

• Reading Comprehension 2 Level 7

**Directions:** Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favorite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavors, but this doesn't really matter to me. That's because I always get coffee flavor. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I've never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think.

Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavors—strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate—but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real cocoa beans from Bolivia. I didn't know where Bolivia is so I decided to look for it on a map. After hunting awhile, I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavors.

Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavors. Actually, the only Disco flavor I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of twinkle ice cream for \$4.50. That's only two weeks' allowance for me.

**Questions**

- 1) Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
  - A. Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, and Bubblegum Too!
  - B. The Four Top Ice Cream Manufacturers
  - C. The Finest Ice Cream in the World
  - D. Picking the Best Ice Cream Manufacturer
  
- 2) If the author wanted to get a scoop of coffee ice cream, where would he or she probably go?
  - A. Randolph Farms
  - B. Goodies
  - C. Disco
  - D. Twinkle

- 3) In paragraph 1, the author uses a colon. A colon (:) looks like two dots, one on top of the other. Colons are used to separate different parts of a sentence. The part before the colon introduces an idea and can stand alone as a sentence. The part after the colon gives more detailed information about this idea, often as a list. If the colon could talk, it would say, "And here they are!"

Using this information, it can be understood that which of the following sentences contains the correct use of a colon?

- A. My friends are: sweet, young, and generous.  
B. I like: to talk on the phone at night.  
C. I have three pets: Toto, Spot, and Rover.  
D. I want a new bicycle: or new roller skates.
- 4) According to the passage, the author likes Randolph Farms ice cream because it
- I. is all natural
  - II. is made in Bolivia
  - III. comes in many flavors
- A. I only  
B. I and II only  
C. II and III only  
D. I, II, and III
- 5) In paragraph 3 the author writes, "That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good." Using this information, we can understand that the author believes that
- A. Goodies loses money on sales of chocolate ice cream  
B. Bolivia makes the best cocoa in the world  
C. things that are hard to get must be high quality  
D. cocoa from the United States is not very good
- 6) According to the passage, the author likes Disco ice cream because it
- A. is relatively inexpensive  
B. has bubblegum in it  
C. is made in Bolivia  
D. is okay
- 7) According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different than Goodies?
- I. Randolph Farms has many different flavors and Goodies does not.
  - II. Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients and Goodies does not.
  - III. Randolph Farms is very expensive and Goodies is not.
- A. I only  
B. I and II only  
C. II and III only  
D. I, II, and III

- 8) An *adjective* is a word that is used to describe a thing. For example, in the sentence, "The car is fast," the word "fast" is an adjective. Using this information, which of the following are adjectives used in paragraph 3?
- I. flavors
  - II. excellent
  - III. old
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II, and III
- 9) According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?
- A. cheap ingredients
  - B. expensive price
  - C. mediocre quality
  - D. a lack of flavors
- 10) How much money does the author receive in his or her weekly allowance?
- A. \$2.25
  - B. \$4.50
  - C. \$9.00
  - D. Not enough information is provided
- 11) Given the information included in the passage, which of the following statements would the author most likely agree with?
- A. Each manufacturer has its strengths and weaknesses.
  - B. The best manufacturers are the ones with the most flavors.
  - C. Goodies is certainly not the best manufacturer, as they only have three flavors.
  - D. Each manufacturer is good for different reasons.
- 12) If the author did decide that one manufacturer is best, which one would he or she probably choose?
- A. Randolph Farms
  - B. Goodies
  - C. Disco
  - D. Twinkle
- 13) How many weeks would it take for the author to save enough money to buy two cartons of Twinkle ice cream?
- A. 1 week
  - B. 2 weeks
  - C. 3 weeks
  - D. 4 weeks