

**REVIEW TEST 2: PURPOSE**

In the space provided, indicate whether the primary purpose of each passage is to inform (I), to persuade (P), or to entertain (E).

- _____ 1. ¹Let's pretend for a moment. ²Suppose that in the hospital room where your mother lies dying with terminal cancer, there is a button. ³You have the power, by pushing that button, to quickly and painlessly end the life of this person you dearly love. ⁴You know your mother will be confined to that hospital room for her remaining days. ⁵Would you push the button for her? ⁶You watch as she is hooked up to a life-support machine, and you also watch and listen as her pain increases and she pleads for you to help. ⁷You watch her worsen day after day until she reaches a point where she can no longer talk or hear, and she is alive only because of that machine. ⁸Now would you push that button? ⁹If you can imagine the horror of what I have described, then you may agree our country should reconsider its laws against mercy killing.
- _____ 2. ¹Traditionally, English grammar called for the use of the masculine pronoun *he* to stand for the entire class of humans regardless of sex. ²Thus in the past, the following sentence would have been considered proper English: "Everyone in class must hand in his paper tomorrow." ³Today, many language experts would consider that sentence sexist because it excludes females. ⁴They say that one way to avoid the problem is to recast a sentence using plurals: "All students in the class must hand in their papers tomorrow." ⁵Alternately, they advise using *both* male and female singular pronouns: "Everyone in class must hand in his or her paper tomorrow."
- _____ 3. ¹An elderly woman in a Cadillac was preparing to back into a parking space. ²Suddenly a small red sports car appeared and pulled into the space. ³"That's what you can do when you're young and fast," the young man in the car yelled to the old woman. ⁴As he strolled away, laughing, he heard a terrible crunching sound. ⁵"What's that noise?" he asked. ⁶Turning around, he saw the old woman backing repeatedly into his small car and crushing it. ⁷"You can't do that, old lady!" he yelled. ⁸"What do you mean, I can't?" she yelled back, as metal grated against metal. ⁹"This is what you can do when you're old and rich."

4. ¹College students who contract mononucleosis ("mono") can be forced into a long period of bed rest during a semester when they can least afford it. ²Other common diseases can be managed with minimal disruption, but the overall weakness and fatigue seen in many people with mono sometimes requires a month or two of rest and recuperation. ³Mono is a viral infection in which the body produces an excess of one type of white blood cells. ⁴After an uncertain, perhaps long, incubation, the acute symptoms of mono can appear, including weakness, headache, low-grade fever, swollen lymph glands (especially in the neck), and sore throat. ⁵Mental fatigue and depression are sometimes reported as side effects of mono. ⁶After the acute symptoms disappear, the weakness and fatigue usually persist, sometimes for a few months.

5. ¹Americans love parks and wildlife refuges, but the crowding they find there is a national disgrace. ²Parking lots are packed, and roadways through parks and refuges are often so jammed that they might as well be the parking lots. ³Playing fields and barbecue grills are claimed early in the day, and even on remote trails, voices can be heard from every direction. ⁴Americans badly need more land devoted to open space where nature walks, picnics, and camping can take place in uncrowded tranquillity. ⁵Communities across the nation should establish parks and trails that provide free access to open space for everyone.



REVIEW TEST 3: TONE

The cartoon and the four passages that follow each illustrate one of the tones in the box below. In the space provided, put the letter of the tone that best applies in each case. Don't use any letter more than once. Three tones will be left over.

Remember that tone reflects an author's (or speaker's) attitude. In each case, ask yourself what attitude is revealed by the words used.

