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Weekly Test Lesson 22

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

The Empire State Building

It has seen countless marriage proposals. It has been visited by millions of tourists. It has even had a giant gorilla climb up its side. While it is no longer the world's tallest skyscraper, it is still the most famous. The Empire State Building in New York City is an architectural masterpiece. It is also a historic attraction.

Even during the 1930s, when many people were out of work, New Yorkers expected their city to keep growing. It was then that a race began between Walter Chrysler (head of Chrysler Corporation) and John Raskob (founder of General Motors) to see who could build the world's tallest building. Each wanted to have his name and company associated with a building that would be world famous. Raskob's dream became the Empire State Building. Although smaller, the lovely Chrysler Building is still a landmark.

The saying "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" applies to the Empire State Building. First, architectural drawings were made. Amazingly, these took only two weeks to complete. This was because the architects used the designs of two big buildings that had already been built as a starting point. One of these buildings was the Reynolds Building in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The other building was the Carew Tower in Cincinnati, Ohio. Construction began on March 17, 1930. There were 3,400 workers that contributed to the job. Observers were stunned when they saw the speed at which the huge structure went up. The building rose at a rate of four and a half stories per week! The building was completed faster than people thought it could be. It took only 401 days. In that time, over seven million man hours were invested in the building. It was a huge job, but it was completed very quickly.

No building had ever been more than 100 stories tall. When the workers added the 102nd story to the Empire State Building, the world gasped in amazement. The building was 1,250 feet tall, measuring to the top of the roof. Measuring to the top of the antennae spire, it was 1,454 feet tall.

On May 1, 1931, President Hoover officially opened the Empire State Building. He did this by pressing a symbolic "on" button in Washington, D.C. (The lights were actually turned on by someone at the building!) As the first

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visitors streamed into the three-story-high marble lobby, they were astonished. They learned that the building had more than 70 miles of pipes, two and a half million feet of electrical wire, and 6,500 windows. It cost \$40,948,900 to build. Even though that is a lot of money, it was actually only half of what it should have cost because of the Great Depression. This is because the prices of things fell during the depression. Many people wanted to see the view from the top floor. They were given quite a choice! They could climb the 1,860 steps from the lobby to the 102nd floor, or they could take one of the 73 high-speed elevators.

Film crews lined up to use the magnificent building in their movies. Over 90 movies have been filmed at the Empire State Building. In one of the most famous movies, the giant ape King Kong climbs the outside of the structure.

At the same time, the Empire State Building became a symbol of New York glamour. After several romantic movies were filmed on its observation deck, the building became a popular place for marriage proposals. At certain times of the year, couples can even be married on the 102nd floor.

Many tourists still come to see the Empire State Building. In fact, about four million people visit the observation decks on the 86th and 102nd floors each year. On a clear day, visitors can see parts of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. The Empire State Building is a beautiful reminder of John Raskob's vision. He proved that even during the Great Depression, dreams could come true.

1 Read the sentences.

The saying "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" applies to the Empire State Building. First, architectural drawings were made.

What is the meaning of the underlined phrase?

- (A) It is hard to walk a long way.
- (B) It is best not to rush into things.
- (C) Even the biggest projects start small.
- (D) Don't run until you are good at walking.

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2 Read the sentences from the passage.

First, architectural drawings were made. Amazingly, these took only two weeks to complete. This was because the architects used the designs of two big buildings that had already been built as a starting point.

Based on the passage, what does an architect do?

- (A) draws well
- (B) builds buildings
- (C) finds starting points
- (D) creates plans for buildings

3 Why were the architectural designs for the Empire State Building completed so quickly?

- (A) The designs were based on already existing buildings.
- (B) Investors wanted the building built as quickly as possible.
- (C) John Raskob was an engineer and did the drawings himself.
- (D) It was the Great Depression, and many people were out of work.

4 Why were the first visitors to the Empire State Building astonished? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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- 5 Mark the boxes to match each cause with its effect.

	To Officially Open the Empire State Building	To See Who Could Build the World's Tallest Building	Because Prices Fell During the Depression
Walter Chrysler and John Raskob began a race.			
On May 1, 1931, President Hoover pressed a symbolic "on" button.			
The Empire State Building only cost half of the estimated price.			

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

Part A

Based on the passage, which generalization is true?

- (A) The Empire State Building cost too much money to build.
- (B) Building the Empire State Building was an amazing accomplishment.
- (C) The Empire State Building is not nearly as beautiful as the Chrysler Building.
- (D) Walking up the steps of the Empire State Building is great exercise and is easier than it sounds.

Part B

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

- (A) Although smaller, the lovely Chrysler Building is still a landmark.
- (B) No building had ever been more than 100 stories tall.
- (C) It would have cost more if built after the Great Depression.
- (D) There are 1,860 steps from the lobby to the 102nd floor.

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- 7 Which sentence contains an error in spelling?
- (A) Louise had to go to the dentist.
 - (B) John had one minuet until the bus came.
 - (C) Pauline drove carefully on the narrow road.
 - (D) Ruiz is going to camp in a log cabin next month.

- 8 Read the sentence.

My grandparents didn't never make it to the basketball game.

What change is needed to correct the sentence?

- (A) Change didn't never to didn't.
 - (B) Change didn't never to did never.
 - (C) Change didn't never to not never.
 - (D) Change didn't never to never didn't.
- 9 Read the paragraph. Underline the **two** sentences that contain errors in grammar usage.

Jovan can't never keep track of all of his things. No matter how hard he tries, something always turns up missing. Jovan doesn't mean to lose things. He just never doesn't take enough time to make sure they are in a safe place. Jovan doesn't take the time because he is always in a rush.

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- 10 Luis is writing a paragraph about playing at the park. Read what he has written. Then complete the task that follows.

The park is a fun place to be. It is the most fun when friends or family get together. Sometimes people have a picnic.

Rewrite the paragraph to add transitions, more information, and details.
