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## Question: 1

What is needed for hard physical work?

- A. low-fat diet
- B. low-crab die
- C. more calories
- D. high-fat diet
- E. high-crab diet

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

More calories are needed. The passage states that "people who do hard physical work require food yielding more calories than those who do less strenuous work." This passage says nothing about carbohydrates or fats.

## Question: 2

Most adults require:

- A. 2000 calories daily
- B. 4000 calories daily
- C. 1500 calories daily
- D. 15 calories daily
- E. 350 calories daily

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

The passage states that most adults require between 2,000 and 3,500 calories a day. Since 3,500 is not in the answer choices, the only correct one left is 2,000. Four thousand calories refers to the caloric requirements of an active teenage boy, not of most adults. Fifteen calories is the number per pound of body weight that a sedentary person may need, but 1,500 calories and 350 calories are not included in the passage.

## Question: 3

Who uses more calories?

- A. small people

- B. sedentary people
- C. people in cold countries
- D. people in warm countries
- E. adults

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

"People in cold countries use more calories than people in hot lands because they lose body heat faster to the surrounding air." This is the sentence in the passage that provides the answer.

### Question: 4

Babe set a world record in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. lacrosse
- B. diving
- C. figure skating
- D. golf
- E. high-jump

**Answer: E**

Explanation:

Babe set a world record in the high jump in the 1932 Olympics. She also set world records in the javelin throw and 80-meter hurdles, which are not offered as answer choices here. According to this passage, she was an expert lacrosse player and diver, but she did not set world records in these. In figure skating, she won (a) prize(s) as a teenager but did not set a world record. She won every available golf title in the 1940s but did not set a world record.

### Question: 5

For twenty-three years Babe held the record in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. medals won
- B. the golf drive
- C. National Open
- D. basketball
- E. athletics

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

Medals won is the only correct choice. The passage says that she won more medals and set more records in more sports than any other athlete, male or female, during a 23-year period. It does

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not say anything about her holding a 23-year record for any of the other choices given.

### Question: 6

In 1932 she earned Olympic gold for-

- A. figure skating
- B. life saving
- C. hurdles
- D. tennis
- E. golf

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

Hurdles is the only correct choice. She won Olympic gold in 1932 for three events: the high jump, the javelin throw, and the 80-meter hurdles. She excelled in all of the other choices, but she did not win Olympic gold medals for them.

### Question: 7

This whale is the record holder for holding its' breathe-

- A. bullnose whale
- B. killer whale
- C. sperm whale
- D. whale shark
- E. beluga whale

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

The sperm whale is the record holder for holding its breath for 75 minutes. None of the types of whales in the other choices is even mentioned in this passage.

### Question: 8

An organ not found in whales is-

- A. lungs
- B. gills
- C. horizontal tails
- D. dorsal fins
- E. tongue

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**Answer: B**

Explanation:

It can be inferred from the passage that whales do not have gills, because it states that fish breathe via gills, while whales have lungs. It also states they must come to the surface periodically to breathe. This implies that they rely on air. Since a fish's gills absorb oxygen from water, but whales need to breathe air, you can assume whales cannot breathe in water, so they must not have gills. Whales do have lungs, tails, horizontal fins, and tongues. (Tongues are not mentioned in the passage, but it does not say they do not have tongues either.)

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