Passage 1

Introduction
Carol had always wanted to be a construction worker. It was hard getting started but she found this job two years ago. It was exciting for her and she couldn't have been happier.

Consistent
Carol especially enjoyed working on the beams of skyscrapers, high above the city. She was thrilled by the high winds and the view. She felt exhilarated watching the activity on the street far below. In fact, she always volunteered to work on the high beams.

Inconsistent
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Filler
Carol always ate lunch with her fellow workers. She was well liked and felt that she belonged. They were a friendly group of people she could depend on. She thought of them as a family and had developed several close friendships. In fact, one of her co-workers, Lori, invited Carol to join her on a trip. As Lori described the weekend adventure, Carol became very excited.

Target Sentences
She had always wanted to go skydiving.
Carol immediately accepted the offer.

Closing
To celebrate, she offered to take Lori out to dinner. Over dinner they finalized the plans for the trip. They would leave Lori’s house the following Saturday at 6 am.

Question
Was Carol liked by her co-workers?
Passage 2

Introduction
Bill had always enjoyed walking in the early morning and this morning was no exception. During his walks, he would stop to talk with some of his neighbors.

Consistent
Bill had just celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday. He felt he was in top condition and he worked hard to maintain it. In fact, he began doing additional workouts before and after his walks. He could now complete a mile run with hardly any effort.

Inconsistent
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Filler
Today, Bill stopped to talk with Mrs. Jones. They had been friends for quite sometime. They were talking about how hot it had been. For the past three months there had been record breaking high temperatures and no rain. Soon there would be mandatory water rationing. As Bill was talking to Mrs. Jones, he saw a young boy who was lying in the street hurt.

Target Sentences
He quickly ran and picked the boy up.
Bill carried the boy over to the curb.

Closing
While Bill helped the boy, Mrs. Jones ran into her house to call the boy's mother and an ambulance. He kept the boy calm and still until help arrived.

Question
Did Bill hate walking in the morning?
Passage 3

Introduction
Owen had just completed graduate school and now had begun looking for a job. Most jobs he looked at were academic positions which required both teaching and research.

Consistent
The part of graduate school that Owen liked most was teaching. He hoped his new job would only consist of teaching responsibilities. His students all had favorable things to say about him and he was proud of his accomplishments. He was not interested in research.

Inconsistent
Owen particularly liked the research that he performed while in graduate school. To him, there was nothing more enjoyable than discovering something that had not been known before. He was a successful researcher and wanted to continue along this line. He was not interested in teaching.

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Filler
An additional constraint that Owen faced was geographical location. He grew up in New England and did not want to leave. Owen enjoyed the changing seasons and the cold weather. In fact, his favorite sports were hockey and skiing. With all of this in mind, Owen searched through the paper for jobs that would suit him. Finally, he found one he liked.

Target Sentences
Owen applied for a teaching position.
This university discouraged research.

Closing
Owen hoped that he would be hired for the job. He knew many new doctorates who could not find positions that suited them and he did not want to be in that position.

Question
Was Owen an auto mechanic?
Passage 4

Introduction
Steven recently graduated from college and was going to graduate school. As an undergraduate, he was involved in numerous organizations. This helped Steven to narrow his interests for graduate school.

Consistent
He was most proud of being an officer in the numerous clean up and recycling clubs. Steven was an active environmentalist on campus and in the surrounding community. Currently, he was involved in leading a protest against companies dumping waste products into a local river.

Inconsistent
He was most proud of being an officer of the mechanical and industrial clubs. Steven felt that natural resources should be exploited. It didn't matter if it destroyed the environment. He believed any effect would be temporary and the environment would take care of itself.

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He was most proud of being an officer in the numerous clean up and recycling clubs. Steven was an active environmentalist on campus and in the surrounding community. Currently, he was involved in leading a protest against companies dumping waste products into a local river. However, Steven couldn't recycle his own trash when he was at home because the town didn't have the facilities.

Filler
Last Saturday, Steven had to work on his car. Steven kept it in perfect working condition. It was time for its monthly grease job, filter replacement, and oil change. He took out all of the tools that he would need. Then he jacked the car up and drained the oil into an old container. Steven took the container around to the side of his house.

