

### TOPIC 3: SUMMER JOBS

#### Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

#### Summer Jobs for Students

Many students think about money when looking for a summer job. Money is important, but summer jobs provide other benefits as well. You learn new skills and get a taste of life as a working adult. You can also put some of your classroom knowledge to good use. How about using what you've learned in biology while working as an adventure guide at a nature center? Or maybe you can use your math skills while working at a bank, or your creative skills while working in the media.

Remember to start researching summer jobs early. Every year, there are always more students than there are jobs. Most positions are taken up by the middle of the year, according to a 2008 newspaper report. Recent problems in the business world have also made them harder to find.

Weigh your options and think about what you value most. If your main aim is to make money, you may not care if the job is difficult or boring. Do you like working by yourself, or with people? Do you prefer to move around, like an event organizer, or sit at a desk in an office? Also, you may want to look for job experience in an area you want to join in the future. If you try hard, you're certain to find a job that suits you. And if you're really lucky, the position you get will also be fun, at least some of the time!

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What is the main idea of this passage?
- The best summer jobs are outdoor jobs.
  - Most summer jobs help students earn a lot of money.
  - Summer jobs are hard to find.
  - Students should choose summer jobs carefully.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In the second sentence of paragraph 1, what are *benefits*?
- money
  - good things
  - interests
  - friends
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In sentence 3 of paragraph 1, what does the phrase *get a taste of life as a working adult* mean?
- You get to make a lot of money.
  - You are able to buy your own food.
  - You can make friends with adults.
  - You know what it feels like to work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. According to the passage, where would you be able to use math skills?
- nature center
  - bank
  - media company
  - event company
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. In the last sentence of paragraph 2, the word *them* refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- summer jobs
  - newspapers
  - businesses
  - students

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. In sentence 3 of paragraph 2, what does the word *position* mean?
- a. manager
  - b. education
  - c. job
  - d. research

**True/False**

*Indicate whether the statement is true or false.*

Refer to "Summer Jobs for Students" to answer the questions.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. There are more jobs than there are students.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. In the first sentence of paragraph 3, the phrase *weigh your options* means to "choose carefully."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Summer jobs are always a lot of fun.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The summer jobs that pay the most money are often difficult and boring.