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Weekly Test Lesson 17

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Becoming a Librarian

Just about anywhere people need information, there are librarians. Librarians can be found in universities, museums, hospitals, and law firms. They are also found in government buildings, public libraries, high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. Wherever they are found, librarians help people find resources that will increase their knowledge.

Becoming a librarian is hard work. All librarians need to go to college. They can get any four-year degree. Then, librarians need to go to even more school. Librarians who work in schools usually need a teaching degree. All other librarians need to have a master's degree in library science. Some librarians need even more education. This is especially true if they are working in a specific field such as law or medicine. There are 63 accredited schools for future librarians to attend. While attending school, future librarians should get jobs at a local library. Like most other workers, librarians must start at the lower positions. Getting a job as a shelving clerk can be a good way to get work experience at the library. Then, schooling and experience can be combined to apply for a job as a librarian.

As a librarian, there are a lot of things you are responsible for. Part of a librarian's job is to gather resources. These resources can include books, research papers, and journals. Even a library that has been around for many years still should keep adding resources to its collection. No collection of resources is ever complete. Along with adding resources, each resource needs to be protected. Some books are kept in the library for people to use inside the library. Some really old books need special care. Librarians first make sure they are located in a safe place. Next, librarians give gloves to anyone who wants to look at the book. Then they turn on special lighting. Finally, the librarian makes sure no one takes the old books home. Other books can go home with people. With so many people using them, books can get damaged. Librarians carefully repair or replace damaged books.

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Having resources doesn't help much if you don't know where they are. Each resource in the library also needs to be carefully cataloged so that people can find it quickly. To catalog a book means to decide where a book needs to be shelved. It also means to make sure there is a system in place to help someone easily find that book. Nowadays, that means having the information in a computer database. Library patrons, or people visiting the library, can look up a book by its title, author, or subject. Then the computer will list all of the information about the book. This information includes where it can be found.

Along with making it easy for others to find resources, librarians also become experts in helping others find the information they need. On top of these responsibilities, most librarians manage staff. Very few libraries are run by one person. It takes a team of people to run an excellent library. These people include other librarians, assistants, shelving clerks, receptionists, and tech support specialists. Many librarians help make sure all of these people work well as a team.

Besides the basic responsibilities, where the librarian works makes a huge difference in what librarians do. Some librarians work in law offices. They often need special legal knowledge to research cases. Other librarians work in hospitals. They deal with a lot of medical vocabulary. Still other librarians work in schools. These librarians work hard to make reading and researching fun for students. Wherever they work, librarians are trained to help the people around them increase their knowledge. Because they help others learn, being a librarian is a very important job.

1 Read the sentence from the passage.

Even a library that has been around for many years still should keep adding resources to its collection.

Which phrase **best** explains what the word collection means as it is used in the sentence?

- (A) a set of clothes
- (B) a request for money
- (C) a lot of different art works
- (D) a group of different objects

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- 2 What's the first step librarians take when caring for old books?
- (A) They make sure the old books are in a safe place.
 - (B) They make sure no one takes the old books home.
 - (C) They make sure people looking at the old books wear gloves.
 - (D) They make sure a special light is on for people looking at the old books.

- 3 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

Why is it important that library resources are carefully cataloged?

- (A) so a specific resource can be found easily
- (B) so resource collections can be completed
- (C) so resources can continue to be added
- (D) so resources will not get damaged

Part B

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports the answer to part A?

- (A) These resources can include books, research papers, and journals.
- (B) Some books are kept in the library for people to use inside the library.
- (C) With so many people using them, books can get damaged.
- (D) Library patrons, or people visiting the library, can look up a book by its title, author, or subject.

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4 Read the sentence from the passage.

Each resource in the library also needs to be carefully cataloged so that people can find it quickly.

What is the **most likely** meaning of the word cataloged as it is used in the passage?

- (A) to make a random list of books
- (B) to make a list according to a system
- (C) to make a spot for books on a shelf in any order
- (D) to make a spot for everything to fit without overflowing

5 What is the main idea of the last paragraph? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

6 Label each step involved in being a librarian in the correct order. The first step will be labeled 1, and the last step will be labeled 4.

- ___ Manage library staff.
- ___ Get a four-year degree.
- ___ Get a job as a librarian.
- ___ Get a master's degree or higher in library science.

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Writing

- 7 Which sentence contains a spelling error?
- (A) It is fun to be a prince on stage in a play.
 - (B) I have to stop by my mom's office after school today.
 - (C) Our parents told me and my sister that we could share the fudge.
 - (D) The wooden bridje was covered with ice and snow during the storm.

- 8 Read the sentence.

The radio played the song.

What revision tells *how much* something happened?

- (A) The radio played the sad song.
- (B) The radio played the song often.
- (C) The radio played the song loudly.
- (D) The radio played the popular song.

- 9 Read the sentence.

In the summer, we go to the beach.

What revision tells *how often* something happens?

- (A) In the summer, we go to the busy beach.
 - (B) In the summer, we go to the beach daily.
 - (C) In the summer, we go to the sandy beach.
 - (D) In the summer, we go to the beach quickly.
- 10 Read the sentence. Underline the word that tells *how*.
- Don neatly stacked his papers on his desk.