NAME: ___________________________ DATE: __________________

Directions: Read the text and then answer the questions.

Naomi took a long, critical look at herself in the mirror. This was going to be her first day at her new school, and she wanted to make the perfect first impression. She finally decided she was satisfied with her appearance and got her things together for school. She loaded up her backpack, carried it downstairs, and dropped it by the front door. Then, she went into the kitchen to get some breakfast. There was her mom, sipping her coffee, wearing those boring old clothes. Naomi wished her mom wasn't going to drop her off at school, but she had insisted on driving Naomi for her first day. Well, at least she wasn't going to get out of the car. It was embarrassing enough that she was even going to be there.

1. What is Naomi's problem?
   A. She does not have a backpack.
   B. There is nothing to eat for breakfast.
   C. Her mom will not drive her to school.
   D. Her mom insists on driving her to school.

2. Why doesn't Naomi want her mom to drop her off?
   A. She is embarrassed.
   B. Naomi's mom does not know the way to school.
   C. Naomi is very angry with her mom.
   D. Naomi's mom does not want to drive her.

3. Which prefix can be added to the word satisfied to make its antonym?
   A. –less
   B. sub–
   C. dis–
   D. hyper–

4. What does the verb sipping tell the reader?
   A. Naomi's mom is not drinking anything.
   B. Naomi's mom is drinking her coffee quickly.
   C. Naomi's mom is drinking her coffee slowly.
   D. Naomi's mom is not at home.

5. What is the meaning of the word impression in this story?
   A. idea
   B. impact or effect
   C. dent or mark
   D. imitation

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Naomi and her mom slowly pulled up to Naomi’s new school. Naomi looked around her anxiously and then glanced over at her mom out of the corner of her eye. Why did her mom have to wear that stupid sweater and those jeans? Couldn’t she wear something at least a little less embarrassing? Naomi hunched down in her seat and muttered, “This is fine, Mom. Just stop here.” She grabbed her backpack and hurtled out of the car as quickly as she could, not noticing that a notebook had fallen out of her backpack. She quickly headed toward the door of the school without looking behind her. She hadn’t even responded to her mother’s “Hope it goes well!” Nervously, Naomi looked around her. Nobody seemed to have noticed her getting out of the car. Maybe she’d survive her first day at this school after all.

1. Where does most of this text take place?
   - A in the supermarket
   - B outside Naomi’s house
   - C in the car
   - D at the library

2. How does Naomi feel about her mom driving her to school?
   - A proud
   - B embarrassed
   - C curious
   - D excited

3. What tone of voice is used by someone who mutters?
   - A excited
   - B happy
   - C very loud
   - D low

4. Which part of speech is the word slowly?
   - A verb
   - B noun
   - C adverb
   - D adjective

5. Which is not an example of alliteration?
   - A little less
   - B stupid sweater
   - C not noticing
   - D slowly pulled
It was Naomi’s first day in her new school, and so far, it wasn’t going too terribly. She had only gotten lost once, and she had gotten out of that situation without having to ask anyone for help. Then, everything fell apart. Naomi was on her way from math class to lunch when she heard a familiar voice calling her name. What was her mom doing here? Naomi wanted more than anything to ignore her mother, but she knew she couldn’t. So she rushed up to her mother and hissed, “What are you doing here?”

Her mom answered evenly, “I wanted to give you your notebook. You left it in the car.” Everyone seemed to be staring at Naomi as she silently took the notebook. She wished the floor would swallow her up. She turned away without saying anything and fled to the cafeteria.

1. Why is Naomi’s mom at her school?
   A. She wants to talk to Naomi’s teacher.
   B. She forgot something at the school.
   C. She is lost and needs directions.
   D. She wants to give Naomi her notebook.

2. How does Naomi feel about her mom bringing her notebook?
   A. embarrassed
   B. grateful
   C. excited
   D. jealous

3. What does the word hissed tell readers about Naomi’s tone of voice?
   A. It is very loud.
   B. It is happy.
   C. It is low and angry.
   D. It is musical.

4. Which verb means the same as the word fled?
   A. crawled
   B. skipped
   C. escaped
   D. slept

5. What is the following sentence an example of: She wished the floor would swallow her up.
   A. simile
   B. personification
   C. alliteration
   D. metaphor
Naomi was more embarrassed than she had ever been before. It was her first day in a new school, and already her mom had completely ruined it by coming to the school. Not only had she come into the school, but she was also wearing that stupid sweater and those ridiculous jeans. How could she do that to Naomi? Didn’t she know that Naomi was nervous enough about starting in a new school? This was so unfair! Naomi sat miserably in the cafeteria. Nobody came near her, and it was easy to see why: Everyone was probably already laughing at her.

Just when Naomi thought things couldn’t get any more humiliating, a girl came up to her and said, “You’re new here, aren’t you?”

“Yeah,” Naomi murmured, “I am.”

“I didn’t think I recognized you when I saw you in math class before. I’m Emily, by the way.”

“I’m Naomi,” Naomi responded almost in disbelief. This girl was actually talking to her! After a moment of stunned silence, Naomi haltingly invited Emily to sit down.

Emily plopped down at the table and then continued, “I saw you in the hall just now, too. Was that your mom with you?”

Naomi cringed with embarrassment at that question. Of all the things Emily could have noticed, it had to be that. Unable to say anything, she just nodded.

“You’re so amazingly lucky,” Emily responded. “My mom doesn’t even live with me. I haven’t talked to her in forever.”

Suddenly everything seemed different to Naomi. Not see your mom every day? Not have her there when you get home from school? That would be even more horrible than having your mom embarrass you publicly. “I’m sorry,” she finally said quietly.

For the rest of lunch, the two girls chatted, and by the time lunch was over, they had decided they liked each other. On her way to her next class, Naomi promised Emily she would have lunch with her again tomorrow. And she promised herself she would apologize to her mom later, too.
Read “What Really Matters” and then answer the questions.

1. How does Naomi feel about her new school when she first arrives?
   - A nervous
   - B happy
   - C confused
   - D exhausted

2. Why does Emily say that Naomi is lucky?
   - A Naomi’s mom lets her do whatever she wants.
   - B Naomi has a lot of money.
   - C Naomi doesn’t live with her mother.
   - D Naomi gets to live with her mom.

3. What might happen when Naomi gets home from school?
   - A She will not speak to her mom.
   - B She will apologize to her mom.
   - C She will go to school.
   - D She will beg to stay home from school.

4. What is a reason for reading this text?
   - A to find out how to prioritize things
   - B to learn about science topics
   - C to consider important priorities in life
   - D to find out important business ideas

5. From what point of view is this story told?
   - A third person
   - B first person
   - C second person
   - D There is no point of view.

6. How does Naomi probably feel when Emily says that she is lucky?
   - A She is furious.
   - B She is jealous.
   - C She is surprised.
   - D She is exhausted.

7. Why does everything seem different to Naomi when she talks to Emily?
   - A She learns that Emily did not notice her mom.
   - B She realizes that some people don’t get to live with their mothers.
   - C She finds out that Emily won’t speak to her.
   - D She finds out that she is going to the wrong school.

8. Why is Naomi so surprised at what Emily says to her?
   - A She and Emily are having a fight.
   - B She is sitting with her mom.
   - C She thinks Emily will embarrass her about her mom, but Emily doesn’t.
   - D She thinks Emily is too shy to talk to her.
Describe a time when something embarrassing happened to you. How did you deal with it? Write about how you coped with being embarrassed.