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## Question: 1

What is the purpose of paragraphs 2-5?

- A. To introduce all of the story's characters
- B. To show Buck's personality
- C. To introduce Buck
- D. To show Buck's affection for Toots and Ysabel

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

The correct answer choice is C because paragraphs 2-5 introduce Buck and the setting in which he lives. The paragraphs accomplish this introduction by giving many detailed facts, such as the detail in paragraph 5 about the times he escorted Mollie and Alice on walks. Choice A is incorrect because two new characters, Manuel and the stranger, are introduced in paragraphs 7 and 8. While aspects of paragraphs 2-5 show Buck's personality, choice B is incorrect because the paragraphs also give other details about Buck, such as information about his parents and appearance. Choice D is incorrect because Toots and Ysabel are only mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4. Furthermore, paragraph 4 says that he utterly ignored Toots and Ysabel, not that he is affectionate towards them.

## Question: 2

Which sentence or phrase shows Buck's attitude about Judge Miller's place?

- A. They came and went, resided in the populous kennels, or lived obscurely in the recesses of the house
- B. The whole realm was his
- C. He had a fine pride in himself
- D. And to him, as to the cold-tubbing races, the love of water had been a tonic and a health preserver

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

The correct answer is choice B because the sentence indicates that Buck felt as if he owned or ruled over Judge Miller's place. The word realm indicates that the sentence is referring to everything. Choice A is incorrect because it talks about other dogs that came and went but does not show Buck's attitude towards them or Judge Miller's place. Choice C is incorrect because it shows Buck's opinion of himself but not his opinion of Judge Miller's place. Choice D is incorrect because it describes something that Buck enjoys, but does not give his attitude about the house and grounds at Judge Miller's.

### Question: 3

The author uses the detail in paragraph I to

- A. Describe Buck's life
- B. Foreshadow Bucks story
- C. Describe the story's setting
- D. Introduce the story's villain

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

The correct answer is choice B because details in the passage foreshadow what might happen to Buck. Phrases like "trouble was brewing" or "these men wanted dogs" indicate that one of the dogs men want or Buck might be heading for trouble. Choice A is incorrect because the paragraph does not give details about Buck's life; later paragraphs give those details. Choice C is incorrect because the paragraph does not give setting details. Setting details about Buck's current situation are given in later paragraphs. Choice D is incorrect because the paragraph does not describe any characters other than Buck: it does not indicate that Buck is the villain.

### Question: 4

What is the significance of the Klondike strike in 1897?

- A. It will lead to changes in Buck's life
- B. It will cause more dogs to move to Judge Miller's place
- C. It changed Elmo's life
- D. It caused the Raisin Growers' Association to meet more frequently

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

Choice A is the correct answer because the Klondike strike has caused people to look for dogs like Buck. Although paragraph 1 does not directly mention the Klondike strike, the reader can infer from paragraph 6 that the events discussed refer to the Klondike strike. Choice B is incorrect because paragraph 3 makes it clear that dogs came and went even before the Klondike strike. Choice C is incorrect because Elmo is Bucks father but not a main character in the story. Choice D is incorrect because the passage does not draw a connection between the Klondike strike and the frequency of the Raisin Growers' Association's meetings.

### Question: 5

The use of the word imperiously in paragraph four helps the reader know that Buck feels

- A. Scared
- B. Angry
- C. Happy
- D. Regal

**Answer: D**

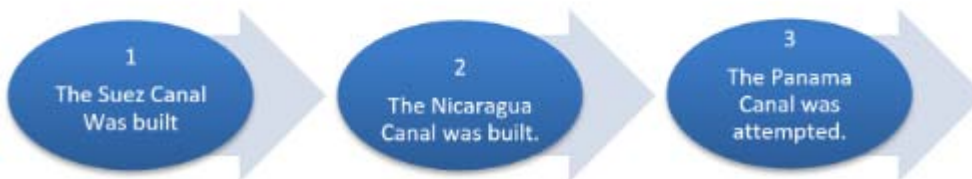
Explanation:

Choice D is correct because the sentence indicates that Buck considers himself to be like a king. Kings or royalty are often considered regal. Choice A is incorrect because nothing in the paragraph indicates that Buck is scared; in fact, Buck is like a king, which makes him unlikely to be scared of the other dogs. Choice B is incorrect because Buck doesn't indicate anger, which could be shown by barking or growling. Choice C is incorrect because regal is referring to Buck feeling like a king, which is unrelated to his happiness.

