

**Critical Reading  
Types of Questions**

*Main Point- the Big Idea*

1. The author is primarily concerned with
2. The best title for this passage would be
3. The passage as a whole is best characterized as
4. The author's primary point is
5. Which of the following summarizes the main idea of the passage
6. The primary purpose of this passage is to
7. The passage primarily concerns
8. The author's primary purpose is apparently to
9. Which of the following titles best summarizes the content of the passage

*Inference- What has the author implied? What can the reader infer?*

1. It can be inferred that...because....
2. Based on this passage which of the following would LEAST likely occur
3. With which of the following statements would the author most likely agree
4. It can be inferred that the author has experience with which of the following
5. The author would most likely be a member of which organization
6. The author's statements about such and such support a belief in
7. The passage suggests that all of the ... are useful EXCEPT for
8. It can be inferred that the author would most likely describe "... " as
9. The last sentence suggest that people are all of the following EXCEPT
10. The author would probably disagree with those who think that the society is

*Vocabulary- in- Context*

1. In line 8, "domestic" most nearly means---
2. In line 34, the phrase "sensitive to" is used to mean---
3. The word "camp"(line 12) most nearly means ---
4. As used in line 3, the word "patterns" means---

*Recognizing a Paraphrase*

1. To the author, Shakespeare's plays were
2. The author's description stresses which of the following about Gary?
3. According to this passage, which of the following is true of the littoral zone?
4. According to the passage, archaeologists speculate that the Sumerians used clay dolls of their gods as
5. The author believes that scenery should be evaluated only in relation to

*Recognizing Attitude, Mood, and Tone*

1. The author's attitude toward \_\_\_\_\_ is best described as
2. The author's tone in this passage is best described as
3. The author's perspective on \_\_\_\_\_ is that of \_\_\_\_\_
4. Michael's attitude toward Harvard changed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
5. In the final paragraph, the author adopts the tone of \_\_\_\_\_
6. The author's overall attitude toward the future of the Arctic is best described as
7. The author's attitude toward her mother and the other women is best described as

### *Answering Comparison Questions*

#### *Comparing Main Ideas*

1. Both authors see serious problems in the way that
2. Both authors are primarily concerned with
3. Both speeches discuss
4. The authors of both passages would most probably agree that

#### *Comparing Tone*

1. In both passages, the author's attitude toward ill-considered reporting is best described as
2. The two authors differ in their attitudes toward emigrating to a new country in that Author 1 is
3. In comparison to the tone of Passage 1, the tone of Passage 2 is more

#### *Determining a Point of Agreement*

1. The authors of both passages would most probably agree that
2. The authors of both passages would most probably agree that at the time they were emigrating
3. The Corinthian ambassador and the Spartan king would most probably agree that

#### *Determining How One Author Would React to the Other*

1. What would be the likely response of the author of Passage 1 to the report by the "Living on Earth" radio commentator in lines 37-43?
2. What would be the likely response of the author of Passage 1 to the author of Passage 2's discussion of *tesknota* in lines 54-56?

