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SAMPLE ITEM BOOKLET

Writing

Grade 5



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# Sample Items

## Directions

Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

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### Origin of Duct Tape

1. Duct tape is similar to basic fabric tape, which was used over 100 years ago to wrap construckshon wires. 2. Fabric tape was also used to keep wounds closed after surgery.

3. During World War II, the military asked the Johnson and Johnson Company to develop a strong, flexible, waterproof tape. 4. To make the tape, scientists used fabric tape as a base and then will add sticky material and plastics to give it a backing.

5. After World War II, people began using duct tape for many different purposes. 6. One of these uses was to close heating and cooling pipes, also called ducts. 7. Some people say this is where the product's name came from. 8. Others say duct tape is nicknamed "duck tape" because it opposes water, just like a duck's feathers! 9. Either way, since World War II, duct tape has been used for everything from fixing a rover on the Moon to making wallets.

1. How should the underlined word in sentence 1 be changed?
- A NO CHANGE
  - B construction
  - C construcktion
  - D constructshun

Read the sentence below.

Duct tape is a strong tape that has fabric built into it.

2. Where should this sentence be placed in the passage to **best** introduce the topic of duct tape?
- A before sentence 1
  - B before sentence 2
  - C before sentence 3
  - D before sentence 4

3. How should the underlined words in sentence 4 be changed?
- A NO CHANGE
  - B add
  - C added
  - D will have added

*This question has two parts. Be sure to answer both parts of the question.*

4. How does the writer develop the main topic of the passage?
- A by including a definition for duct tape
  - B by introducing opinions about duct tape
  - C by presenting a problem that duct tape caused
  - D by describing events that led to the invention of duct tape

Which detail from the passage **best** supports the answer to the question above?

- A "Fabric tape was also used to keep wounds closed after surgery."
- B "During World War II, the military asked the Johnson and Johnson Company to develop a strong, flexible, waterproof tape."
- C "Others say duct tape is nicknamed 'duck tape'"
- D "since World War II, duct tape has been used for everything from fixing a rover on the Moon to making wallets"

5. How should the underlined word in sentence 8 be changed to be the **most** exact?
- A NO CHANGE
  - B resists
  - C battles
  - D dislikes
6. How should the underlined words in sentence 9 be changed?
- A NO CHANGE
  - B In contrast,
  - C As a result,
  - D For example,