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Test Set Up:

- 50% of the questions deal with comprehension
- 30-40% of the questions ask for the reader to determine the author's tone or assumptions within the passage.
- A few questions deal with the strengths and weaknesses of the passage and asks the reader to identify specific techniques an author uses to create certain effects in a story.
- Students have two hours to complete the test.

Tips for Analyzing the Passage and the Questions:

- Understand the main idea of the material
- Pay attention to the details
- Interpret the implied meaning of the passage.
- Understand the way that the passage was written.
- Understand the author's attitude about the main idea of the passage (Is he/she angry, happy, sad, nervous, etc. and why?)

Grasping the Main Idea:

- What is the main point of this passage?
- How do the different ideas presented in the passage reflect or relate to the main idea?
- What is the author's attitude toward the main idea?

Also Remember:

- For questions asking for the main idea of a passage, eliminate the answers that refer to the less important ideas in the passage.
- Eliminate the choices that are not relevant to the main idea of the passage.
- The correct answer should tell the main idea of the passage without referring to any irrelevant information in the passage.

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Other Tips:

- Do not try to speed read. The passages are designed so that students have plenty of time to read the passage and answer the questions.
- Do not be afraid to mark on the passages. Underline things that you do not understand or write notes in the margin.
- Do not spend too much time on a question. If you do not know the answer, skip it, and come back to it at the end.