

SUPPORTING DETAILS: Test B

- A. Answer the questions that follow the passage.

¹Self-disclosure is a special type of conversation in which we share intimate information and feelings with another person. ²There are many reasons why we disclose personal information to another person. ³One is simply to express our feelings—to “get them off our chest.” ⁴After a hard day at work, we may eagerly tell a friend just how angry we are at our boss and how unappreciated we feel. ⁵A second reason for self-disclosure is to gain greater understanding and self-awareness. ⁶Talking to a friend about a problem can help us to clarify our thoughts about the situation. ⁷Social approval is another reason for disclosing information. ⁸By seeing how a listener reacts to what we say, we get information about the appropriateness of our views. ⁹People may reassure us that our reactions are “perfectly normal” or suggest that we’re “blowing things out of proportion.” ¹⁰Yet another common reason for self-disclosure is relationship development. ¹¹The sharing of personal information is an important way to begin a relationship and to move toward increasing levels of intimacy.

- ___ 1. The main idea is expressed in
- A. sentence 1.
 - B. sentence 2.
 - C. sentence 3.
 - D. sentence 11.
- ___ 2. In general, the major details of the passage are
- A. ways to express our feelings.
 - B. thoughts about the appropriateness of our views.
 - C. ways to begin relationships.
 - D. reasons we disclose information to others.
- ___ 3. How many major details are in this paragraph?
- A. Two
 - B. Three
 - C. Four
 - D. Five
- ___ 4. The first major detail is introduced with the addition word
- A. *another*.
 - B. *many*.
 - C. *one*.
 - D. *other*.
- ___ 5. Self-disclosure is a conversation in which
- A. we discuss anything of interest.
 - B. our reactions are blown out of proportion.
 - C. we share something personal.
 - D. we discuss social approval.

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- B. (6–10.) Complete the outline of the following paragraph by filling in the rest of the main idea and the missing major and minor supporting details.

¹Although the debate continues over the influence of heredity, as opposed to environment, in human development, scientists have learned that a number of human characteristics clearly have genetic factors. ²Physical traits are most strongly determined by heredity. ³Height, obesity, and patterns of tooth decay are just a few of the traits that have been found to be determined by our genes. ⁴Intellectual traits are also strongly influenced by genes. ⁵For instance, research indicates that scores on intelligence tests and memory have a strong hereditary basis. ⁶In addition, personality factors are greatly influenced by heredity. ⁷Shyness and special talents and interests are all influenced by genetic transmission. ⁸Even emotional disorders such as schizophrenia are affected by genes.

Main idea: A number of human characteristics have _____

1. Physical traits

Examples—height, obesity, and patterns of tooth decay

2. _____

Examples— _____

3. _____

Examples— _____

4. Emotional disorders

Example—schizophrenia