

TEXT

For questions 1-10, read the text and choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

Alfred Bernhard Nobel, a Swedish inventor and philanthropist, bequeathed most of his vast fortune in trust as a fund from which annual prizes could be awarded to individuals and organizations who had achieved the greatest benefit to humanity in a particular year. Originally, there were six classifications for outstanding contributions designated in Nobel's will including chemistry, physics, physiology or medicine, literature, and international peace. The prizes are administered by the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm. In 1969, a prize for economics endowed by the Central Bank of Sweden was added. Candidates for the prizes must be nominated in writing by a qualified authority in the field of competition. Recipients in physics, chemistry, and economics are selected by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences; in physiology or medicine by the Caroline Institute; in literature by the Swedish Academy; and in peace by the Norwegian Nobel Committee appointed by Norway's parliament. The prizes are usually presented in Stockholm on December 10, with the King of Sweden officiating, an appropriate tribute to Alfred Nobel on the anniversary of his death. Each one includes a gold medal, a diploma, and a cash award of about one million dollars.

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| <p>1) What does this passage mainly discuss?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Alfred Bernhard Nobel B) The Nobel prizes C) Great contributions to mankind D) Swedish philanthropy <p>2) Why were the prizes named for Alfred Bernhard Nobel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) He left money in his will to establish a fund for the prizes. B) He won the first Nobel prize for his work in philanthropy. C) He is now living in Sweden. D) He serves as chairman of the committee to choose the recipients of the prizes. <p>3) How often are the Nobel prizes awarded?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Five times a year B) Once a year C) Twice a year D) Once every two years <p>4) The word 'outstanding' in line 4 could best be replaced by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) recent B) unusual C) established D) exceptional <p>5) The word 'will' in line 4 refers to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Nobel's wishes B) A legal document C) A future intention D) A free choice | <p>6) A Nobel prize would NOT be given to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) an author who wrote a novel B) a doctor who discovered a vaccine C) a composer who wrote a symphony D) a diplomat who negotiated a peace settlement <p>7) The word 'one' in line 13 refers to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) tribute B) anniversary C) prize D) candidate <p>8) Which individual or organization serves as administrator for the trust?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) The King of Sweden B) The Nobel Foundation C) The Central Bank of Sweden D) Swedish and Norwegian academies and institutes <p>9) The word 'appropriate' in line 13 is closest in meaning to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) prestigious B) customary C) suitable D) transitory <p>10) Why are the awards presented on December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) It is a tribute to the King of Sweden. B) Alfred Bernhard Nobel died on that day. C) That date was established in Alfred Nobel's will. D) The Central Bank of Sweden administers the trust. |
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