

ELA 7 Reading Quiz

“Is This You?” and “In China, the Test that Determines Your Life”

Directions: Read the two articles COMPLETELY. Answer the questions below. You should go back to the article to verify your answers and use context clues to help you. Do not write on this question sheet. Use the bubble sheet provided.

1. What is the purpose of the introductory paragraph of “Is This You?”
 - A to make the reader feel stressed
 - B to describe a stressful scenario that readers might relate to
 - C to provide an example of how not to act when feeling stressed
 - D to help readers figure out if they are stressed
2. The author of “Is This You?” would probably agree that _____.
 - A stress is a normal part of life
 - B if you’re stressed, you should see a doctor
 - C stress is never beneficial
 - D there’s no good way to reduce stress, so you might as well get used to it
3. Consider the following sentence from “Is This You?”: “Out on the frontier, killer storms and wild animals posed constant threats.” As used here, frontier most nearly means _____.
 - A crowded urban areas
 - B small mountain villages
 - C coastal regions
 - D land near the limits of civilization
4. The tone of the section “How to Cope” is _____.
 - A cheerful
 - B mocking
 - C condescending
 - D reassuring
5. Which of the following quotes supports the idea that, in some ways, life in America is more stressful today than it was in the past?
 - A “Every kid is guaranteed the right to go to school through 12th grade.”
 - B “Technology allows kids to be ‘on’ 24/7, sharing, posting, and tweeting with legions of people.”
 - C “One hundred and fifty years ago, one in three kids didn’t live past the age of 10.”
 - D “Life in America today is far safer.”
6. Which of the following statements is true about the newspaper article on page 14?
 - A The author is clearly opposed to the gaokao.
 - B The author is clearly in favor of the gaokao.
 - C The author does not reveal his personal opinion about the gaokao.
 - D The author thinks the gaokao is no worse than standardized tests in other countries.
7. Complete this analogy: gaokao is to stress as meditation is to _____.
 - A silence
 - B calmness
 - C sleep
 - D panic
8. Both articles support the idea that _____.
 - A stress is a major part of young people’s lives today
 - B life in the past was more dangerous
 - C spending time with friends relieves stress
 - D American students are lucky they don’t have to take the gaokao