Target Sentences
He dumped the oil out in his backyard.
Steven figured that it would be okay.

Closing
He returned to the garage and finished working on his car. After he was satisfied with the engine work, Steven waxed the finish, polished the chrome, and cleaned the interior.

Question
Did Steven graduate from college?
Passage 5

Introduction
Today, Mary was meeting a friend for lunch. She arrived early at the restaurant and decided to get a table. After she sat down, she started looking at the menu.

Consistent
This was Mary's favorite restaurant because it had fantastic junk food. Mary enjoyed eating anything that was quick and easy to fix. In fact, she ate at McDonalds at least three times a week. Mary never worried about her diet and saw no reason to eat nutritious foods.

Inconsistent
This was Mary's favorite restaurant because it had fantastic health food. Mary, a health nut, has been a strict vegetarian for ten years. Her favorite food was cauliflower. Mary was so serious about her diet that she refused to eat anything which was fried or cooked in grease.

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Filler
After about ten minutes, Mary's friend arrived. It had been a few months since they had seen each other. Because of this they had a lot to talk about and chatted for over a half hour. Finally, Mary signaled the waiter to come take their orders. Mary checked the menu one more time. She had a hard time deciding what to have for lunch.

Target Sentences
Mary ordered a cheeseburger and fries.
She handed the menu back to the waiter.

Closing
Her friend didn't have as much trouble deciding what she wanted. She ordered and they began to chat again. They didn't realize there was so much for them to catch up on.

Question
Was Mary meeting her husband for lunch?
Passage 6

Introduction
George was a senior in high school and was in the process of applying to college. During this time, he realized he needed to participate in some extracurricular activities before he graduated.

Consistent
George had always been outgoing and loved to talk and perform in front of people. When a teacher would assign an oral report he would get excited. On the day of an oral report, he would be the first to volunteer to present his report.

Inconsistent
He had always been shy and detested speaking in front of strangers. When a teacher would assign an oral report he would become sick to his stomach. On the day of a report, George would often break out in hives and would have to leave school.

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Filler
His high school offered many different after school activities. He decided to join the band as one of his activities. He also became a member of the yearbook staff. He decided to check the activities bulletin board for a couple more ideas. He first noticed an announcement for wrestling tryouts and then he noticed a colorful poster. It was announcing auditions for the spring play.

Target Sentences
He auditioned for the part of male lead.
He was cast in the male lead of Romeo.

Closing
The rehearsals were to begin the next day. George picked up his script and began to study that night. He wanted to be the best Romeo anyone had ever seen.

Question
Was George applying to college?
Passage 7

Introduction
Jessica had always been fascinated by different cultures. Her family had decided to take a trip to Germany last summer. She was glad her parents had chosen Germany as a vacation spot.

Consistent
Jessica was able to use the language she had been studying for seven years. She had always gotten A's in her German classes and had also received the outstanding German student award in high school. This award included a scholarship for each year of college.

Inconsistent
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Filler
While in Germany the family went to Check Point Charlie and the Berlin Wall. After their trip through East Germany, they agreed it was a very depressing place. They also visited the Rhineland and many different castles. The family attended Oktoberfest and the Faschings festival. They had a wonderful time at both carnivals. At the festivals, the greatest experience was eating in the huge dining halls.

Target Sentences
Jessica ordered all her meals in German.
No one could believe how fluent she was.

Closing
Everyone agreed that German food was much better than American food. After dinner one night the family decided to visit the Berlin zoo. Jessica wanted to see the baby pandas.

Question
Did Jessica and her family visit Cape Cod?
Passage 8

Introduction
As he got out of the shower, Tim was thinking about what needed to be done. He was going to have one shot at this and he wanted to get it right.

Consistent
He was going to tar his roof and then lay down shingles. Tim knew tarring was messy and sticky work. On hot days, the tar seemed to get everywhere. He knew by the end of the day he would be covered with the stuff.

Inconsistent
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Filler
With a towel around his waist, Tim went about getting ready. He went into the bathroom and shaved. Then he returned to his bedroom and he searched for his shoes. Next, he looked through his dresser for some clothes but didn't find anything he liked. He opened his closet and turned on the light. Tim had a hard time choosing what to wear.

