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Non-fiction Reading and Comparison — Practice Test

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1 **A guitar leans against the chair in the corner. Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

A The guitar was old; and its strings were worn thin with use.

B The guitar was old; its strings were worn thin.

C The guitar was; old and worn.

D The guitar; was old and worn.

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2 **Why might a writer use a statistic?**

- A to make the writing longer for no reason
- B to confuse the reader
- C to fill the page
- D to make an argument seem convincing

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3 **Dear Sister, The railway has changed everything in our town. Where once the journey to London took two days by coach, it now takes but five hours, and the trains rush past like great iron horses. The station is always busy, and new houses rise on every side, for men come from far away to find work here. I believe this iron road will do more good for the country than any law yet passed. Which phrase from the extract is a metaphor?**

- A the railway has changed everything
- B new houses rise on every side
- C this iron road
- D the station is always busy

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4 **Which is the best order for a story opening?**

- A start with the answer key
- B give the ending away in the first line, then explain it
- C set the scene, then introduce a problem
- D start with a list of characters

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5 **This library is not just a building full of books. It is where children do their homework, where old people read the papers, quiet as mice in the corner, and where anyone can learn for free. Close it, and the town loses its living room. We are here tonight to say that some things are worth more than money, and this library is one of them. Which phrase from the extract is a metaphor?**

- A where old people read the papers
- B the town loses its living room
- C where children do their homework
- D we are here tonight to say

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ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. C
5. B

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