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

**1.** Read the section below and answer the question that follows.  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Skiing attracts close to fourteen million people in the United States alone. Every year thousands of beginners head to ski areas where they are trained by professional instructors. New skiers learn basic techniques such as walking, climbing, turning, and gliding downhill.  
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ As a result, they begin to spend money on equipment, clothing, and accessories. In the mid 1980's, skiers in the United States spent more than 650 million dollars each year on equipment.  
 Due to extra leisure time, people have more time to ski. Also due to the expanding economy, people have more money to spend on skiing.  
 The use of snowmaking machines has been tremendously successful. These machines are similar to sprinklers. They use a mixture of water and compressed air that instantly turns to snow when the temperature is below freezing.

Which sentence could begin the second paragraph?

**A.** In conclusion, skiers practice until they become better skiers.

**B.** Thirdly, skiing takes a lot of practice.

**C.** Therefore, skiers learn to feel comfortable skiing.

**D.** Next, skiers work on their techniques, and many decide to make skiing a hobby.

**2.** Read the selection below and answer the following question.  
  
 Americans will always have a special place in their hearts for a man who epitomizes the American spirit, Benjamin Franklin. While many remember Franklin for flying kites in a lightning storm, he is also remembered as a scientist, inventor, statesman, printer, and philosopher. \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_, we honor Franklin for his essential role in writing the Constitution.  
 Franklin was one of the oldest members of the Constitutional Convention. He had served for years in the Pennsylvania Assembly. \_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_, he had the skills necessary to help the delegates reach a compromise. \_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_, Franklin once wrote, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall hang separately." This statement shows his understanding of the problem of factions in politics. \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_, Franklin's accomplishments serve as a model for all Americans to follow. In his life he was able to succeed at any endeavor he attempted.  
  
Which transition is most appropriate for Blank 4?

**A.** On other hand

**B.** In conclusion

**C.** Also

**D.** In the same way

**3.** Read the selection below and answer the question that follows.  
  
 Dr. Barbara McClintock was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1902. Her future would lead to amazing accomplishments in the field of biology. \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_, Dr. McClintock graduated from Cornell University with a doctorate degree in biology. She was an extraordinary student, but was overlooked for many positions, undoubtedly because she was a woman. \_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_, Dr. McClintock was offered a fellowship in Germany and then a teaching position at the University of Missouri.  
 While teaching, Dr. McClintock continued her own studies involving genes and cell differentiation. Her quest for knowledge led her to a startling conclusion. She discovered that pieces of DNA "jump around" on the chromosomes. \_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_ she made this announcement, she was denounced by other scientists who did not believe her discovery. It was not until several years later that other scientists supported her discovery.  
 After enduring many years of criticism, Dr. McClintock was awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology in 1983. \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ receiving the prize, Dr. McClintock published her biography. In it she stated that she used intuition and logic to better understand genes. She also revealed that she thoroughly enjoyed her work, which continued to inspire her until her death in 1992.

Which transition would be most appropriate for Blank 1?

**A.** Finally

**B.** Then

**C.** First

**D.** After

**4.** Read the selection below and answer the following questions.  
  
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He was born on January 19, 1809, in Boston. Since both of his parents died before he was two years old, a family friend, John Allan, raised Poe. Allan never accepted Poe as a legitimate member of the family, and Poe frequently fought with his benefactor over money and lifestyle choices.  
 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Poe's life seemed to turn around when he married a distant relative, Virginia Clemm. However, less than ten years later, Virginia fell ill and died, leaving Poe to once again fend for himself. Towards the end of his life, Poe was a mentally and physically broken man. He tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide and later died from what is believed to have been rabies.  
  
 Which sentence could begin the second paragraph?

**A.** Tragically, his later life was cut short.

**B.** Even when things seemed to improve, tragedy was never far away.

**C.** Moreover, the tragic life of Poe continues.

**D.** Later in life, Poe finally triumphed over tragedy.