### Question: 6

Look at the time line below.

#### Canals around the World



According to the passage, what is the correct order of the time line?

- A. No change
- B. 1,3,2
- C. 2,1,3
- D. 3,1,2

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Although the passage does not give the date of the building of the Suez Canal, it does imply in paragraph 15 that the Suez Canal was built before the Panama and Nicaragua Canals when it says "the great Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, who built the Suez Canal." The passage also indicates that the Panama Canal was attempted before the Nicaragua Canal; the reason the Nicaragua Canal needed to be built was because the Panama Canal failed. Choices A, C, and D are incorrect because they do not show the correct chronological order.

### Question: 7

The author probably wrote this selection to

- A. Argue against the building of the Nicaragua Canal
- B. Argue for the building of the Nicaragua Canal
- C. Explain the problems that ended the Panama Canal project
- D. Discuss new plans for a canal

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

The correct answer is D because the author is discussing the new plans for a canal, which will be the Nicaragua Canal. The author does this by giving some background of canals in Central America and describing details of the Nicaragua Canal. Choices A and B are incorrect because the author is very objective and does not argue for or against the Nicaragua Canal project: instead, he just gives information. Although the author does explain the problems that ended the Panama Canal project (in paragraph 15-20), this description is a small portion of the passage. The main purpose is to describe the issues surrounding the Nicaragua Canal.

### Question: 8

Use the story map to answer the question below.



Which of these belongs in the empty box on the story map?

- A. James wrote a poem about his sheep
- B. James searched for the flock
- C. James lived in Scotland
- D. Sirrah gathered up all of the sheep

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

The correct answer is B because paragraph 6 says that James started searching for the sheep once he realized they were gone. Choice A is incorrect because the selection does not indicate that James wrote a poem immediately after losing the sheep. Furthermore, the poem in the passage is not about the sheep. Choice C is incorrect because James always lived in Scotland; the answer

choice is not an event that happened after he lost the sheep. While it's true that Sirrah gathered up the sheep, choice D is incorrect because it happened after James searched for the sheep.

### Question: 9

A tube of lotion costs \$4.85 and contains 7.3 ounces of lotion. Which of the following best represents the cost of 5 ounces of lotion?

- A. \$3.18
- B. \$3.24
- C. \$3.32
- D. \$3.48

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

The proportion can be written as:  $\frac{4.85}{7.3} = \frac{x}{5}$ . Solving for  $x$  gives:  $7.3x = 24.25$ , or  $x = 3.32$ .  
Thus, the cost of 5 ounces of lotion is approximately \$3.32.

### Question: 10

The tables below represent the number of laptops sold per hour at four different electronic stores. Which store did not report a proportional relationship between number of hours and number of laptops sold?

a. Store A

| Number of Hours | Number of Laptops Sold |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1               | 3                      |
| 2               | 6                      |
| 3               | 9                      |
| 4               | 12                     |

b. Store B

| Number of Hours | Number of Laptops Sold |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1               | 6                      |
| 2               | 12                     |
| 3               | 18                     |
| 4               | 24                     |

c. Store C

| Number of Hours | Number of Laptops Sold |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1               | 4                      |
| 2               | 8                      |
| 3               | 12                     |
| 4               | 16                     |

d. Store D

| Number of Hours | Number of Laptops Sold |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1               | 7                      |
| 2               | 11                     |
| 3               | 15                     |
| 4               | 19                     |

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

The table shown for Choice D is arithmetic, but does not have a y-intercept of 0. The y-intercept is 3. Therefore, Store D does not report a proportional relationship.

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