Read the paragraph. Then choose the best answer to the question.

Audrey did her best to keep up with the aerobics tape, but her body just wouldn’t move like the instructor’s. Audrey had never felt so clumsy and foolish in her life.

What is Audrey doing?
A working
B teaching
C exercising
D dancing in a ballet
Marian Anderson: Freedom’s Voice

Contralto Marian Anderson was not simply the first African-American singer to perform at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. She was also a brave pioneer in the fight against racial discrimination.

Anderson was born on February 17, 1897, in Philadelphia. She began singing in a local Baptist church at the age of six, and while she was still in high school, she sang in churches and colleges and used the money she earned to help pay the family’s bills.

When Anderson was nineteen, her church raised $600 so she could study with a well-known voice teacher, who introduced her to such classical composers as Schubert and Brahms. This experience influenced Anderson’s decision to become a classical singer, performing French, Italian, and German songs. She trained in Philadelphia and in Chicago, developing her genuine contralto voice, the deepest in the female range. When she entered a major competition in 1925, she was chosen from among 300 contestants to appear as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

With the help of a small scholarship, Anderson traveled to England and later went to Berlin to study German. Reviews of her concerts were so good that she began receiving invitations to sing all over Europe. Though she returned to the United States on occasion, she built her reputation as a world-class contralto in Europe. She was noted for her wide range and the rich, pure sound of her voice.

When Anderson returned home, she finally received the recognition she deserved after giving recitals in New York City; however, because she was African American, few opportunities were available to her. Most significantly, she was not allowed to sing in Washington, D.C.’s Constitution Hall in 1939 because of her race, but she didn’t let that stop her. Instead, she sang on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to an audience of more than 75,000.

Anderson was known for promoting equality, not just for African Americans, but for all people. When she won an award from the city of Philadelphia, she used the money to set up a scholarship fund for music students. She insisted that the money be given to students of all races because she believed that talent was more important than skin color. She made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1955, continuing to break down barriers for African-American singers. She was the first black soloist to perform at that famous opera house.
In later life, Anderson’s fame led her to become a diplomat representing the United States before other nations. In a trip sponsored by the State Department, Anderson toured Asia as a goodwill ambassador, and in 1958, she was a member of the delegation from the United States to the United Nations in New York. She was recognized for her diplomatic efforts in 1963 when she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest award that can be given to an American citizen, and again in 1978 when she was awarded a congressional gold medal.

Anderson retired from singing in 1965, and in 1991 she received a well-deserved Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Her autobiography, My Lord, What a Morning, was published in 1956. Marion Anderson died on April 8, 1993, in Portland, Oregon.

1. Where did Anderson first become well known as a singer?
   A. Europe
   B. Africa
   C. Asia
   D. North America

2. Which type of music was Marian Anderson known for singing?
   F. blues
   G. opera
   H. gospel
   J. patriotic songs

3. Which of these is not one of the honors Marian Anderson received?
   A. the congressional gold medal
   B. the Nobel Peace Prize
   C. the Presidential Medal of Freedom
   D. Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award

4. According to the article, Marian Anderson was all of the following except
   F. an author
   G. a diplomat
   H. a conductor
   J. a civil rights activist

5. Which award did Anderson receive last?
   A. the congressional gold medal
   B. Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award
   C. Presidential Medal of Freedom
   D. a scholarship to travel to England
Here is a passage about Indiana limestone. Read the passage. Then do Numbers 6 through 10.

Rock Solid Resource

Southern Indiana is home to the best-known limestone quarries in the United States, which are located in the city of Bedford and the smaller town of Oolitic. Between 300 million and 350 million years ago, this region of Indiana was part of a shallow ocean. When the remains of sea creatures accumulated there, a thick layer of stone was created. In this area of Indiana, the bed of limestone known as the “Salem Outcrop” stretches for fifty miles and is perhaps the richest limestone deposit in the country.

Limestone is a soft, porous rock, but removing it from the earth has always been a time-consuming and difficult process in spite of technological improvements over the years. In the 1800s, quarry workers used hand drills, saws, and sledgehammers to dig up the huge quarry blocks. Today, workers use a diamond-edged chainsaw or a wire saw with a steel cable to cut into the limestone. A crane gradually loosens the blocks, causing them to pull away from the quarry wall and tip over under their own weight. Modern quarry workers then return to the techniques used by their predecessors. They draw a line along the top of the stone, about four feet from its edge, and use drills and large metal wedges to hammer holes along the mark. This creates a fault line in the stone, and the gigantic rock slab splits open right along the line the workers have drawn. They repeat this process until the original slab is broken down into 8-foot blocks.

Trains and trucks transport the stone from these quarries to construction sites across the country. Architects rely on limestone because it’s attractive, plentiful, and good for insulating buildings. Because it is durable, it is also commonly used to replace crumbling sandstone when important buildings and monuments are restored. For many years, Indiana limestone has been showing up in well-known structures, including the Empire State Building, the Pentagon, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and fourteen state capitol buildings. The process of constructing and repairing such structures, as well as more humble ones, should keep the workers in Indiana quarries busy for years!
6. How do modern workers cut blocks of limestone from a quarry?
   F They use chainsaws and wire saws to cut into limestone.
   G Limestone naturally breaks up into large blocks.
   H They use dynamite to blow portions of the quarry apart.
   J They dig out boulders and then carve each one into an 8-foot block.

