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**Sample Multiple Choice Questions**

Read the question carefully and try to provide your own answering without looking at the choices.

*1. The smallest continent on Earth is*

1. *Africa (C) Europe*
2. *Antarctica (D) Asia*

Circle any key words, negative words (not, except) and/or absolute words (never, always, all, best, no, etc). Absolute words usually indicate that answer choice is incorrect.

*2. Which of the following best describes the climate of Alaska?*

 *(A) Alaska has an arctic climate (C) Alaska has a tropical climate*

 *(B) It always snows in Alaska (D) It is never warmer than 40°F*

Read all the answer choices. Sometimes, the first answer looks correct or you misread the choice. A better answer may be there! Make sure you read ALL choices before making your selection!

*3. The word climate refers to a location’s*

1. *daily weather forecast (C) weather over the course of a year*
2. *geographical features (D) political boundaries*

Narrow down the choices by using process of elimination. Get rid of any choices you KNOW are wrong or are silly. Additionally, cross out any answers containing absolute words.

*4. Why did the Anasazi build their homes into cliffs?*

1. *The Anasazi got sunburned easily.*
2. *The Anasazi found it easier to grow their crops in cliffs.*
3. *The Anasazi were always afraid of snakes on the ground.*
4. *The Anasazi wanted to be protected from warlike neighbors.*

**Tips for Guessing**

* Never leave a question unanswered. Use process of elimination to make your best guess.
* If two answers are very similar, one of them is probably correct.
* If two answers mean the same thing, neither can be correct.
* If two choices are exact opposites, one of those is probably correct.
* GO WITH YOUR GUT! If you *really* feel like an answer is correct, it probably is!
* If **all of the above** is a choice, it’s probably the answer especially if you think two of the choices are correct.