Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Dogs with Jobs

Dogs make good pets. Many dogs have special jobs too.

Dogs have a very good sense of smell. This means they can help find people who are lost.

Some dogs are trained to help people who can’t hear. For example, some dogs are trained to alert their owners, who cannot hear, that a phone is ringing.

The dogs become good friends to the people they help.

Dogs also cheer up older people who may be lonely. People often feel happy when they can pet a dog.

Dogs work hard every day. They make life easier for many people.
Answer the questions below.

1 What is the main idea of this selection?
   - Dogs make good pets and do many jobs.
   - People need dogs to help them every day.
   - Only dogs with good hearing and sight can be trained.
   - Dogs cheer up people who are older or lonely.

2 What must happen before a dog can alert someone about a ringing phone?
   - The dog and the person have to be friends.
   - The dog needs a good sense of sight.
   - The person has to feed the dog.
   - The dog needs to be trained.

3 What is the main idea of the second paragraph?
   - A dog’s sense of smell helps it to find missing people.
   - Dogs have a very good sense of sight.
   - Dogs are trained to find missing people.
   - When people get lost, a dog can find them.

4 What would be another good title for this selection?
   
   Answers will vary. Possible responses: Helpful Dogs; Hard-Working Dogs
Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Real Dr. Seuss

You have probably heard of Dr. Seuss. Have you heard of Theodor Seuss Geisel? Ted Geisel used the name Dr. Seuss when he wrote *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Ted Geisel did not start out as a children’s author. At first, he wrote for adults. He also drew cartoons. On a trip in 1937, Ted Geisel wrote his first book as Dr. Seuss. He used the name Seuss because it was his middle name. He used the title of Dr. because his father wanted him to be a doctor.

In 1954, Ted’s boss read an article about problems children were having learning to read. The article said that children’s books were boring. Ted’s boss gave him a challenge. Could he write a book children would enjoy using only 250 words? Nine months later, Ted gave his boss *The Cat in the Hat*. The book used only 220 words. It was an instant success.

In 1960, Ted was given another challenge. Could he write a children’s book using only 50 words? Yes, *Green Eggs and Ham* was the happy result.

When Ted Geisel died in 1991, he had written more than 44 books. More than 200 million copies had found their way into homes and hearts around the world.
Answer the questions below.

1. What is this selection mostly about?
   - how Dr. Seuss wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*
   - why children have trouble reading
   - the man who wrote the Dr. Seuss books
   - why Dr. Seuss used so few words in his books

2. Which of these would not be a supporting detail for this selection?
   - Ted Geisel was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1904.
   - Dr. Seuss also wrote *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.
   - Dr. Seuss was not a great poet.
   - Dr. Seuss’s books have been translated into more than 15 languages.

3. When did Dr. Seuss have his first success?
   - when he changed his name to Dr. Seuss
   - when he wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*
   - when he started writing for adults
   - when he wrote *The Cat in the Hat*

4. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?
   - Dr. Seuss read about children learning to read.
   - Dr. Seuss’s real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel.
   - Theodor Geisel was a successful children’s author.
   - Ted Geisel first wrote for adults, not children.

5. Why do you think the author called this selection “The Real Dr. Seuss”?

   Because it’s about the man named Theodor Geisel who used the name Dr. Seuss
Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

**Flying Dragons?**

Have you ever seen a dragon fly? Maybe not, but if you are near a pond in the summer, you may see an insect called a dragonfly. Even though their name makes them sound fierce, dragonflies do not harm people. In fact, people are happy to see them because they eat other insects that people do not like.

These small, thin, winged insects have been around for more than 300 million years. They are born under the water, grow up in the water, and live in the air for only one or two months.

Most people learn to identify dragonflies by their wings, which shimmer in colors such as green, purple, and blue. Their wings are stronger than they look, carrying the dragonflies at about sixty miles an hour. That’s about as fast as a car on a highway.

Every year millions of dragonflies move from place to place, always settling near water. It is a stunning sight.

If you are lucky enough to see these striking insects this summer, you can thank them for being such beautiful and helpful friends.
Answer the questions below.

1. What is the topic of this selection?
   - insects
   - dragonflies
   - flying dragons
   - nature

2. What is the main idea of this selection?
   - Dragonflies are small, thin, winged insects.
   - Scientists do not know why dragonflies settle near water.
   - Dragonflies are helpful and beautiful insects.
   - Dragonflies have been around for 300 million years.

3. When do dragonflies appear fully grown?
   - after millions of years
   - after one or two months
   - after settling near water
   - after living in water

4. What are two supporting details from the first paragraph?

   Dragonflies do not harm people. They eat other insects.

5. What is the main idea of the third paragraph?

   Dragonflies have strong, beautiful wings.