

• Reading Comprehension 3 Level 3

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Passage

Christmas is my favorite holiday. My grandmother makes ham, salad, and cupcakes on Christmas. I also get a present on Christmas! Last year I got a new set of paint brushes. This year I hope to get new pencils and a drawing pad. I always have fun on Christmas.

Halloween is another good holiday. My grandmother makes candy corn and cupcakes on Halloween. People wear costumes during Halloween. Last year I wore a skeleton costume. This year I am going to wear a zombie costume.

July 4 is a good holiday. July 4 is the birthday of the United States of America. My grandmother makes hot dogs and salad on July 4. I don't have to go to school on July 4. But I don't get any presents either. If I got presents on July 4 it would be my favorite holiday.

Questions

- 1) When does the author's grandmother make cupcakes?
 - I. Christmas
 - II. Halloween
 - III. July 4
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. I, II, and III

- 2) Which holiday does the author like most?
 - A. Christmas
 - B. Halloween
 - C. Easter

- 3) Based on the things the author gets for Christmas, we can understand that he likes
 - A. sports
 - B. art
 - C. music

- 4) What is the author's favorite thing about holidays?
- A. not going to school
 - B. eating candy
 - C. getting presents
- 5) What costume did the author wear for Halloween last year?
- A. a skeleton costume
 - B. a zombie costume
 - C. a pumpkin costume
- 6) Based on what you know about the author, what costume will he probably wear next year?
- A. a pumpkin costume
 - B. a flower costume
 - C. a ghost costume
- 7) This story is mainly about
- A. why the author likes some holidays
 - B. how someone can get out of school
 - C. which foods are the best to eat on different holidays
- 8) What is the best title for this passage?
- A. The Holidays I Like
 - B. Why Christmas is Best
 - C. Hot Dogs and Salad

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

In paragraph 1, the author says "My grandmother makes ham, salad, and cupcakes on Christmas." This means **option (I)** is true. In paragraph 2, the author says "My grandmother makes candy corn and cupcakes on Halloween." This means **option (II)** is true. In paragraph 3 the author says "My grandmother makes hot dogs and salad on July 4." This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(B)** is correct.

2) **A**

In paragraph 1, the author writes, "Christmas is my favorite holiday." Choice **(A)** is correct.

3) **B**

In paragraph 1 the author says, "Last year I got a new set of paint brushes. This year I hope to get new pencils and a drawing pad." Paint brushes, pencils, and a drawing pad are all used to make art. This means that the author must like art. Choice **(B)** is correct.

4) **C**

In paragraph 1, the author says that Christmas is his or her favorite holiday. This is because the author gets "a present on Christmas!" In paragraph 3, the author says "If I got presents on July 4 it would be my favorite holiday." This lets us know that the author's favorite thing about the holidays is getting presents. Choice **(C)** is correct.

5) **A**

In paragraph 1 the author says "Last year I wore a skeleton costume." Choice **(A)** is correct.

6) **C**

In paragraph 1 the author says "Last year I wore a skeleton costume. This year I am going to wear a zombie costume." Using this information, we can understand that the author likes dark and scary costumes. A ghost costume is dark and scary. Therefore the author will probably wear a ghost costume next year. Choice **(C)** is correct. Neither a pumpkin costume nor a flower costume are dark and scary. This means **(A)** and **(B)** are incorrect.

7) **A**

The author writes about three different holidays: Christmas, July 4, and Easter. The author explains what happens these holidays, and what he likes about each one. Choice **(A)** is correct. In paragraph 3 the author says, "I don't have to go to school on July 4." However, this is only a detail of the passage. It is not what the passage is mainly about. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. In paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 the author tells about the food he eats on each holiday. However, these are only details of the passage. They are not what the passage is mainly about. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

8) **A**

A good title describes the main idea of the passage. In paragraph 1 the author talks about why he likes Christmas. In paragraph 2 the author talks about why he likes Halloween. In paragraph 3 the author talks about why he likes July 4. The main idea of this passage is the holidays the author likes. Choice **(A)** is correct. In paragraph 1 the author says, "Christmas is my favorite holiday." However, why Christmas is best is only one part of this passage. It is not the main idea. Choice **(B)** is incorrect. In paragraph 3 the author says, "My grandmother makes hot dogs and salad on July 4." However, hot dogs and salad is only a detail of this passage. It is not the main idea. Choice **(C)** is incorrect.