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QUESTION 1

What is the author's main purpose for writing this letter?

"Dear Applicant, Thank you for submitting your application to New Adventures Recruiting. We are a nationally recognized recruiting agency that assists English-speakers in securing ESL teaching positions in South Korea. We successfully place thousands of teachers in schools all over Korea each year. We are in the process of reviewing your application and we will contact you within 14 business days if you have successfully moved on to the interview stage of the process. Please do not contact us during this review period. In the meantime, we always encourage applicants to study the included map of South Korea in order to be prepared for the potential interview. We ask every interviewee to state their top two choices for placement during the interview. Placements are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, please be aware that cities north of Andong are in high demand. You will have a better chance of securing your top choice by selecting a location outside of this area. Once again, thank you for your application and we look forward to reviewing your qualifications.





Sincerely,

New Adventures Recruiting"

- A. to inform the applicant that cities in the northern regions of South Korea are in high demand and therefore very competitive
- B. to inform the applicant that he or she will be receiving an interview within the next 14 days and should prepare accordingly
- C. to give the applicant an estimated wait time for their application review
- D. to give the applicant further instructions on the hiring process after he or she has submitted an application

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 2

Based on the passage, why do Lee's novels focus on race and cultural identity?

Chang-Rae Lee's debut and award-winning novel *Native Speaker* is about Henry Park, a Korean-American individual who struggles to find his place as an immigrant in a suburb of New York City. This novel addresses the notion that as the individuals who know us best, our family, peers, and lovers are the individuals who direct our lives and end up defining us. Henry Park is confronted with this reality in the very beginning of the novel, which begins: "The day my wife left she gave me a list of who I was." Upon separating from his wife, Park struggles with racial and ethnic identity issues due to his loneliness. Through Park's work as an undercover operative for a private intelligence agency, the author presents the theme of espionage as metaphor for the internal divide that Park experiences as an immigrant. This dual reality creates two worlds for Park and increases his sense of uncertainty with regard to his place in society. While he constantly feels like an outsider looking in, he also feels like he belongs to neither world. Chang-Rae Lee is also a first-generation Korean American immigrant. He immigrated to America at the early age of three. Themes of identity, race, and cultural alienation pervade his works. His interests in these themes no doubt stem from his first-hand experience as a kid growing up in a Korean household while going to an American school. Lee is also author of *A Gesture Life* and *Aloft*. The protagonists are similar in that they deal with labels placed on them based on race, color, and language. Consequently, all of these characters struggle to belong in America. Lee's novels address differences within a nation's mix of race, religion, and history, and the necessity of assimilation between cultures. In his works and through his characters, Lee shows us both the difficulties and the subtleties of the immigrant experience in America. He urges us to consider the role of borders and to consider why the idea of opening up one's borders is so frightening. In an ever-changing world in which cultures are becoming more intermingled, the meaning of identity must be constantly redefined, especially when the security of belonging to a place is becoming increasingly elusive. As our world grows smaller with increasing technological advances, these themes in Lee's novels become even more pertinent.

- A. Because Lee's ancestors are Korean.
- B. Because Lee immigrated to America at a young age.
- C. Because Lee was born in Korea.
- D. Because Lee feels these issues are the biggest problem facing America.

Correct Answer: B

The passage states that Lee's interests in cultural identity and race emerge from his own experiences with these issues as a young immigrant to America.

**QUESTION 3**

What type of text structure is used in this passage?

Eric and Billy purchased new bikes to use when they went off to college. Given the rising cost of gas, they felt the purchase was justified and reasoned that, living on campus, they would not require cars. Their mother, however, felt that a car should be shared between them, and presented them with a car as a gift. Following this gift, Eric and Billy returned one bike and determined that they could share both a car and a bike, reasoning that some gas savings was better than nothing.

- A. cause and effect
- B. sequential structure
- C. descriptive structure
- D. compare and contrast

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 4

It is impossible for a serious scholar to condone this dismissal of respected theories.

- A. astute
- B. cavalier
- C. sagacious
- D. necessary
- E. commendable

Correct Answer: B

If the theories are respected ones, their dismissal by someone cannot be described as "astute" (meaning very intelligent), or "sagacious" (meaning wise), or "necessary", or "commendable" (meaning praiseworthy).

It can only be described as "cavalier" (meaning arrogant or rash). So, "cavalier" is the answer.

QUESTION 5

Although the Civil War _____ much of South's railroad network, it _____ the growth of railroads in the North and West.

- A. eliminated; decreased
- B. accounted for; encouraged



- C. displaced; dismantled
- D. destroyed; stimulated
- E. depended on; established

Correct Answer: D

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