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Paired-Texts Quiz

Directions: Read “Is Anything Wrong With This Picture?” and “How the Telephone Made America Rude.” Then answer the questions below.

- 1. Which line expresses a central idea of “Is Anything Wrong With This Picture?”**

 - (A) “. . . our society may have lost its way— especially when it comes to our phones.”
 - (B) “In 16th-century Holland, if you passed gas, it was polite to cover the sound with a cough.”
 - (C) “We take [our phones] into bathroom stalls.”
 - (D) “Hopefully, the desire to *not* drive other people crazy is reason enough to be conscientious.”
- 2. The authors support the central idea you identified in question 1 in all of the following ways EXCEPT which one?**

 - (A) They give the example of a man talking on his phone during a movie. (p. 25)
 - (B) They note that people commonly wear earbuds in the checkout line. (p. 25)
 - (C) They provide the statistic that in 2014, more than 2,500 people were hospitalized as a result of using their phones. (p. 25)
 - (D) They note that the world faces serious problems such as war, poverty, and disease. (p. 26)
- 3. The information in the timeline on pages 25–26 would best fit into which section of the article?**

 - (A) the introduction
 - (B) “Rules of Behavior”
 - (C) “Phones in the Bathroom”
 - (D) “What Really Matters”
- 4. What does the quote from Alex J. Packer on page 25 contribute to the article?**

 - (A) an expert’s advice about phone etiquette
 - (B) an opinion on why people are getting ruder
 - (C) an argument against good manners
 - (D) an expert’s explanation of the purpose of manners
- 5. On page 26, the authors write, “Twenty years ago, it would have been considered vulgar to pull out a book and start reading at the dinner table. Does that mean that today it’s tasteless to check your phone during a meal?” From the second sentence, you can infer that *vulgar***

 - (A) means the opposite of *tasteless*.
 - (B) means nearly the same thing as *tasteless*.
 - (C) has something to do with eating.
 - (D) is no longer a common word.
- 6. Which statement is supported by information in BOTH “Is Anything Wrong With This Picture?” and “How the Telephone Made America Rude?”**

 - (A) Sometimes it’s OK to be rude to people.
 - (B) Considering all the serious problems the world faces, manners are not very important.
 - (C) Most Americans today think that society has become more rude.
 - (D) Technology has played a role in our changing ideas about manners.

Constructed-Response Questions

Directions: Write your answers to the questions below on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

- 7. What do the authors do to persuade readers to use good manners? Support your answer with text evidence.**
- 8. What role has technology played in our changing ideas about manners? Support your answer with evidence from both texts.**