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## Directions:

In the following passage, you have one brief passage with 5 questions following the passage. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

### PASSAGE

Every profession of trade, every art and every science has its technical vocabulary, the function of which is partly to designate things or processes which have no names in ordinary English and partly to secure greater exactness in nomenclature. Such special dialects or jargons are necessary in technical discussion of any kind. Being universally understood by the devotees of the particular science or art, they have the precision of a mathematical formula. Besides, they save time, for it is much more economical to name a process than to describe it. Thousands of these technical terms are very properly included in every large dictionary, yet, as a whole, they are rather on the outskirts of the English language than actually within its borders.

Different occupations, however, differ widely in the character of their special vocabularies. In trades and handicrafts and other vocations like farming and fishing that have occupied great numbers of men from remote times, the technical vocabulary is very old. An average man now uses these in his own vocabulary. The special dialects of law, medicine, divinity and philosophy have become familiar to cultivated persons.

**Q1.** Special words used in technical discussion

- a) may become part of common speech
- b) never last long
- c) should resemble mathematical formula
- d) should be confined to scientific fields

**Q2.** The writer of this article is

- a) a scientist

- b) a politician
  - c) a linguist
  - d) a businessman
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**Q3.** This passage is primarily concerned with

- a) various occupations and professions
  - b) technical terminology
  - c) scientific undertakings
  - d) a new language
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**Q4.** It is true that

- a) various professions and occupations often interchange words
- b) there is always a non-technical word that may be substituted for the technical word
- c) the average man often uses in his own vocabulary what was once technical language not emant for him
- d) everyone is interested in scientific findings

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**Q5.** In recent years, there has been a marked increase in the number of technical terms in the nomenclature of

- a) Farming
  - b) Fishing
  - c) Sports
  - d) Government
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In May 1966, The World Health Organisation was authorised to initiate a global campaign to eradicate small pox. The goal was to eradicate the disease in one decade. Because similar projects for malaria and yellow fever had failed, few believed that smallpox could actually be eradicated, but eleven years after the initial organisation of the campaign, no cases were reported in the field.

The strategy was not only to provide mass vaccinations, but also to isolate patients with active small-pox in order to contain the spread of the disease and to break the chain of human transmission. Rewards for reporting small-pox assisted in motivating the public to aid health workers. One by one, each small-pox victim was sought out, removed from contact with others and treated. At the same time, the entire, village where the victim had lived was vaccinated.

Today small pox is no longer a threat to humanity. Routine vaccinations have been stopped worldwide.

**Q6.** Which of the following is the best title for the passage ?

- a) The World Health Organisation
- b) The Eradication of Small-pox
- c) Small-pox Vaccinations
- d) Infectious Diseases

**Q7.** What was the goal of the campaign against small-pox?

- a) To decrease the spread of small-pox worldwide.
- b) To eliminate small-pox worldwide in ten years.
- c) To provide mass vaccinations against small-pox worldwide.
- d) To initiate worldwide projects for small-pox, malaria and yellow fever at the same time.

**Q8.** According to the paragraph, what was the strategy used to eliminate the spread of small-pox?

- a) Vaccination of the entire village
  - b) Treatment of individual victims.
  - c) Isolation of victims and mass vaccinations
  - d) Extensive reporting of out breaks
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**Q9.** Which statement doesn't refer to small-pox?

- a) Previous projects had failed.
  - b) People are no longer vaccinated for it.
  - c) The World Health Organisation mounted a worldwide campaign to eradicate the disease.
  - d) It was a serious threat.
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**Q10.** It can be inferred that

- a) no new cases of small-pox have been reported this year.
  - b) malaria and yellow fever have been eliminated.
  - c) small-pox victims no longer die when they contract the disease
  - d) small-pox is not transmitted from one person to another.
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Two years later, in November 1895, he signed his final will. He left the bulk of his fortune, amounting to about £1,75,000 to a trust fund administered by Swedish and Norwegian trustees. The annual interest shall be awarded as prizes to those persons who during the previous year have rendered the greatest services to mankind. The interest shall be divided into five equal parts— now amounting to about £8,000 each— one of which shall be awarded to the person who has made the most important discovery or invention in the realm of physics, one to the person who has made the most important chemical discovery or improvement, one to the person who has made the most important physiological or medical discovery, one to the person who has produced the most outstanding work of literature, idealistic in character, and one to the person who has done the best work for the brotherhood of nations, the

abolition or reduction of standing armies, as well as for the formation or popularization of peace congress.

**Q11.** The said prize is awarded

- a) once in 5 years
- b) every year
- c) once in 4 years
- d) once in 2 years

**Q12.** Which is the prize that is referred to in the passage?

- a) Nobel Prize
- b) Magsaysay Award
- c) Pulitzer Prize
- d) Booker Prize

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**Q13.** The number of prizes in the field of science are

- a) Four
- b) One
- c) Three
- d) Five

**Q14.** Total annual prize money amounts to

- a) £8,000
- b) £1,750,000

c) £350,000

d) £40,000

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**Q15.** Prize is awarded for outstanding work in

a) Chemistry

b) Literature

c) Physics

d) All the above

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (c)**

**Q2. Answer: (c)**

**Q3. Answer: (b)**

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**Q4. Answer: (c)**

The average man often uses in his own vocabulary what was once technical language not meant for him

**Q5. Answer: (d)****Q6. Answer: (b)**

The Eradication of Small-pox

**Q7. Answer: (b)**

To eliminate smallpox world-wide in ten years.

**Q8. Answer: (c)**

Isolation of victims and mass vaccinations

**Q9. Answer: (a)**

Previous projects had failed.

**Q10. Answer: (c)**

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**Q11. Answer: (b)**

**Q12. Answer: (a)**

**Q13. Answer: (c)**

**Q14. Answer: (a)**

**Q15. Answer: (d)**

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