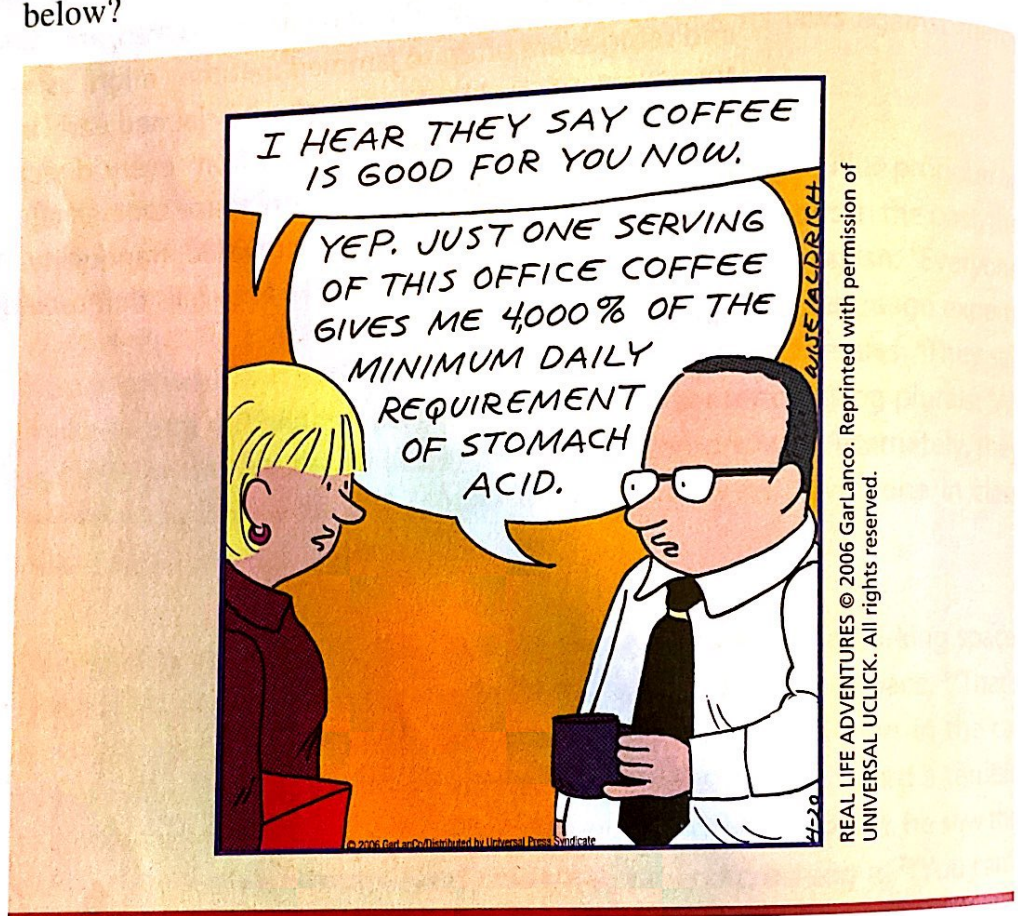
A. ashamed
E. objective

B. forgiving
F. pessimistic

C. indignant
G. sentimental

D. ironic
H. tolerant

1. What is the tone of the man holding the cup of coffee in the cartoon below?



2. ¹Most animals have a "sweet tooth," and humans are no exception. ²That's why food manufacturers often add sugars and other sweeteners to their products. ³Indeed, many commercial breakfast cereals are 40% sugar by weight. ⁴Because added sugar provides calories but no essential nutrients, sugar is usually described as contributing "empty calories" to the diet. ⁵Excess calories from added sugar are converted to fat, which in some cases

may contribute to overweight problems. ⁶Populations that consume large amounts of sugar exhibit high rates of heart disease, obesity, diabetes, and tooth decay. ⁷Sugar consumption in the United States averages about 133 pounds per person per year.

- _____ 3. ¹Relentless greed and horrifying dishonesty characterized the treatment of Indians in the 1860s and 1870s, when massacres of Native Americans were commonplace. ²The massacre at Sand Creek in Colorado in 1864 was sadly typical. ³The territorial governor had persuaded the Indians to gather there and had promised them protection. ⁴Despite this pledge, Colonel J. M. Chivington's militia attacked the defenseless Indian camp. ⁵They disregarded that sacred symbol, the American flag, and the white flag of truce that the Indians were flying at Sand Creek. ⁶Four hundred fifty peaceful Indians—men, women, and children—were slaughtered in what has been called "the foulest and most unjustified crime in the annals of America." ⁷This was only one of the heartless massacres of Native Americans recorded by history.
- _____ 4. ¹During my last physical, the doctor found a little lump in my throat. ²I'm going into the hospital tomorrow so they can check out what it is. ³The doctor said it was most likely a harmless cyst, but of course he would say that. ⁴What's he going to say: "Sorry—looks like cancer to me"? ⁵He also said that if it is cancer, it's probably of a kind that is easily treated. ⁶Right, I thought. ⁷He's trying to be nice, I know, but I also know how these things go. ⁸First he'll say it's nothing; then he'll say it's cancer but no big deal; and finally he'll tell me the truth. ⁹I'm done for.
- _____ 5. ¹I can't look my best friend in the eye. ²He doesn't know what happened last weekend, and I hope he never will. ³We were all at a party at a friend's house. ⁴It was pretty loud and wild, and I was having a good time. ⁵I found myself in the corner of a crowded room with the girl he's been dating all year. ⁶We were joking around, and then we started dancing. ⁷I don't even know how it began, but somehow we ended up alone in a bathroom. ⁸I started kissing her and she kissed me back. ⁹We stayed in there until somebody started pounding on the door. ¹⁰That night it didn't seem like a big deal, but the next day I couldn't believe I had done it. ¹¹This is a girl he really cares for a lot, and she doesn't mean a thing to me. ¹²Now everything is a mess. ¹³I'm so uncomfortable around her I don't know what to do. ¹⁴And I know he considers me one of his best friends. ¹⁵I feel like such a jerk for betraying him.