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Read the following passage and answer the question(s).

Amazing Architecture

Read the following draft of a student's essay. It may contain errors.

(1) Most artists can create a masterpiece by using simple tools like a paint brush and a canvas; however, beautiful artwork can also be created through modern architecture. (2) Engineers have taken the classic structures of bridges and buildings to a whole new level. (3) Many amazing architects have used nature as inspiration for their design. (4) These designers have pushed the limits and created structures that can not be called anything but remarkable.

(5) Building a bridge is difficult in itself, but creating it to be a beautiful piece of architecture is an even bigger challenge. (6) The Millau Viaduct is an engineering project that is considered to be a wonder of the world. (7) The designer of this bridge did the unthinkable and made something that was impossible possible, Michel Virlogeux. (8) He created a bridge that had a slender outline and has made it blend in with the surrounding nature. (9) The Millau Viaduct crosses over the Tarn River in the Southern part of France. (10) This is the tallest bridge in the entire world, reaching a height of 1122 feet.

(11) One of the world's most incredible hotels is currently under construction. (12) It may not be easily found. (13) This hidden structure is being built under water. (14) Hydropolis, which is located in Dubai, will be the world's first luxury hotel under water. (15) The hotel will have three main structures a place to greet the guests on land a tunnel that leads to the hotel and the underwater hotel itself. (16) The completion of the hotel is still under way, but the builders are hoping it will be finished in 2009.

(17) The Torre Agbar was built to look like a geyser shooting water in the air and is located in the city of Barcelona. (18) The tall shell-like shape measures over 450 feet in height. (19) The Torre Agbar illuminates color which creates a vibrant skyline at night.

(20) Combining architecture with nature is a great way to make something extraordinary. (21) When engineers use their environment as a model for their design, the end result can be breathtaking, like a spectacle, and brilliant.

(Question 1)

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Which of the following sentences should be placed at the end of the third paragraph to improve the transition between the third and fourth paragraphs?

- A** Designing buildings that use part of nature or mirror nature can bring about the most beautiful creations.
- B** The Torre Agbar was designed by French architect Jean Nouvel.
- C** Dubai had to get creative when thinking of a place to build a new hotel because there is not much available land.
- D** Architecture has been around for a very long time.

Read the passage and answer the following question(s).

Standing Up for Yourself

This passage may contain errors.

1) James is an eighth grader. He has red hair and freckles, he wears glasses, and he doesn't particularly care about the kinds of clothes he wears. Instead, he loves playing computer games. He's not very popular, as some of the more popular girls remind him daily.

2) He spends most breaks and lunches in the computer lab, not only because he likes to play the games, but also because it's usually a good place to hide out. But when the bullies get hard up for someone to pick on, they'll find him and start in. They'll ask him questions about who his favorite football team is, or who his favorite "rapper" is. He knows he isn't meant to answer, so he'll just sit. Then they'll call him names: nerd, geek. There isn't much James can do but take it until they get bored and leave.

3) He knows the old saying about sticks and stones breaking bones, and names never harming you. But firsthand experience has taught him differently. It is hurtful to be singled out and ridiculed. It is depressing to be excluded, having to try to be invisible to avoid harm.

4) Last year, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, a research arm of the federal government, conducted a survey throughout the United States of 15,686 students in grades 6 through 10. The survey found that "being teased is not just an unpleasant rite of passage through childhood; it's a public health problem that needs attention. People who are teased as children are more likely to suffer from low self-esteem, well into adulthood."

5) The study defined teasing as behavior intended to hurt or disturb another person. The behavior lasts for an extended length of time and involves a power play, in which the more powerful person or group attacks the less powerful one. Teasing may be physical, verbal, or psychological. In all, 29% of the students surveyed had been involved in some aspect of teasing.

6) The state of Colorado has created the Colorado Anti-Bullying Project. The project has researched the problem of teasing and come up with suggestions for how to cope with this problem at various levels: what kids can do, what parents can do, and what teachers can do. Coping suggestions can be found on their website, <http://www.nobully.com>, or through a phone call to 1-866-NO-BULLY.

