 'Net, or play computer games.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Using electronic devices at inappropriate times and places is a new aspect of society.</li></ul></li><li>3. What types of devices are mentioned in the paragraph?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a.</li><li>b.</li><li>c.</li></ol></li></ol>                                 |

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| <p><b>C.</b> If you use incorrect grammar, people may lower their opinion of you. They're not trying to be unkind. In fact, they may do it without realizing it. Moreover, poor use of language makes you sound unintelligent, even if you are bright and talented. Poor grammar can limit you in your business and professional life. For example, it can cause potential employers to decide not to hire you. They may conclude that you do not fit with their company. If you already have a job, you may be passed over for promotion. This is especially true if the new role involves interacting with clients who are well spoken. Finally, poor grammar hurts your credibility. For instance, it may cause others to have less confidence in you and your abilities. Poor grammar can limit you personally and professionally.</p>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Underline the sentence that expresses the main idea of the paragraph.</li> <li>2. Which of the sentences below expresses a detail? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Potential employers may decide not to hire you.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poor grammar can limit you personally and professionally.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Circle the transitional words and phrases in the paragraph. (5)</li> <li>4. What are three specific drawbacks of poor grammar? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> <li>b.</li> <li>c.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
| <p><b>D.</b> There are three main benefits from exercise. First of all, a moderate exercise program such as bicycling, walking, jogging or aerobics for thirty minutes four days a week will result in weight loss for the average person. An increase in activity means the body will burn more calories, resulting in weight loss. Second, moderate exercise helps develop and tone muscles in the arms, legs, back, neck and shoulders. The body uses these muscles to exercise, and the activity helps the muscles become stronger. In addition, the heart, the most important muscle in the body, gets stronger with exercise, which allows it to work more powerfully. This brings about the third benefit -- cardiovascular improvement. Exercise causes the heart to pump blood throughout the body more efficiently. The lungs deliver more oxygen to the cells, and breathing is easier. All of these benefits are the result of exercise, so start an exercise program today!</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Underline the sentence that expresses the main idea of the paragraph.</li> <li>2. Which of the sentences below expresses a detail? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The heart gets stronger with exercise.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exercise is good for you.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Circle the transitional words and phrases in the paragraph.</li> <li>4. What are three benefits of exercise? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> <li>b.</li> <li>c.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>  |