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QUESTION 1

According to the paragraph, how can students locate tutors/tutoring services?

When faced with a difficult academic task, many students turn to tutors for assistance. Tutors range widely in specialty and cost, including tutors who focus exclusively on reading, and others who work in broad categories such as general math. Tutors may be found in variety of ways, including checking with your local school and seeking out prospective tutors online. When searching for a tutor, however, recognize that different specialties may incur additional fees or charges. When selecting a tutor, consider establishing a trial period to ensure personality types mesh well and services deliver what they promise.

- A. seeking out help from the student's school and searching for tutoring services online
- B. seeking help online or seeking help from a trusted friend or family member
- C. reliable tutors are only found through local school tutoring programs
- D. seeking help from a trusted friend or family member and contacting the local schools for tutoring services

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 2

What word best describes Samantha and her role in the story?

"The \$100 Bill" Samantha pedaled quickly, glancing down at her watch as often as her balance would allow. The clock's face read 10:57, sending a spike of panic shooting up her spine. She bent further over her bike, willing her legs to go faster. She screeched to a stop in front of a large restaurant bearing a bright blue, neon sign, her ears ringing, sweat breaking out on her skin. She hurriedly locked her bike to the lone pole positioned in front of the building, before pushing her way through the heavy glass front doors. "You're late." Samantha stopped short, turning to face her boss. She was greeted with a stern face, her boss's lips a thin line. She shook her head in apology. "I'm sorry, Paul. My bike's tires were flat, and I forgot my I.D. badge, so I had to turn back?" Paul held up his hand, cutting her off. "Just don't let it happen again." Samantha threw her hair into a ponytail, hoping her shift would prove more successful as the day wore on. She nearly ran to her first table of the day, plastered a smile on her face, and greeted her first customers of the day. She responded to their questions politely, though her mind was still occupied by Paul's disappointed expression as she ran in the door. Despite her initial mistakes, Samantha worked hard to remain chipper and upbeat, answering her customers' questions to the best of her ability, forcing herself to smile when her eyes began to glaze over with tears. As her first customers left, she caught the eye of the elderly gentleman with the group. He winked, and walked through the doors. Confused, Samantha began to gather the dishes from the table and there, staring up at her, was a crisp \$100 bill. She let a tear roll down her cheek. Her day had just gotten better.

- A. protagonist
- B. antagonist
- C. narrator
- D. heroine

Correct Answer: A

QUESTION 3

Given the context, what is the meaning of the word "incur?"

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- A. to remove through force
- B. a foolish, or cowardly person
- C. establish, or to make immovable
- D. become subject to, through an action or as a consequence

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 4

As the best-informed and most dispassionate of the panel members, Dr. Camila Torrez was the most ?of those offering views on fission technology.

- A. unsuspecting
- B. preposterous
- C. persuasive
- D. confusing
- E. temperamental

Correct Answer: C

The use of conjunction "as" (meaning because), shows that the second part of the sentence must logically follow from the first part. The missing word must therefore describe a person who is best-informed and most dispassionate. Among the choices, it is only the word "persuasive" that can describe such a person. So, the answer is "persuasive".

QUESTION 5

According to the passage, which of the following is not a main theme of Lee's novels?

Chang-Rae Lee's debut and award-winning novel *Native Speaker* is about Henry Park, a Korean-American individual who struggles to find his place as an immigrant in a suburb of New York City. This novel addresses the notion that as the individuals who know us best, our family, peers, and lovers are the individuals who direct our lives and end up defining us. Henry Park is confronted with this reality in the very beginning of the novel, which begins: "The day my wife left she gave me a list of who I was." Upon separating from his wife, Park struggles with racial and ethnic identity issues due to his loneliness. Through Park's work as an undercover operative for a private intelligence agency, the author presents the theme of espionage as metaphor for the internal divide that Park experiences as an immigrant. This dual

reality creates two worlds for Park and increases his sense of uncertainty with regard to his place in society. While he constantly feels like an outsider looking in, he also feels like he belongs to neither world. Chang-Rae Lee is also a first-generation Korean American immigrant. He immigrated to America at the early age of three. Themes of identity, race, and cultural alienation pervade his works. His interests in these themes no doubt stem from his first-hand experience as a kid growing up in a Korean household while going to an American school. Lee is also author of *A Gesture Life* and *Aloft*. The protagonists are similar in that they deal with labels placed on them based on race, color, and language. Consequently, all of these characters struggle to belong in America. Lee's novels address differences within a nation's mix of race, religion, and history, and the necessity of assimilation between cultures. In his works and through his characters, Lee shows us both the difficulties and the subtleties of the immigrant experience in America. He urges us to consider the role of borders and to consider why the idea of opening up one's borders is so frightening. In an ever-changing world in which cultures are becoming more intermingled, the meaning of identity must be constantly redefined, especially when the security of belonging to a place is becoming increasingly elusive. As our world grows smaller with increasing technological advances, these themes in Lee's novels become even more pertinent.

- A. identity
- B. espionage
- C. culture
- D. immigration

Correct Answer: B

Espionage is part of the plot of the novel *Native Speaker*, but it is not a theme that recurs in Lee's works.

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