Conflicting Information Across Texts

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Quick Review

When two texts disagree, identify the exact point of conflict. Decide whether the disagreement is about facts, interpretation, emphasis, or evidence.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Two Reports on Driverless Shuttles

Report A says the city's driverless shuttle pilot was successful because the vehicles completed 94 percent of scheduled trips and reduced wait times near the hospital district.

Report B says the pilot was limited because the shuttles operated only on clear days, traveled slowly, and required staff members to intervene during several confusing intersections.

The reports do not disagree about whether the shuttles ran. They disagree about how to interpret the same pilot: Report A emphasizes completed trips and shorter waits, while Report B emphasizes restrictions and human backup.

A careful reader would need more information before deciding whether the pilot should expand, such as cost, safety records, rider access, and performance in bad weather.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Use the passage to answer each question. Choose the best answer and support short responses with evidence.

1. Which sentence from the passage BEST supports the inference that The two reports disagree mainly in interpretation, not in the basic fact that the pilot operated.?

A. Report A says wait times decreased.

B. The reports do not disagree about whether the shuttles ran.

C. Report B says staff intervened.

D. A careful reader would need more information.

2. Which statement BEST expresses the central idea or theme of the passage?

A. Two reports can use overlapping facts but reach different judgments by emphasizing different measures of success.

B. One report must be completely false if the other is positive.

C. Driverless shuttles should always be expanded.

D. Weather is the only factor in transportation planning.

3. What does the word 'intervene' most nearly mean as it is used in the passage?

A. measure from a distance

B. travel faster

C. step in to help or change what is happening

D. publish a report

4. How does the structure or key detail identified in the passage contribute to meaning?

A. It hides the disagreement until after a personal story.

B. It lists only advantages of the pilot.

C. It gives step-by-step repair directions.

D. The passage first presents each report, then identifies the exact disagreement between them.

5. Which conclusion is BEST supported by the whole passage?

A. No evidence is needed because Report A is positive.

B. More evidence is needed because both reports highlight valid but incomplete parts of the issue.

C. Report B proves the pilot never happened.

D. The city should ignore rider access.

6. Which choice is the BEST objective summary of the passage?

A. The passage compares two reports on driverless shuttles and shows that they disagree about how to judge the pilot's success.

B. The passage tells a fictional ride on a shuttle.

C. The passage argues that hospitals should operate buses.

D. The passage explains how to build a driverless vehicle.

7. Which answer should be rejected because it goes beyond what the passage supports?

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B. More evidence is needed because both reports highlight valid but incomplete parts of the issue.

C. One report must be completely false if the other is positive.

D. The passage first presents each report, then identifies the exact disagreement between them.

8. Which detail would be MOST useful to quote in a written response about the passage?

A. Report A says wait times decreased.

B. Report B says staff intervened.

C. A careful reader would need more information.

D. The reports do not disagree about whether the shuttles ran.

9. In 2-3 sentences, explain how one quoted detail supports the idea that The two reports disagree mainly in interpretation, not in the basic fact that the pilot operated..

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10. Write a one-sentence analysis of the passage's message or main idea. Then name one detail that supports it.

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Answer Keys

1	A	**B**	C	D	6	**A**	B	C	D
2	**A**	B	C	D	7	A	B	**C**	D
3	A	B	**C**	D	8	A	B	C	**D**
4	A	B	C	**D**	9	See below			
5	A	**B**	C	D	10	See below			

Explanations

1. B	The correct evidence directly proves the stated inference rather than merely mentioning the same topic.
2. A	The correct answer covers the whole passage, while the distractors are too narrow, too extreme, or unsupported.
3. C	The context around the word points to this meaning in this passage.
4. D	The correct answer explains the role the detail plays in the development of the text.
5. B	The correct conclusion follows from multiple details, not from a single isolated word.
6. A	A strong summary includes the main conflict or idea and the outcome without personal opinion.
7. C	This choice overstates or invents an idea that the passage does not prove.
8. D	This detail is specific enough to support analysis in a written response.
9.	**Answer:** A strong response quotes or closely paraphrases: The reports do not disagree about whether the shuttles ran. Then it explains how that detail proves the inference instead of only repeating it. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.
10.	**Answer:** A strong response states: Two reports can use overlapping facts but reach different judgments by emphasizing different measures of success. It supports the statement with a precise detail such as: The reports do not disagree about whether the shuttles ran. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.

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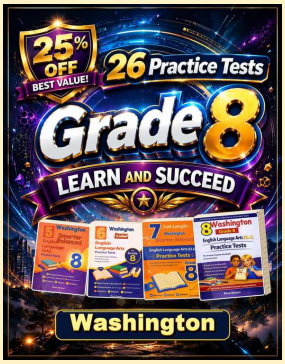

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