Target Sentence
At last he grabbed some old faded jeans.
Tim pulled them on and zipped them up.

Closing
Tim searched his drawers for a pair of socks. He finished getting ready and grabbed his keys and wallet. Tim locked the door behind him and was on his way.

Question
Was Tim getting ready to go to bed?
Passage 9

Introduction
Jennifer enjoyed walking everyday in the park near her house. During the summer months, she would often stop and watch the ducks swimming in the small pond.

Consistent
Jennifer was a healthy, twenty-two year old woman. She had just graduated from college and was in top physical condition. She could not imagine herself being in better shape. In fact, her health was the one thing she was most proud of.

Inconsistent
Jennifer was quite old and was having problems with her hearing. She was legally deaf and could not hear anything at all. She had tried to use a hearing aid, but it had stopped helping years ago. She was in her own silent world.

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Filler
One day, while Jennifer was walking in the park, a mugging took place. A young man approached an elderly woman. He demanded her money. The man was dressed in black and wore a mask over his face. Jennifer was about thirty feet from where the event was taking place. The woman screamed as the young man stole her purse and ran away.

Target Sentences
Jennifer heard the woman yell for help.
She looked up to see what was happening.

Closing
The police asked Jennifer to give them all of the information that she could. There had been a string of muggings in the park and the police were interested in finding the culprit.

Question
Did Jennifer enjoy swimming in the pond?
Passage 10

Introduction
Carl and Sarah had only been dating for about two weeks. However, Carl wanted to plan a special night for their next date. A friend suggested that they attend a baseball game.

Consistent
Carl loved baseball and thought that this was a great idea. He had been a huge fan of the Red Sox ever since he could remember. As a child, his whole life revolved around the sport. He thought going to a game would be the perfect date.

Inconsistent
Carl thought that this was a terrible idea. When he was younger his father had dragged him to baseball games. He hated them and vowed that he would never go again. He was sure that he would think of something better to do on their date.

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Filler
He called Sarah to set a time for their next date. After he finished talking to her, he thought about their relationship. Although they had only been dating for a short while, he really liked her. Carl enjoyed her great sense of humor. He was particularly fond of her laugh. Carl decided that this was the night to tell Sarah how he felt about her.

Target Sentences
He called the ballpark to order tickets.
He hoped that they would get good seats.

Closing
Carl sat back and thought about where he and Sarah would go to eat before the game. He was certain that they would have a great time together.

Question
Were Carl and Sarah married?
Passage 11

Introduction
Fred always wanted to go to college. He studied really hard in high school so he would be able to achieve this goal. He graduated with high honors.

Consistent
Fred's favorite subject in school was math. He could not think of a bigger challenge in school which matched the one posed by understanding math. He spent his free time performing complicated mathematical equations on his new computer. The intellectual challenge of math excited him.

Inconsistent
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Filler
Because of Fred's hard work, he had been accepted at Stanford University. He knew that the school had an excellent reputation and he would have little problem finding a job when he finished college. Fred decided it was time to look through the college catalogue for some classes for the fall. He wanted to pick classes he knew he would do well in.

Target Sentences
He decided to take three math courses.
He thought they would be interesting.

Closing
College would be hard, but Fred was confident that he would do well. His hard work had always paid off and he was certain it would this time as well.

Question
Did Fred want to go to college?
Passage 12

Introduction
Ken had been looking for a hobby for quite sometime. With his new job, he had four days a week free which would give him plenty of time to devote to a hobby.

Consistent
Ken was a big man and always tried to keep in shape by jogging and lifting weights. His 250 pound body was solid muscle. Ken loved tough physical contact sports which allowed him to match his strength against another person.

Inconsistent
Ken was a small man and didn't worry about staying in shape. His small 120 pound body was all skin and bones. Ken hated contact sports, but enjoyed non-contact sports, such as golf and bowling which he could practice alone.

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Filler
While walking downtown, Ken passed a new gymnasium. He noticed the display in the window. It was an advertisement for their summer sports program. Ken started looking at the advertisement and was impressed with the long list of activities that the gym sponsored. As he continued to look over the list, he became very excited. It seemed interesting so Ken went inside.