7) The website offers the acronym STAMP to keep from being teased: Stay away from people who tease; Tell someone; Avoid bad situations; Make friends; Project confidence. If someone "gets in your face, then ignore the bully and walk away. Don't let them know they got to you. The person is looking for you to react, so don't." They pick on kids who are alone. The suggestion is to join activities, either at school or in the community, and to find friends who share the same interests. Stay away from a potential bad situation: walk to school with someone; stay away from kids who you think don't like you; avoid places where they hang out; sit near the bus driver; don't carry expensive things that might attract attention. Pay attention to your body language. "Slouching, looking at the ground or your feet, and fidgeting show that you're not confident. Look assertive and the person will be less likely to pick on you. Be confident—hold your head up, stand up straight, and look people in the eye. They don't pick on kids who are confident."

8) The website, <http://www.nobully.com>, recognizes that kids being teased may be afraid to tell on the bully. The website offers suggestions of signs parents should pay attention to:

- children coming home with torn clothes, lost money or lost objects
- children having unexplainable scratches or bruises
- children experiencing upset stomachs or headaches before school
- students who walk to school may take unusually long routes to get there
- students who appear fearful about taking a bus, or attending school at all
- students who feel anxious or stressed or depressed before or after school
- students who lose interest in schoolwork, and their academic performance may drop

9) Once parents have identified the signs, the website offers a checklist of suggestions to follow if their child is being teased.

10) All in all, the Colorado Anti-Bullying Project and its website have come up with many helpful suggestions to help stop the

serious problem of bullying.

(Questions 2-3)

2

In the essay "Standing Up for Yourself," which writing technique *best* establishes unity and coherence within and between paragraphs 4 and 5?

- A** citing a direct quote
- B** using double points of view
- C** repetition of a key term
- D** use of parallel structures

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Which writing technique *best* creates unity and coherence in paragraph 7?

- A** transitional words between sentences
- B** elaboration of practical details
- C** definition of the term "acronym"
- D** developing different points of view

Read the following passage and answer the question(s).

Popular Pair of Pants

This is the first draft of Joel's essay. It may contain errors.

(1) Denim jeans are one of the most common pieces of clothing around. They are universal, practical, and something of style. Without a doubt, blue jeans are as American as apple pie or a good old game of baseball. This article of clothing is used in the fashion world as well as the working world. Even though there are many different brands and types of denim today, for many years only one was widely known and used.

(2) During the late 1840s, miners flooded to the far west to look for gold in California. They faced many challenges during their treasure hunting, including a lack of sturdy clothing. The treacherous work usually led to torn pants which slowed down the miner's work. Local businesses tried very hard to find a quality pants to sell to the miners; likewise, the product was not good enough.

(3) One inventive man Levi Strauss heard about the problems the miner's were facing and thought of a new way to create pants that could endure almost anything. At first, he created the pants out of tent canvas because it was extremely durable. However, the miners complained that it chafed them while they worked. To fix the problem, Strauss came up with a way to make the pants more comfortable by adding twill cotton, which was a softer fabric. This fabric eventually became known as denim.

(4) At the same time, Jacob Davis, a tailor, developed a way to make regular pants more durable. Davis came up with the idea of using copper rivets to strengthen the pockets of the pants. Eventually, Levi paired up with Jacob Davis to create a better pair of pants, the denim jean. Together, Levi and Davis bought a U.S. patent so no one would steal their invention. This patent would not let any other company make riveted jeans for twenty years. The two men received the patent on May 20, 1873, which became the "birthday" of blue jeans.

(5) Levi Strauss And Company created a functional piece of clothing that was very good for miners and workers in the United States. It was not until the 1950s that the blue jean became fashionable. What was first used by miners during the gold rush is now worn as comfortable everyday pants by most Americans.

(Questions 4-5)

4

Read the following sentence from the end of the 2nd paragraph.

Local businesses tried very hard to find a quality pants to sell to the miners; likewise, the product was not good enough.

The word likewise does not connect the ideas correctly. Which of the following would BEST replace the underlined word?

A therefore

B for example

C finally

D still

5

Which of the following sentences should be placed at the beginning of the 3rd paragraph to provide a smooth transition between the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs?

- A** When Levi was born, his parents named him Lobb, which he eventually changed to Levi.
- B** The miner's faced other challenges while digging for gold, especially a lack of tools and equipment.
- C** The miner's problems concerning their flimsy pants would soon come to an end.
- D** Denim jeans have been well-liked by people all over the world.