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Vacation Opinions

In this passage, two students give their opinions about vacations.

Tandy's Opinion

The beach is the best place to take a vacation. At the beach, there are many things to do. People can go swimming in the ocean, walk along the shore, or play in the sand. There are lots of kids to play with at the beach. The scenery there is also very beautiful. The brown sand and the crystal blue water are very pretty. Sometimes you can even see dolphins jumping on the horizon. It is also nice to listen to waves crashing on the shore. That's what is so great about the beach.



Dion's Opinion

Going to the mountains is the best vacation. In the mountains, there are a lot of different activities that people can do. Going hiking, climbing, swimming, or telling stories around the campfire are just a few. The scenery in the mountains is far more beautiful than anywhere else. The tall mountains, the green trees, and the views are the best! In nature, you can see many types of plants and animals too. The mountains are also quiet. You can have time to be by yourself, because it is not very populated. It is more relaxing to take a vacation in a place like this. The mountains are the best place to go on vacation.

1) Which of the following sentences best summarizes Tandy's opinion?

- A. For its many activities and beautiful setting, the beach is the best place to go for a vacation.
- B. Even though the mountains are very calm, the beach is a quiet place to visit.
- C. The beach is the best place to go on vacation, because it is much warmer than anywhere else.
- D. Because of the many different types of animals that you can see, the beach is the best place to vacation.

2) Which of these reasons is/are used by BOTH Tandy and Dion to support their opinions?

- I. There are lots of kids to play with.
 - II. The landscape is nice.
 - III. There are many things to do.
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III

3) According to Tandy, what is pretty at the beach?

- I. brown sand
- II. crystal blue water
- III. colorful sunsets

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

4) As used by Dion, the word **populated** most nearly means

- A. noisy
- B. crowded
- C. quiet
- D. popular

5) Tandy and Dion are most likely responding to which of these questions?

- A. Why would someone want to vacation in the mountains?
- B. Where do you want to live when you grow up and why?
- C. What is the best place to take a vacation and why?
- D. Why is the beach the best place to take a vacation?

6) Do you agree more with Tandy or Dion? Why?