Target Sentences
Ken decided to enroll in boxing classes.
He felt this would be the perfect hobby.

Closing
Ken signed-up for the class and paid the registration fees. He couldn't wait for the class to begin. Ken exited the gym and continued his walk downtown.

Question
Was Ken looking for a hobby?
Passage 13

Introduction
Elizabeth's daughter, Kim, had just started kindergarten. Elizabeth was happy that Kim had made a lot of friends. Kim would often tell her mom about her friends at school.

Consistent
In addition, little Kim loved animals. In fact, she refused to leave a room that had any type of pet in it. Every time she saw an animal she wanted to pet it and take it home. Elizabeth didn't know why Kim loved animals so much.

Inconsistent
Unfortunately, Kim hated animals and was terribly frightened of them. In fact, she refused to go in the same room with a cat. Every time an animal approached her, she ran away and began to cry. Elizabeth didn't know why Kim was so frightened of animals.

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Filler
Elizabeth always dropped Kim off at school. Today, however, Kim wanted Elizabeth to come into school with her. She wanted Elizabeth to see her art work and meet some of her friends. When they arrived, Kim ran up to the school doors. As Elizabeth and Kim entered the classroom, Kim looked around. Someone had brought in their pet and all the children were gathered around it.

Target Sentences
Kim ran across the room to pet the dog.
She smiled as she brushed the dog's fur.

Closing
Kim waved to her mom and asked her to come see the dog. Elizabeth walked to the other side of room and knelt down beside Kim and petted the dog.

Question
Was Elizabeth's daughter in high school?
Passage 14

**Introduction**
Todd woke up and hopped out of bed. This was his favorite time of the day and he did not want to waste it laying in bed.

**Consistent**
Todd ran over to the wood stove and lit a fire to warm up. During the winter months, his house got very cold. He enjoyed lighting a fire and watching it burn while he had breakfast and warmed up.

**Inconsistent**
It had been the warmest winter in the past fifty years. Todd could not believe it had gotten so warm. In fact, it was so warm that people were spending most of the day outdoors. Todd decided he would go outside after he finished breakfast.

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**Qualified -- Experiment 2**
It had been the warmest winter in the past fifty years. Todd could not believe it had gotten so warm. In fact, it was so warm that people were spending most of the day outdoors. Todd decided he would go outside after he finished breakfast. Although it was warm outside, Todd still felt too cold.

**Filler**
Todd lived in a house which he had designed and built himself. He was proud of it and enjoyed showing it off. He had not been a great student and people believed he wouldn't amount to much. However, he became a successful architect and builder. He was proud of his accomplishments, but believed he was capable of more. His dream was to design and build skyscrapers.

**Target Sentences**
Todd thought that his house was cold.
He grabbed a sweater from his closet.

**Closing**
Todd walked back into the kitchen. He finished eating his breakfast and went into the living room. Todd thought it was going to be a great day.

**Question**
Did Todd like the morning?
Passage 15

Introduction
As Linda was driving to her job interview, her car overheated and stopped running. The car was very old and she knew she needed to buy a new one.

Consistent
Fortunately, this wasn't a problem for Linda. Her parents were very rich and would give her the money for a new car. Linda's parents always gave her money and whatever else she wanted. They had continued to do so even after she graduated from college.

Inconsistent
Unfortunately, Linda didn’t have the money to buy a new car. She had just graduated from college and was unable to find a job. She owed thousands of dollars in loans and barely had enough money to survive. Linda knew she couldn't get a loan.

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Filler
Right now, though, Linda had to call a tow truck and find a way to get to her interview. Luckily, there was a pay phone just up the road. She called to have her car towed. Next, she called to reschedule her interview. As Linda waited for the tow truck, she thought about what she was going to do. Linda had to find a new form of transportation.

Target Sentences
Linda decided to buy a brand new car.
She could easily afford to buy a car.

Closing
Finally, the tow truck arrived. Linda was happy to see the truck because she wanted to go home. Linda was frustrated and thought the day was a complete disaster.

Question
Was Linda on her way to a job interview?
Passage 16

Introduction
Al and Sue were on their way to a friend's house for a party. This was the first time in quite awhile that Al and Sue had visited their friends.

