

**DIRECTIONS:** The passage in this test is followed by several questions. After reading the passage, choose the best answer to each question and fill in the corresponding oval on your answer document. You may refer to the passage as often as necessary.

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This passage is from an article entitled “Vaccinate or Leave” by Jeffrey Kluger (© 22 August, 2011 by *Time, Inc.*).

1. The main point of this passage is to:
  - A. demonstrate the necessity of parents choosing poorly.
  - B. illustrate the importance of vaccinations for children.
  - C. indicate the discrepancy between vaccinations and illnesses.
  - D. compare the varying means of vaccination.
2. The main point made in lines 43-48 is that pediatricians who “fire” their patients leave
  - F. a huge gap in health care requirements.
  - G. children without a spokesperson for their health needs.
  - H. parents without a support for their health care questions.
  - J. their practices for other jobs in the community.
3. When the author refers to the “herd immunity” (line 26), he is most likely suggesting that
  - A. an inconsistency exists between the supposed protection from disease and the reality of the situation.
  - B. the elderly cannot manage to survive diseases without immunizations for younger citizens.
  - C. cancer patients should be protected from the non-immunized population.
  - D. non-immunized people are not adversely affecting others in the society.

4. As it is used in line 11, the word *flag* most nearly means:
- F. deliberately mark
  - G. specifically direct
  - H. sadly droop
  - J. sharply decline
5. As it is used in line 46, the word *abdicate* most nearly means:
- A. renounce a throne
  - B. support publicly
  - C. fail to undertake a duty.
  - D. manage an organization.
6. According to the fifth paragraph, it can reasonably be inferred that
- F. alternative forms of immunizations need to be available.
  - G. immunizing babies is an unnecessary danger.
  - H. being exposed to non-immunized children is a serious issue.
  - J. doctors' policies are easily and frequently changed.
7. With which of the following would Kluger LEAST likely agree
- A. Parents should pay attention to the scientific evidence concerning immunizations.
  - B. Pediatricians may need to continue to take a hard line on this issue.
  - C. Non-immunized children affect other children, the elderly and the immunocompromised.
  - D. Immunizations are optional and should be done case by case.
8. The last paragraph suggests that children who are not immunized will suffer because

- F.** their immune systems are compromised.
- G.** doctors cannot safeguard them from their irresponsible parents.
- H.** the American Academy of Pediatrics supports all parents' decisions.
- J.** parents avoid doctors who do not agree with their choices.

9. It can reasonably be inferred from the graphic data on polio that

- A.** The introduction of a polio vaccine reduced the occurrence of the disease.
- B.** Pediatricians should insist all children be vaccinated for polio.
- C.** No polio cases have been reported in the US since 2002.
- D.** Immunizations for polio are largely ineffective.

10. All of the following statements can be supported by the graphic data on measles EXCEPT

- F.** Immunization from measles drastically decreases development of encephalopathy.
- G.** The number of measles cases more than doubled by 2011.
- H.** Measles is the most serious threat to non-immunized children.
- J.** The WHO assisted in causing a downturn in the measles mortality rate.