

1) C

Question Type: Vocabulary

attraction (noun): a thing or place that draws visitors by providing something fun. In the first paragraph, the author describes a person's "favorite attraction at an amusement park." He or she says that some "prefer rollercoasters" but that his or her "favorite ride" is the Ferris wheel. This suggests that an attraction is a type of ride, so choice (C) is correct.

2) A

Question Type: Inference

In the first paragraph, the author describes rides at amusement parks. He or she writes that his or her "favorite ride is a little more gentle." Then, the author says that he or she has to ride the Ferris wheel whenever he or she goes to Coney Island, Navy Pier, or the Santa Monica Pier. This suggests that each of these places is an amusement park that contains a Ferris wheel. Because of this, choice (A) is correct.

3) D

Question Type: Vocabulary

complex (adjective): involving many different and confusing parts. An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word. This question asks for the antonym of complex. The author says Ferris wheels are both "simple and yet also quite complex." The use of "yet" suggests that the terms being used are opposites. Because of this, choice (D) is correct.

4) C

Question Type: Detail

The author explains what he or she likes best about Ferris wheels in the fourth paragraph. He or she writes, "I find them very relaxing" because of the "beautiful sights of the park" one gets at the top of the ride. The thing he or she likes best about Ferris wheels, then, is the beautiful sights and relaxation they allow. Because of this, choice (C) is correct.

5) B

Question Type: Detail

In the sixth paragraph (below the caption It Happened at the World's Fair), the author writes about the first Ferris wheel. He or she states that George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. "designed it for the Chicago World's Fair in 1893." The correct answer is (B), then.

6) D

Question Type: Global

The passage describes the fact that the author's favorite amusement park ride is the Ferris wheel. From there, he or she describes what they are and why he or she likes them. Toward the end of the passage, the author traces their history into the present. It follows that the

purpose of the passage was most likely to do all of these things. Because of this, choice (D) is correct.

7) C

Question Type: Inference

The author writes in the second-to-last paragraph that the tallest Ferris wheel in the world “is the 'Singapore Flyer,' which stands slightly taller than twice what Ferris’s did!.” Ferris’s wheel stood 264 feet tall, according to the sixth paragraph. Twice 264 is 528 feet. (This could be found by rounding too: 264 is just a little over 250, and twice 250 is 500.) Because of this, choice (C) is correct: 500 (or slightly more) feet is between 500 and 750 feet tall.