Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Clever Foxes

Foxes are clever animals. They can feel at home either in the city or on a farm. Some animals cannot live where people live, but foxes do not mind if people live near them.

Foxes do not need to hunt for just the right kind of food. Foxes have been seen eating pizza! If they are not hungry, foxes will hide food. They dig a hole and put the food in the hole to eat later.

Foxes hunt at night. A good time to see them is when the sun is just coming up or going down. The next time you want to watch a beautiful and clever animal, keep your eyes open for a fox.
Answer the questions below.

1 What is true of all foxes?
- They will eat almost anything.
- They hunt in the daytime.
- They live only in the country.
- They do not live where people live.

2 What does this selection tell you about how foxes hunt?
- They look for holes to hide in.
- They like to eat chickens.
- They hunt at night.
- They hunt for food during the day.

3 In what way are foxes like squirrels?
- Both live mostly in city parks.
- Both eat other small animals.
- Both are afraid to live near humans.
- Both will hide food to eat later.

4 Give one reason you think foxes are clever animals.

Answers may vary. Possible response: Foxes can live anywhere.
Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Quack, Quack

Ducks are birds that are suited for the water. They have feet that look like paddles. These make ducks very good swimmers. Their feet have a specialized blood supply to keep them warm. Also, ducks have feathers that do not get wet because of a special oil that keeps their feathers dry.

The shape of a duck’s bill, or mouth, tells how the duck gets its food. Some ducks have broad bills that help them sift the mud for insects and snails. Other ducks have long, narrow bills with sharp edges inside. These ducks catch and eat fish. If a duck’s bill is wide and short, it eats plants and insects that it finds on or under the water.

Ducks are not only beautiful, but also useful to people. Some give us eggs and meat, while others give us feathers for pillows and blankets. The feathers make the pillows soft and the blankets warm.

There are hundreds of types of ducks living in ponds, rivers, oceans, and marshes all over the world. The next time you see a duck, look at its bill to notice how and what it eats.
Answer the questions below.

1. What is one thing you can say about all ducks?
   - They have broad bills.
   - They can swim.
   - They eat insects.
   - They eat plants.

2. What is true of all ducks that have long, narrow bills with sharp edges?
   - They live only in rivers.
   - They have clawed feet.
   - They catch and eat fish.
   - They go south for the winter.

3. What does this selection tell you about where ducks live?
   - They can live in either cold or warm water.
   - They get most of their food by living in marshes.
   - They have to get out of the water to stay warm.
   - They would rather be on the ground than in the water.

4. In what way are ducks like other birds?
   - Both have sharp teeth and beaks.
   - Both live in dens and on nests.
   - Both eat only fish and insects.
   - Both have feathers and can fly.

5. How are ducks useful to people?

   Answers may vary. Possible response: They give us eggs and meat.
Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Cold Really Is Common

Every person you know has probably had a cold, even you. Colds are one of the most common reasons people see their doctors. Colds are also a main reason people miss work and school.

Children in school get about six to ten colds every year. If there are many children in one family, they can get as many as twelve colds every year. Doctors believe that children in school get more colds because they work together in one room, so germs spread easily.

Some people once thought that you could catch a cold if the weather outside was cold, but this is not true. We know that one way to catch a cold is to touch something that has cold germs on it and then touch your eyes or nose. You can also get a cold if someone with a cold sneezes and you breathe in the germs.

One thing you can do to stay healthy is to wash your hands often. This will kill any germs that might be on your hands. You can help keep other people healthy by covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough.

There is no cure for the common cold, but many people are working hard to find one. Every person you know probably hopes someone will find a cure soon.
Answer the questions below.

1. After reading this selection, what can you say about most people and colds?
   - They work hard to find a cure for the cold.
   - They cover their mouths when they cough.
   - They wash their hands often.
   - They have had a cold.

2. Which clue word in paragraph one helps you make a generalization about people and colds?
   - every
   - person
   - hopes
   - someone

3. What is most likely true of children who have many colds every year?
   - They live where the weather changes a lot.
   - They do not go to the doctor often enough.
   - They live and work with other children who have colds.
   - Their parents don’t dress them warmly enough.

4. What is one thing you can say about all people who catch colds?
   
   **Answers may vary. Possible response:** They probably caught the cold from someone else.

5. What can you say about all people who cover their mouths when they sneeze?
   
   They are helping to keep other people from catching their cold.