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**Instructions: Read each question carefully and select the correct answer.**

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.  
  
 The terms "rabbit" and "hare" have often been thought to be interchangeable. However, there are several differences between a rabbit and a hare.  
 To begin with, a hare is generally larger than a rabbit. Hares also have much longer ears. Perhaps the most apparent difference between the two species is what occurs right after birth. Rabbits are born blind, without fur, and completely helpless. A newborn hare, on the other hand, is wide-eyed and covered with fur. The newborn hare can also hop around on the day of birth.  
 Hares and rabbits also live in different styles of homes. Hares usually make their nests in ground hollows. Rabbits generally dig deep burrows and bear their young in an underground nest.  
 Although rabbits and hares look very similar, there are several differences that make the two species unique.

**1.** How does a mother rabbit prepare for the birth of her litter?

**A.** She flattens down the grass and gathers food.

**B.** She digs a deep burrow to create an underground nest.

**C.** She does nothing special.

**D.** She sends the other rabbits to gather nest materials.

**2.** Which of the following serves as a transition between paragraphs?

**A.** Rabbits are born blind...

**B.** Hares usually make their nests...

**C.** To begin with...

**D.** The newborn hare can also...

**3.** Based on the story you just read, which animal is the most helpless at birth?

**A.** rabbit

**B.** hare

**C.** both are helpless

**D.** neither are helpless

**4.** Which sentence would not belong in the second paragraph?

**A.** Hares and rabbits have about three to eight newborns at a time.

**B.** Once a rabbit or hare is born, its life span lasts for about ten years.

**C.** Rabbits and hares usually weigh from about two to eleven pounds.

**D.** Baby rabbits usually open their eyes between six to ten days after birth.

Kate Warne lived an extraordinary life. Kate's work as the first female detective earns her a spot in history. Although little is known about her early years, her adult life had a profound impact on our country.  
 Growing up, Kate wanted to be an actress. Instead, she married young. Sadly, her husband died soon after their marriage. She was left without a family or a job. Before the Civil War, there were limited career options for women. One day she saw an ad for a job with the famous Pinkerton Detective Agency. She decided that being a detective would be even more exciting than being an actress, so she applied.  
 When Kate arrived in Alan Pinkerton's office, he offered her a desk job. Rather than thanking him, Kate stated that she wanted to be a detective. Pinkerton was amused and explained that female detectives did not exist. Kate persuaded him that a woman would be an asset to his agency. She said that women notice more details than men do. She added that women are able to go more places without raising suspicion. Last, she told Pinkerton that because men like to boast when talking to women, it would be easy to collect information. Pinkerton hired Kate, and she became the first woman in law enforcement.  
 Pinkerton considered Kate one of his best agents. Kate never gave him a reason to feel otherwise. Instead, she proved her value many times over. A few years later, Pinkerton hired other female agents. Kate trained the all-female unit. It came to be called the Female Detective Bureau. Kate used her acting skills on many undercover missions. No one suspected the flirty socialite of being an undercover agent. Once, she befriended the wife of a robbery suspect. The information Kate collected led to the arrest of the criminal. Her most important mission was still to come.  
 In 1861, the country elected a new president. Many people were against Abraham Lincoln taking office. His life was in danger, so he contacted an old friend— Alan Pinkerton. The detectives safely moved Lincoln to Washington. Kate was an important part of the operation. Arriving safely in the capital, Lincoln called the agents together. He thanked each one personally. Kate found that the gratitude expressed for a job well done felt even better than an audience's applause.

**5.** Which of the following themes is not represented in this passage?

**A.** personal growth

**B.** hard work

**C.** jealousy

**D.** loss

**6.** Why did the author include the following sentence in the passage?  
  
Kate trained the all-female unit.

**A.** to suggest that none of the men in law enforcement wanted to help women

**B.** to explain that soon after Kate entered law enforcement, men began to quit the profession

**C.** to prove that Kate was a great influence for other women entering law enforcement

**D.** to show that Kate would only work with other women in law enforcement

**7.** How is this passage organized?

**A.** by stating a problem and offering a solution

**B.** from least important to most important idea

**C.** in chronological order

**D.** with similar facts grouped together

**8.** The Female Detective Bureau, Alan Pinkerton's office, and undercover missions are all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**A.** dangerous jobs that almost cost Kate her life

**B.** law enforcement positions that Kate held

**C.** positions that Abraham Lincoln supported

**D.** jobs that Alan Pinkerton would not take