Consistent
While speeding along the highway at about 85 mph., Al described to Sue the perfect condition of his new, sleek sports car. He loved the power, control and speed of the car, which could cruise at speeds well over 95 mph.

Inconsistent
While crawling along the highway at about 30 mph., Al described to Sue the terrible condition of his old, beat up car. He complained about how the car would only sputter up to 35 mph then stall and over-heat.

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While crawling along the highway at about 30 mph., Al described to Sue the terrible condition of his old, beat up car. He complained about how the car would only sputter up to 35 mph then stall and over-heat. Nevertheless, whenever possible, Al usually drove under the speed limit because he was always in a hurry to reach his destination.

Filler
Al and Sue always enjoyed the road-side scenery on the long drive to their friend's home. Their friends lived in the mountains. The road was lined with large oaks and maples. The scenery was especially beautiful in the fall. As they were driving along the highway, Al suddenly noticed a police car in his rearview mirror. Al pulled over to the side of the road.

Target Sentences
The officer handed Al a speeding ticket.
He told Al it would cost fifty dollars.

Closing
Al took the ticket and put it in his wallet. Quite upset, Al started up the car. For the remainder of their trip, Al did not say a word.

Question
Were Al and Sue going to visit their parents?
Passage 17

Introduction
Karen called her friend Ralph at his dormitory. She had just returned from spring vacation and asked if he could arrange for someone to pick her up at Logan airport.

Consistent
Ralph enjoyed driving to the airport in Boston. Because he grew up in the city, he had a lot of practice driving in heavy traffic. Ralph was proud of his city driving skills and often offered to take his friends into the city and to the airport.

Inconsistent
Even though Ralph had had his license for years, he was petrified of driving in Boston. Ever since he was in a terrible accident two years ago, he refused to drive in the city. If he needed to go anywhere near the city, Ralph took public transportation.

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Filler
Ralph and Karen were both sophomores in college. Ralph had known Karen for about a year. They had taken classes together. He thought she was a nice person and enjoyed her company. He was anxious to hear all about her vacation and he hoped that she had taken lots of pictures. Ralph had spent his vacation catching up on some overdue school work.

Target Sentences
Ralph drove into Boston to pick her up.
He recalled why he enjoyed city driving.

Closing
As he approached the airport, Ralph thought about how nice it would be to see Karen. He was anxious to hear about her vacation and tell her what had been happening at school.

Question
Did Karen call Ralph at his dormitory?
Passage 18

Introduction
Phil was watching television while his wife finished unpacking. They had gone away for the weekend and left the house a mess. His wife sat down and they began discussing cleaning up the house.

Consistent
Phil had a habit of throwing everything away, especially when it came to receipts and sales slips. He would read notes, letters, and bills once and then throw them away. In fact, Phil had not kept any kind of a record for over ten years.

Inconsistent
Phil was a true "packrat" and saved everything. In fact, he had been saving receipts, letters, and newspapers for over the past ten years. He had a large storage room in which he put important papers and other things he wanted to save.

Qualified -- Experiment 1
Phil was a true "packrat" and saved everything. In fact, he had been saving receipts, letters, and newspapers for over the past ten years. He had a large storage room in which he put important papers and other things he wanted to save. Phil never saved old financial documents anymore because his storage room was becoming quite crowded.

Qualified -- Experiment 2
Phil was a true "packrat" and saved everything. In fact, he had been saving receipts, letters, and newspapers for over the past ten years. He had a large storage room in which he put important papers and other things he wanted to save. Unfortunately for Phil, he had stopped saving his financial documents because his storage room was becoming quite crowded.

Filler
As Phil and his wife were talking, she remembered that she had to find the last bank statement. They had received a notice that their car payment was overdue. Phil's wife knew they had paid it but the notice said they hadn't. The confusion was probably a computer error. One of her friends had experienced a similar problem. Suddenly, Phil remembered what he had done with them.

Target Sentences
He had thrown away the bank statements.
He had thrown them out a long time ago.

Closing
Frustrated, they sat down and started thinking about what they should do. Phil said he would call the bank in the morning to see if they had any record of the transaction.

Question
Did Phil's wife unpack?