

Part 1 (Questions 1–8)

Multiple-Choice Questions

Directions (1–8): Use your notes to answer the following questions about the passage read to you. Select the best suggested answer to each question and record your answer on the separate answer sheet provided for you.

- 1 According to the speaker, Chicago was nicknamed “the Windy City” because of its
 - (1) lakeside location
 - (2) bragging citizens
 - (3) carefree atmosphere
 - (4) winter weather
 - 2 Why did organizers of Chicago’s Columbian Exposition reject all tower designs?
 - (1) They wanted something unique.
 - (2) There was not enough money to fund it.
 - (3) The climate was too harsh.
 - (4) There was not enough time to complete it.
 - 3 The speaker describes the proposed design of the Ferris Wheel as “perhaps even the Eighth Wonder of the World” because it would
 - (1) impress the world as the greatest wheel ever created
 - (2) surprise the world with the longest piece of steel ever forged
 - (3) set the record for the costliest construction in the world
 - (4) take the prize for the tallest structure in the world
 - 4 When the speaker says Ferris “pushed the envelope” on how high moving structures could be built, he means that Ferris’s invention was
 - (1) a simplistic design
 - (2) a nonfunctional idea
 - (3) an engineering innovation
 - (4) an engaging proposal
 - 5 The speaker describes the Ferris Wheel’s size in order to explain why it was so
 - (1) powerful
 - (2) expensive
 - (3) dangerous
 - (4) extraordinary
 - 6 The speaker suggests that some of Ferris’s success could be attributed to his
 - (1) cultural convictions
 - (2) political affiliations
 - (3) financial investments
 - (4) professional connections
 - 7 It can be concluded that the speaker’s main purpose is to
 - (1) describe the impact of the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair
 - (2) portray the talent of George Ferris, Jr.
 - (3) explain the failure of the first Ferris Wheel
 - (4) influence the location of future world’s fairs
 - 8 The speaker strengthens the description of the Ferris Wheel through the use of
 - (1) personal anecdotes
 - (2) persuasive arguments
 - (3) historic facts
 - (4) newspaper quotations
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