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Car For Sale!

In this passage, we learn about three cars for sale.

The Speeder:

The Speeder is a fast car covered in bright red paint. The paint is so shiny that it looks like a mirror. Two people can fit in the Speeder and it can travel 30 miles on 1 gallon of gas. It costs \$68,000.

The Putter:

The Putter is a big car that is in good shape. It is not the coolest car in the world, but it is clean and it runs well. Eight people can fit in the Putter and it can travel 40 miles on 1 gallon of gas. It costs \$27,000.

The Clunker:

The Clunker is an old, grey piece of junk. It is shabby and falling apart. It breaks down a lot. Not only does it need new tires, but it also needs new paint and new lights too. Even the seats are cracked and worn. Four people can fit in the Clunker and it can travel 35 miles on 1 gallon of gas. It costs \$3,000.



1) Which car would be best for a big family?

- A. the Speeder
- B. the Putter
- C. the Clunker
- D. The passage does not give enough information to say.

2) Mary drives to work every day by herself. She needs to get to work fast. Which car should she buy?

- A. the Speeder
- B. the Putter
- C. the Clunker
- D. The passage does not give enough information to say.

3) Which car uses the most gas?

- A. the Speeder
- B. the Putter
- C. the Clunker
- D. The passage does not give enough information to say.

4) Which car is LEAST expensive?

- A. the Speeder
- B. the Putter
- C. the Clunker
- D. The passage does not give enough information to say.

5) Shelby has very little money, but she needs to buy a car for herself and her small family. Which car do you think she should buy? Why?

Answers and Explanations

1) B

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In the passage, the author describes the Putter as "a big car that is in good shape." The author also adds: "it is clean and it runs well." Most families would think it was important to have a car that was clean, in good shape, and running well. Furthermore, we also learn that the "eight people can fit in the Putter." A big family would need a lot of room in a car. Finally, the passage states that the putter "can go 40 miles on one tank of gas." The other two cars described in the passage cannot go this far on one tank of gas. This means choice **(B)** is correct.

In the passage, the author notes, "Two people can fit in the Speeder." This is not enough room for most families. This means choice **(A)** is incorrect.

The author notes that "six people can fit in the Clunker" and that it "can go 525 miles on one tank of gas." These numbers are only slightly smaller than the Putter's numbers. However, the author also says, "It is falling apart. It needs new tires. It needs new paint." A family would probably not want a car that needs new things and is falling apart. This means choice **(C)** is incorrect.

The information to answer the question is provided in the passage. This eliminates choice **(D)**.

2) A

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

The author writes, "the Speeder is a fast car" and that "two people can fit in the Speeder." Mary needs to get to work fast. What is more, Mary is not taking anyone else to work. Therefore the Speeder's small size does not matter. Using this information, we can understand that choice **(A)** is correct.

The author does not note whether the Putter is a fast car or a slow car. The author writes, "The Speeder is a fast car." This means Mary should take the Speeder. Therefore, choice **(B)** is incorrect.

The author does not note whether the Clunker is a fast car or a slow car. The author writes, "The Speeder is a fast car." This means Mary should take the Speeder. Therefore, choice **(C)** is incorrect.

The information to answer the question is provided in the passage. This eliminates choice **(D)**.

3) A

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

The author mentions how far each car goes on one tank of gas. A car that goes very far on one tank

of gas uses only a small amount of gas per mile. A car that does not travel very far on one tank of gas uses more gas per mile. The author writes: “The Speeder can travel 30 miles on 1 gallon of gas,” “The Putter can travel 40 miles on 1 gallon of gas,” and “The Clunker can travel 35 miles on 1 gallon of gas.” Since the Speeder travels the least distance on 1 gallon of gas, that means it uses the most gas. Therefore, choice **(A)** is correct.

The author writes, “The Putter can travel 40 miles on 1 gallon of gas.” This is farther than the Speeder, which can only travel 30 miles on 1 gallon of gas. This means choice **(B)** is incorrect.

The author writes, “The Clunker can travel 35 miles on 1 gallon of gas.” This is farther than the Speeder, which can only travel 30 miles on 1 gallon of gas. This means choice **(C)** is incorrect.

The information to answer the question is provided in the passage. This eliminates choice **(D)**.

4) C

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In this passage, we learn that the Speeder costs \$68,000. The Putter costs \$27,000. The Clunker costs \$3,000. Using this information, we can see that the Clunker is least expensive. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide evidence to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.