7. Which of these is **not** mentioned as a quality of limestone?
   A durable
   B attractive
   C multicolored
   D plentiful

8. What is the Salem Outcrop?
   F a group of buildings made of limestone
   G a deposit of limestone in southern Indiana
   H the richest deposit of quarries
   J the biggest limestone quarry in the world

9. What is limestone made up of?
   A melted lava
   B sand and hardened mud
   C the skeletons of sea creatures
   D The passage does not say.

10. Which of the following is the correct order of events in removing limestone from the earth?
    F Limestone is cut with a wire saw, loosened with a crane, broken into blocks, and transported by trucks.
    G Limestone is transported by trucks, cut with a wire saw, loosened with a crane, and broken into blocks.
    H Limestone is broken into blocks, loosened with a crane, cut with a wire saw, and transported by trucks.
    J Limestone is loosened with a crane, broken into blocks, cut with a wire saw, and transported by trucks.
Read this memo. Then do Numbers 11 through 16.

M E M O

To: All Staff
From: Harold Shea, Vice President
Date: September 13, 2003
Re: Truck Safety

As many of you know, Always On Time delivery service has greatly expanded in the last ten years. We started with just two trucks that delivered produce only within the city limits. After two successful years, we expanded to a fleet of trucks delivering all sorts of goods, but still only inside the city limits. Four years later we expanded to the entire state, and last year we began our coast-to-coast national service. We now have plans to become the largest shipper of wholesale goods in the entire country, and I want to thank all of you for your help in making Always On Time a success.

Unfortunately, many of the trucks in our fleet are rather old. In the time since we started our business, truck manufacturers have added numerous safety features. First, every seat was fitted not only with a lap belt, but with a shoulder belt as well. Anti-lock brakes were also made available on all trucks in the middle of the last decade, followed soon by front air bags. Nowadays, trucks can be fitted with front, side, and roof airbags, all of which significantly reduce the severity of injury in a collision.

Always On Time is in an odd position. Our newer trucks have all the safety equipment available, but some of our oldest trucks have nothing more than a lap seat belt, and many of you understandably do not feel safe driving them. I am happy to report that we are now undertaking a company-wide campaign to make our fleet the safest in the nation. By Monday, all seatbelts will be tested and, where necessary, replaced with pre-tensioned three-prong belts. In the next month, we will replace all braking systems with the most up-to-date anti-lock systems. Finally, it is now company policy that all trucks have at least a front airbag. Those trucks without any airbags will be replaced within six months by brand-new trucks with a full range of safety equipment.

Our employees have made Always On Time one of the most successful shipping companies in America, and we hope to return the kindness by making you the safest drivers in America. Thank you for your time and efforts.
11. How many years after the company started did they begin shipping within the entire state?
   A four years
   B six years
   C eight years
   D ten years

12. According to the memo, Always On Time has plans to
   F branch out into the retail business
   G consolidate divisions to reduce staff
   H become the nation’s largest wholesale shipper
   J sell a line of new trucks

13. Which of these is not one of the topics covered in this memo?
   A employee safety
   B airbags
   C fleet replacement
   D employee pensions

14. According to the memo, which truck safety feature was added first?
   F shoulder belts
   G anti-lock brakes
   H front airbags
   J side airbags

15. Which of the following is the correct order of safety features the company will install or replace?
   A three-prong belts, front airbag, side airbag
   B front airbag, anti-lock brakes, three-prong belts
   C three-prong belts, anti-lock brakes, front airbag
   D front airbag, side airbag, anti-lock brakes

16. According to the memo, what is the reason the company is updating its safety equipment?
   F The company wishes to avoid lawsuits.
   G The company wants to reward employee efforts.
   H The older trucks were just breaking down anyway.
   J The company needs all new trucks to expand its services.
Read this help wanted ad. Then do Numbers 17 through 20.

WANTED
INTREPID ADVENTURERS
Crew members sought for a five-year, around-the-world expedition

Itinerary: Setting sail from San Diego, we proceed down the California coast. After passing through the Panama Canal, we cross the Atlantic Ocean and sail around the tip of Africa to Australia. We complete our voyage with stops in the Samoan Islands and Hawaii before sailing back to California.

Equipment: The Caine is a 90-foot ketch, fully equipped with the latest navigation and communications electronics. It also boasts a professional galley and comfortable crew accommodations.

You: As one of only six crew members, you must be flexible and cooperative. Hard workers with easygoing attitudes are preferred. We are especially interested in people with experience in cooking, navigating, sail handling, provisioning, or mechanics.

If you have the experience, spirit, and time, call 1-800-HALYARD.
We offer you the best time of your life.

17. How long will the trip described in this ad take?
   A about 6 months
   B about 1 year
   C about 5 years
   D The advertisement does not say.

18. What kind of craft is the Caine?
   F a huge cruise ship
   G a two-person sailboat
   H a replica of an ancient ship
   J a moderately sized sailing vessel
19. Which of these places will the *Caine* pass first?
   A. Africa
   B. Samoa
   C. Hawaii
   D. Panama

20. Roger is deciding what to put in his letter of application for this job. Which of these makes him a qualified applicant according to the ad?
   1. He is an automobile mechanic.
   2. He has quit his job so he can travel for a few years.
   3. He enjoys being with others and has always had roommates.
   F. 1 only
   G. 1 and 2 only
   H. 1 and 3 only
   J. 1, 2, and 3